

# Honoring Native Life

## NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE PREVENTION CLEARINGHOUSE

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Indian Affairs Committee Meeting

Churchrock, NM



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Statewide resource for Tribal agencies and/or communities to access culturally appropriate information, technical assistance, training and support for prevention, intervention, and postvention efforts to address suicide.



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# Legislation

- NM SB 417- An Act to Establish a Statewide Clearinghouse & NA Prevention Initiatives: Enacted March 31, 2011 to establish:
  - Statewide clearinghouse and support 3 culturally-based NA Youth Suicide Prevention Initiatives with appropriations removed from final legislation.
- NM SB 95 – An Act Making an Appropriation
  - 2012 - Appropriation of \$150,000 to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to fund Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance program and provide culturally appropriate suicide prevention, intervention and post-event.
  - Approved in FY 13 for \$100,000 for Clearinghouse infrastructure. No appropriations requested for culturally-based Youth Suicide Prevention Initiatives



# 2013 Legislative Update

- NM SB 447 – Creating the Native American Suicide Prevention Advisory Council:
  - Eleven voting members shall assist in developing policies, rules and priorities for the New Mexico clearinghouse for Native American suicide prevention.
  - Seven voting members approved and four pending approval



# HNL Advisory Council Nominations

- Eight Northern Indian Pueblos: Elias Vigil ~ *Approved*
- Pueblos of Laguna & Zuni: Darrow Peynetsa ~ *Approved*
- All Indian Pueblo Council: Joyce Naseyowma-Chalan ~ *Approved*
- Southern Indian Pueblos: Robyn Atencio ~ *Approved*
- Eastern Navajo Nation: Priscella Manuelito ~ *Pending*
- Western Navajo Nation: Lucy Laughter-Begay ~ *Pending*
- Mescalero Apache Tribe: Jeremiah Simmons ~ *Pending*
- Jicarilla Apache Nation: Susan Casias ~ *Pending*
- Urban Native American Population: Norman Ration ~ *Approved*
- UNM (2 members): Kenneth Lucero & Dr. Mauricio Tohen ~ *Approved*



# FY 13 Tasks

- Building HNL Infrastructure
  - Hired personnel: Program Manager, AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer, Community-based Research Specialist, & Consultants
- Community outreach and engagement.
- Re-designed website: [www.honoringnativelife.org](http://www.honoringnativelife.org)
- Culturally appropriate training
- Planning for state-wide youth & family coalition
- Host 2013 Community Summit: May 30, 2013



# Community Engagement

- Albuquerque-Area IHS-Behavioral Health Training
- Albuquerque Area Inter-Tribal Council on Substance Abuse
- Albuquerque-Area IHS MSPI Regional Meeting
- Albuquerque Indian Center
- All Indian Pueblo Council
- Acoma Behavioral Health Clinical leadership
- Circle of Life-Eight Northern Pueblos Inc.
- Dine Ba' Hozho Coalition-Shiprock, NM
- Navajo Nation MSPI Grantees-(Gallup and Ft. Defiance)
- Mescalero Apache



# Community Engagement

- Northern Navajo Medical Center-Shiprock, NM
- Project TRUST Workgroup – Kim Ross-Toledo
- Pueblos of Cochiti, Nambe, Sandia, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Zuni
- Sandia Pueblo Healthcare providers: Dr. Thomas Carey, Behavioral Health Director, and Psychiatrist
- Schools: Gallup Central High School, Santa Fe Indian School
- Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center Executive Council
- Thoreau Community Center Board and Community
- UNM: AGORA Crisis Center, LGBTQ Group, CNAH, Clinical Trials Network Southwest Node



Zuni Teen Health Center

# Training

*Provide culturally appropriate regional statewide training/educational presentations for tribes on suicide awareness and prevention:*



- Collaborated and shared resources with IAIA, AAIHS, Acoma BH, Tohajiilee BH, Laguna Pueblo Foundation, Crownpoint MSPI, New Sunrise, NIYLP.
  - 43 trained in AILS Curriculum: Acoma Pueblo & Shiprock, NM
- Educational Presentations on Mental Health & Suicide:
  - 45 attended trainings presentations with Ft. Defiance MSPI, Zuni Teen Center, Northern Navajo IHS
- Webinars – broadcasted nationwide on suicide and historical trauma.
  - 663 New Mexican providers participated in FY 13

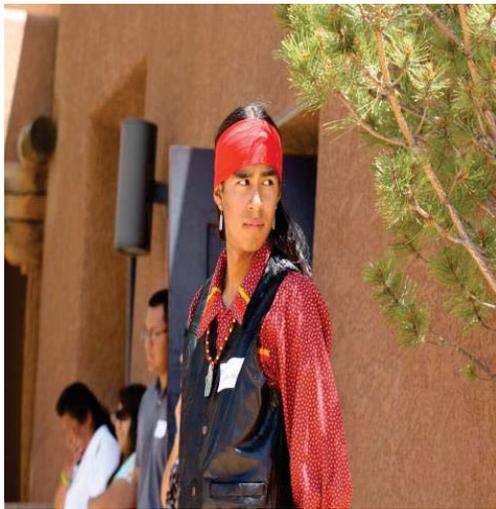


# Honoring Native Life Summit – May 30, 2013

- Opportunity to build network to address suicide
- Developed video:  
<http://www.honoringnativelife.org>
- Action Plan:
  - Goal 1: Improve communication among individuals, within groups, parent to child, and among programs and organizations.
  - Goal 2: Host Youth/Tribal Leaders Summit
  - Goal 3: Establish a Youth Council
  - Goal 4: Develop a Data Workgroup
  - Goal 5: Assist to obtain funding and develop prevention programs



# HNL Summit - 5/30/2012



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***What do we need  
from tribal leaders  
& policy makers?***



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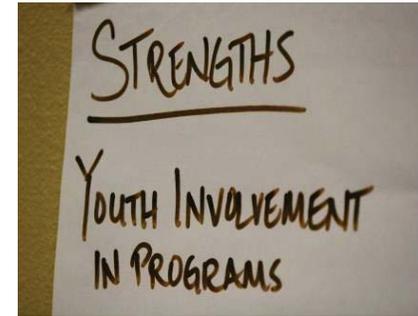
# FY14 Tasks



- Community outreach and engagement
- Establish advisory council and build infrastructure.
- Building infrastructure of Youth Advisory Council: held first meeting 8/24/13, second meeting 9/28/13.
- Culturally appropriate community training through collaboration with programs and agencies: AILS (Kayenta, AZ), Program Evaluation (Regional Training)



# FY 14 Tasks



- Develop framework for post-vention efforts for communities and schools
- Host 2014 Community Summit: continue building network and report on action plan set up from 2013 Summit.
- Assist SW Tribal Veteran's Alliance: 2014 Regional Conference - Isleta Resort & Casino
- Build HNL Team's capacity for Technical Assistance:
  - Program Evaluation, Mental Health Awareness, Suicide Prevention Curricula



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