



Intertribal Ceremonial Incident

SUV drove through Gallup's Centennial Intertribal Ceremonial parade on August 4th, 2022 where youth were dancing. The three individuals in the SUV were intoxicated. Two Gallup Police Officers and some spectators were injured. Families reported being separated from each other, being scared, and traumatized.



Crisis Response

Sindy Bolaños-Sacoman, Director and Co-Founder of the NM Tribal Behavioral Health Provider's Association worked with Debra Martinez, Behavioral Health Manager with the City of Gallup to implement a multi-faceted crisis response in less than 20 hours:

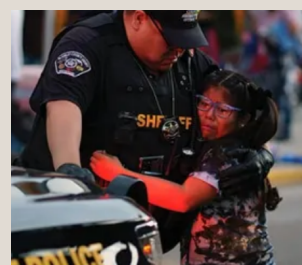
1. Provide a Healing Ceremony for community members available both in-person and through ZOOM.
2. Advertised Healing Ceremony

Crisis Response Continued

3. Recruited 14 Native American clinicians who conducted a Talking Circle with community members both in-person and through ZOOM.
4. Tribal media campaign increased visibility of 988
5. KTNN radio ran the 988 ad more frequently.
6. Mobilized OPRE Peer Support Workers who provided support to parade attendees Worked with Gallup Fire
7. Department and Navajo Nation Behavioral Health who provided therapists to assist attendees during events held at Red Rocks.



Therapists, Peer Support Specialists, City Government, 988 staff provided support during Ceremonial



Service Provided:

- Individual sessions
- Group breathing and grounding sessions
- Acupuncture/Acupressure- 127 sessions

Recipients of Services:

- Parade Participants
- Gallup Community
- Parade Attendees
- Mayor
- City Manager
- City Administration
- Municipal Court
- Magistrate Court
- Solid Waste
- Gallup Police Department
- Metro Dispatch
- McKinley County Sheriffs
- Gallup Fire Department
- Library
- Santa Fe Recovery
- Public Works Department



Paula Stiffler, Ear Acupuncture

MAKING SURE THE COMMUNITY KNOWS THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN HOW THEY FEEL AND WHAT THEY EXPERIENCED



Crisis Response Continued

8. Worked with Gallup Fire Department to request services from the Integrated Wellness Medical Reserve Corps.
9. Worked with UNM Division of Community Behavioral Health who provided therapists and services to the City of Gallup and First Responders. Worked with Integrated
10. Wellness Medical Reserve Corps which provided therapists and services to the City of Gallup and First Responders.
11. Acupuncture and stress management provided to first responders.
12. 988 shirts were distributed to all assisting in the crisis response to bring unity to the effort.



Eleni Fredlund, Integrated Wellness Medical Reserve Corps

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Sindy Bolaños-Sacoman, Director and Co-Founder of the NM Tribal Behavioral Health Provider's Association and Executive Director and Owner of SBS Evaluation & Program Development Specialists, LLC. She has a long lasting working relationship with the community of Gallup and the City, providing evaluation services. When notified of the tragic event, she worked with the city to orchestrate the elaborate crisis response described previously and mobilized agencies, departments, and volunteers across the state.



Integrated Wellness Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers that support and stabilize communities in crisis using an integrative response. They visited various departments and agencies in Gallup and provided ear acupuncture, grounding, and breathing exercises.



Healing Ceremony

Mr. Larry Foster performed a Diné healing ceremony for community members. He asked that the hurt, pain, anger, and negativity be laid down and let go allowing a renewal and new beginnings.



Talking Circle:

Fourteen Native American Clinicians volunteered to lead a talking circle.

A talking circle is a sacred space that allows individuals to express their thoughts, feelings, and sorrows. It is a place of mutual respect and importance where we are all connected. A place that is non-judgement, empathetic and compassionate.