

Newsletter

September 29,
2025

**Albuquerque Area Tribal Health Policy
Newsletter**



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Yá'át'ééh,

At AAIHB, our mission is to support the health and wellbeing of the Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations in the Albuquerque Area. Every day, we work to ensure your voices are heard, your needs are addressed, and your communities thrive.



Over the past year, we have:

Partnered with the Sonosky team and our Tribal Health Policy Contract with Rebecca Descombes, to strengthen tribal health advocacy and policy efforts.

Appointed delegates to key tribal advisory groups to ensure tribal perspectives guide regional and national health decisions.

Submitted written testimony on policies that impact tribal health and sovereignty.

Advocated for resources and programs that strengthen tribal health services.

Partnered with local, state, and federal agencies to make care more accessible.

Promoted programs focused on diabetes prevention, mental and behavioral health, and workforce development.

Looking ahead, we plan to assign subject matter technical advisors to our Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) members and convene TAC members regularly. This will provide expertise, guidance, and support while ensuring that information about policy changes is shared among all those impacted. By connecting technical knowledge with tribal leadership and facilitating open communication, we can strengthen our advocacy, address community health priorities, and better support the wellbeing of our Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations.

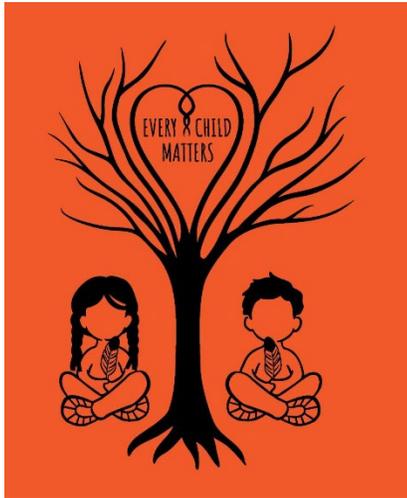
Together, we can continue to grow stronger, healthier, and more resilient.

With respect and commitment,

Ayn N. Whyte

AAIHB Executive Director

Important Dates



Each year on September 30, Orange Shirt Day is recognized across the U.S. and Canada as a time to remember Indigenous children who were taken from their families and placed in residential and boarding schools. These schools stripped children of their names, language, and culture, causing lasting harm that still impacts Tribal communities today.

September 30, 2025

This day honors the resilience of survivors, their families, and Tribal Nations who continue to heal and carry forward cultural traditions.

[2025 Orange Shirt Society Merchandise](#)

October 7, 2025

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (**SAMHSA TTAC**). [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)
[Meeting Agenda](#)

October 10, 2025

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Meeting

AAIHB

[SAMHSA Registration Required](#)

October 16, 2025

Direct Services Tribes Advisory Committee (**DSTAC**) Monthly

[DSTAC Meeting Link](#)

October 16, 2025

Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs (**CCIA**) Health & Wellness Committee

[CCIA Website](#)

[CCIA Meeting Link](#)

October 27-28, 2025

2025 4th Annual New Mexico Statewide Community Health Worker Conference

[NM CHW Website](#)

Albuquerque, NM

[Conference Registration](#)

November 4-5, 2025

Administration for Children and Family Tribal Advisory Committee (**ACF TAC**) Quarterly Meeting

Washington, D.C.

November 7, 2025

Medicaid, Medicare, and Health Reform
Policy Committee (**MMPC**)

[MMPC Registration](#)

November 19-20, 2025

Center for Medicaid, Medicare
Services Tribal Technical Advisory
Group (**CMS TTAG**)

Washington, DC



November 16-21, 2025

National Congress of American Indian (**NCAI**) 82nd Annual Convention.

NCAI will be conducting elections at this year's Annual Convention.

Seattle, WA

[NCAI Registration](#)

[NCAI Youth
Convention](#)



December 2, 2025

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee
(**TLDC**)

December 9-11, 2025

Tribal Self-Governance Advisory
Committee (TSGAC)

Virtual

Washington, DC

[TLDC Meeting Link](#)