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INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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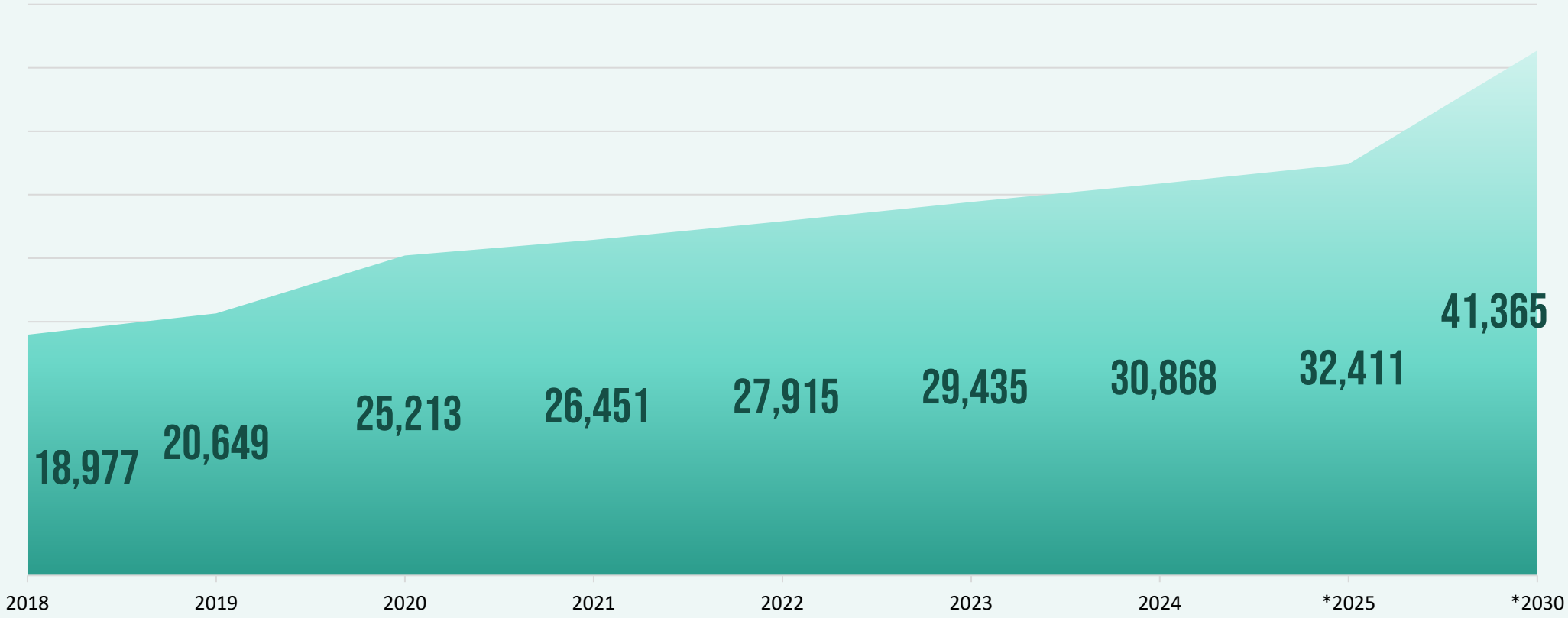
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NM Tribal Aging Population 65 - 85+ Years



* calculated a 5% population projection increase based on previous years' growth

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. CDC WONDER Online Database. http://wonder.cdc.gov/ - Accessed October 13, 2026

TRIBAL SENIOR CENTERS & ADULT DAY CENTERS

IAAA – Pueblo & Apache
Senior Centers and Adult Day Centers

- 21 Senior Centers
- 4 Adult Day Centers

NAAA – Navajo Nation
Senior Centers

- 34 Senior Centers

Services and Resources

Support and assistance offered by Tribal Senior Centers and Tribal Adult Day Centers may include:

- In-center Meals
- Home Delivered Meals
- Case Management
- Transportation
- Homemaking/Housekeeping
- Personal Care
- Respite for Caregivers
- Physical Fitness & Exercise

OIEA OVERVIEW

- Created in 2004 under N.M.S.A. 1978, § 9-23-10
- Permanent office within the Office of the Cabinet Secretary
- Oversees the Indian Area Agency on Aging (IAAA)
- Collaborates with and supports Navajo Nation Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS), previously known as Navajo Area Agency on Aging (NAAA)
- Manages a budget of over $7.3 million that supports New Mexico's 23 Tribes, Pueblos & Nations senior and adult day service centers



