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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Pinto **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/04/10  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** Navajo Nation Domestic Violence Victims **SB** 196  
**ANALYST** Burns

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Children, Youth, and Families Department (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 196 appropriates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of contracting to provide direct services, including advocacy, counseling and assistance in filing protection orders, to low income victims of domestic violence in New Mexico communities of the Navajo Nation.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2011 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to IAD, SB 196 could provide funding for counseling and direct services through the Navajo Nation's Office for Women and Families for victims of domestic violence. The OWF provides advocacy and referral services for low-income women and children who experience domestic violence on the Navajo Nation. Native American women experience the highest rates of Intimate Partner Violence of any ethnic group in the United States.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD has performance measures related to adult victims receiving domestic violence services.

**ALTERNATIVES**

CYFD currently contracts with the following providers who primarily provide domestic violence services to Native Americans.

- Battered Families – Gallup
- Family Crisis Center – Farmington
- Eastern Navajo Task Force: Family Harmon – Crownpoint
- Home for Women and Children – Shiprock
- Roberta’s Place – Grants
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Jicarilla Behavioral Health - Dulce

CYFD also contracts with the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women to provide training to advocates, law enforcement, courts, and first responders who work with Native American victims of domestic violence on and off Native lands.

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