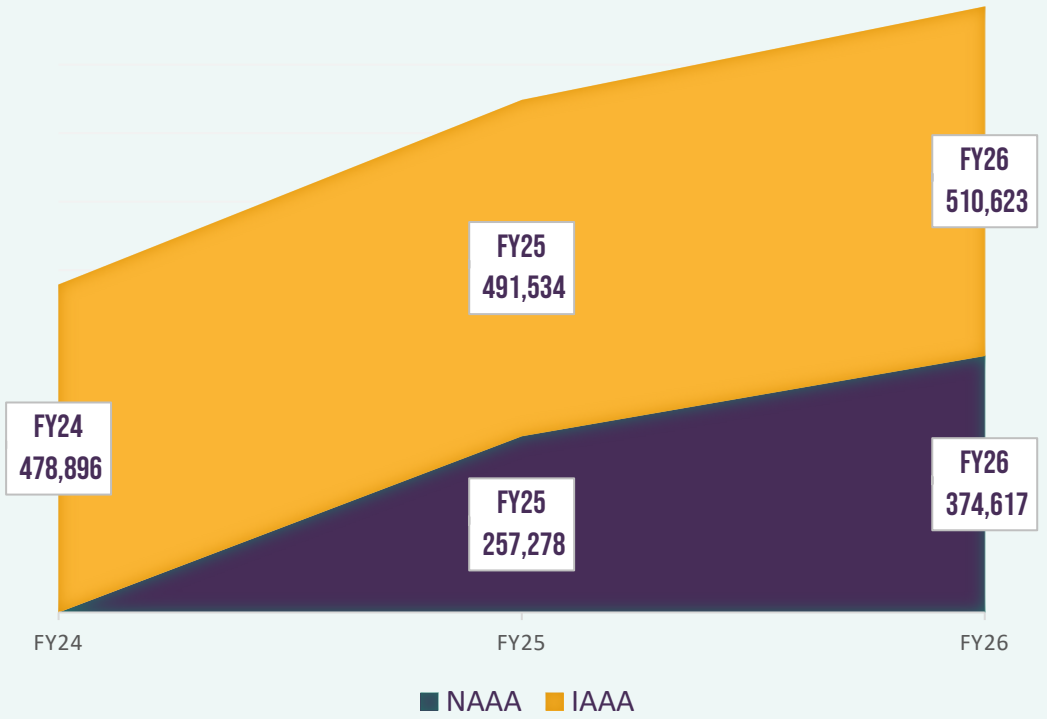
HOW WE SERVE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Contract and Fiscal Management
- Request for Reimbursements – State General Funds, NM Grown
- Quarterly Fiscal Summaries
- Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

Compliance
- Quarterly Inspection Reports (Kitchens, Vehicles, Facilities)
- Calendars (Activities, Menus)

Training
- Budget/Reimbursements
- Units of Service, Identify Service Areas, Allowable Costs
- NM Grown
- Wellsky Technical Assistance

TRIBAL SENIOR CENTERS' SERVICE UNITS (MEALS, TRANSPORTATION, RESPITE) FY24 - FY26



OIEA FY26 Summary

TRIBAL TRAININGS

Provider Nutrition Trainings

- OIEA Nutrition Contractor - Juniper Health Promotion, LLC
- Increased education on dietary support and meal planning guidance
- Greater awareness of how to include Indigenous foods into daily meal preparation
    - Four (4) held in Albuquerque for IAAA/NAAA providers
    - One (1) held in Gallup for NAAA providers
    - 20 of 23 Tribes, Pueblos and Nations represented
    - Total of 127 attendees
    - 46 senior centers, 2 adult day centers, 5 tribal community organizations represented

Other Training and Support

- Wellsky Technical Assistance
- NM Grown
- Reimbursements
- New Director/Manager
- Budget
- Fiscal Summaries to TPNs

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TRIBAL AGING SUMMIT

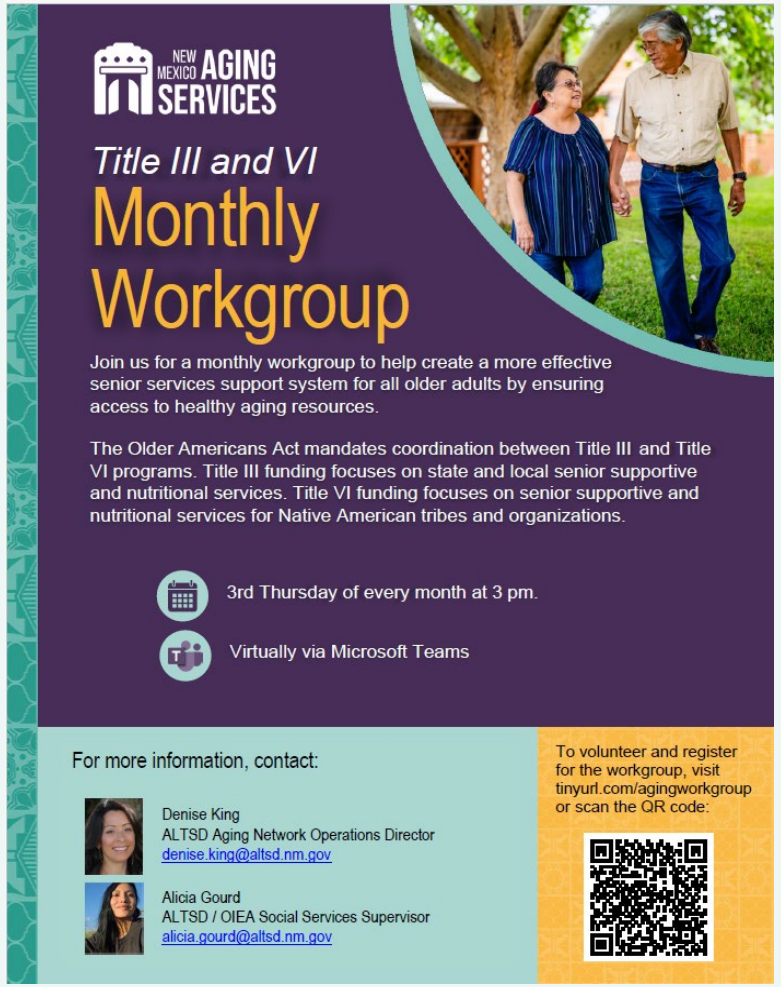
Held June 16, 2026 at Isleta Resort & Casino

- **Goal:** strengthen collaboration and communication between ALTSD and Tribal Providers through an in-person formal forum
- Listening session to help shape the FY28 budget and strategic plans
- Provided updates on current and future initiatives, funding, outreach efforts, and available resources
- Eighteen (18) Tribal Leaders (Governor, Lt. Governor, Tribal Council, Tribal Administrator) attended; Eleven (11) Tribal Providers attended in total
- **Outcomes:**
  - Review reporting and revisit IGA timeline to address feedback from the summit
  - Feedback on Title III/Title VI funding
  - Development of culturally relevant materials and trainings, including Alzheimer's and Dementia Care
  - Request for an annual Tribal Aging Summit

OIEA FY26 Summary

TITLE III/VI COORDINATION WORKGROUP

- Alignment and collaboration across federal funding streams
- Collaboration Meetings began in August 2025
- Tribal Provider attendance has increased due to:
  - Reminder emails to tribal providers
  - Mention in Tribal Provider Monthly Meetings
- New Title III/VI contract for deeper tribal engagement on:
  - Application process for Title III funding
  - Analysis of tribal access to Title III funding
  - Review of fund mapping for Title III and Title VI funds



OIEA FY26 Summary

COMMUNICATIONS, COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH

Outreach

- OIEA participated in 13 outreach events
- Eastern Navajo Council on Aging meeting
- New Mexico Indian Council on Aging meeting
- Cabinet Secretary/Tribal Leader Meetings

Communication

- Monthly Tribal Provider Meetings
- TPNA (Tribal Provider News Announcements)
  - 111 total announcements
- Newsletters
  - Tribal Provider – Monthly (9 newsletters)
  - Community Connect – Monthly (9 newsletters)
  - ALTSD Constituent (10 articles)

Coordination

OIEA coordinated holiday outreach to Tribal elders through student-created Christmas cards and the distribution of 126 pies to five Pueblos, while internal collaboration supported Capital Outlay, External Affairs, CERD/SHIP, the ADRC Resource Center, and the Aging Network.

FY26 TRIBAL SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

OIEA facilitates supplemental funding opportunities for tribal senior centers and adult day center services through state general funding.

CONTRACTOR	FY26 BUDGET ALLOCATION (does NOT include NM GROWN)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL % EXPENDED	TOTAL REMAINING
NAAA (PSA 5)	$ 1,336,034.00	$ 767,423.06	**57.44%**	$ 568,610.94
IAAA (PSA 6)	$ 5,409,166.00	$ 5,387,852.73	**99.61%**	$ 21,313.27
NAAA + IAAA	$ 6,745,200.00	$ 6,155,275.79	**91.25%**	$ 589,924.21

FY26 NM GROWN PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

- Tribes **opt in** to receive NMG funding – no application required
- Centers purchase locally grown produce & meats via the Approved Supplier Program
- OIEA provides technical assistance, training, purchasing guidance, and cultural context support
- OIEA collaborates with New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association (NMFMA), state agency partners, and other program stakeholders on shared goals throughout the fiscal year

CONTRACTOR	FY26 BUDGET ALLOCATION (does NOT include NM GROWN)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL % EXPENDED	TOTAL REMAINING
NAAA (PSA 5)	$ 70,727	$ 70,708.21	**99.9%**	$ 18.79
IAAA (PSA 6)	$ 235,074	$ 208,785.10	**89%**	$ 9,001.99
NAAA + IAAA	$ 288,514.09	$ 279,493.31	**97%**	$ 9,020.78

OIEA UPDATES
TRIBAL ADULT DAY CENTER

Lillian Romero Adult Day Center (Taos Pueblo)

- Expected opening in January 2027
- Challenges: licensure, education of the community
- Will be open year-round
- Will serve both tribal and non-tribal community members
- Met with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) – intend to apply for Title VI funding in 2 years

OIEA FY27/28 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Emergency Crisis Response Support
- Finalizing Gaps and Needs Report
- Improve Nutrition Quality for Senior Centers
- Continued Training and Technical Assistance
- Advisory Group
- Continued Expenditure Support – NMG and SGF
- FY27 Tribal Aging Summit
- Improve Reporting and Data Collection
- Strengthening Partnerships and increase collaboration with internal and external partners
- Tribal Consultations

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