Established in 1947

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MISSION

Supporting a strong American Indian community through collaborative partnerships and providing quality education, prevention, workforce, youth and community based services.

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Phoenix Indian Center History

- Formed in 1947
- Incorporated 501(c)3 in 1954
- Founded by Leon Grant, Omaha Tribe and community members
- Place to socialize and job search
- Indian Relocation Act (P.L. 959)
- Mass migration in 1950-1960 still continues today

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Phoenix Indian Center History

- The Center has assisted nearly every urban American Indian family in some way in metropolitan Phoenix, either directly or indirectly.
- The Center gladly collaborates with other American Indian and non-Indian agencies to improve the lifestyle of urban Indians – **WE HONOR THESE RELATIONSHIPS**
- We serve well over 7,000 (unduplicated) individuals annually through services. 20K duplicated.

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Demographics for American Indians

- Today, 5.2 million people (9%) identify as American Indian and Alaska Native, either alone or in combination with other races.
- This is a 39% increase since 2000 (U.S., Census Bureau’s 2010 Census).
- There are 573 Federally recognized tribes; many more have state recognition.

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Demographics for American Indians

- 353,368 AIs in Arizona;
- 127,364 in Phx proper - the 3rd largest metropolitan area (2011-2013 ACS);
- According to the Census Bureau’s Population Estimates for 2014, the number of Native American People living in Maricopa County is 147,245 nearly 150,000 in 2015;
- Nationally 78% of AIs live outside reservation boundaries

Today’s Challenges + a Strong Native Workforce = Stronger Communities Tomorrow
Phoenix Metro American Indian Demographics

2011-2013 US Census American Community Survey

- 127,364 American Indians, 3% of the general population
- 2001-2008 Census stated:
  - 30.7% Navajo
  - 27.1% Pima
  - 7.7% Tohono O’Odham
  - 5.1% Yaqui
  - 29.3% Other

PIC provides services for an average of 93 different Tribal Nations annually

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Phoenix Metro American Indian Demographics

2006-2008 and 2011-2013 US Census American Community Survey

2006-2008

- Ages of population
  - Under 8 – 35.9%
  - 18-34 - 29.1%
  - 35-64 – 30.3%
  - 65+ - 4.7%

Servicing a young population with high drop out and unemployment rate

2011-2013

- Ages of population
  - Under 5 – 9.5%
  - 5-17 - 23.20%
  - 25-34 – 13.0%
  - 45-54 – 11.8%
  - 55-64 – 7.20%
  - 65+ - 5.2%

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Poverty Rates

- 30% poverty rate (24)
- 37% under age 18 (30)
- 20% on food stamps (27)
- 13% unemployment (11.1) vs. 5% for general population

Educational Attainment (aged 25 years+)

- 79% HS grad or higher (77.4)
- 15% - Bachelors degree (12.4)
- 4.9% Graduate professional degree (4.6)
Phoenix Metro American Indian Demographics

Phoenix Indian Center Customers FY2013

- 31% Report full or part-time employment
  - 75% earn less than $15,000 per year
  - 18% earn between $15K and $35K per year
  - 5% earn more than $35K per year

- 65% households have children, average family size is 3.5 persons

- 71% households headed by women

- Average time living in Phoenix is 10 years

Our customers are the working poor

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Programs and Services

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Preparing and Developing Adults to Meet Employers’ Needs

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- Employer / Recruiting Presentations / Job Fairs
- Resource room / Public access to computer work stations
- High School Equivalency / Adult Literacy Classes
- Navigation to Community Support Services
- Free childcare for those utilizing job readiness services
- One on one support from a workforce specialist

Over the past 5 years we’ve assisted 1,799 customers
1,046 customers over the past 3 years with an average job placement rate of just over 40%

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Delivering Focused Prevention Programs for Youth and Adults: Culture is Prevention

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Why Suicide Prevention?

- Suicide in Arizona Overall
  - Among children ages 10-14 in Arizona, suicide is the leading cause of death
  - A suicide occurs every seven hours in Arizona
  - Arizona ranks 12th in the nation for deaths by suicide

Why Suicide Prevention?

- Suicide Among American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in Arizona
  - AI/AN: Median age of death by suicide is 27 years
  - Whites: Median age of death by suicide is 51 years
  - IHS Tucson Service area: One of the top four highest suicide rates in the country
Why Suicide Prevention?

- Suicide Mortality among AI/AN vs. All Groups:
  - 36.6% greater risk of suicide when compared with all Arizona residents (2016)
  - Rates for Arizonians: 17.7
  - Rates for AI/AN: 24.2
Delivery of Focused Suicide Prevention Programs

- **SafeTALK**
  - Scheduling 4 trainings for the next 6 month.
    - 1 youth training to be scheduled
      - Requires a minimum of 15 participant age 15 and up
    - 3 open trainings

- **ASIST**
  - Chandler Unified School District
    - February 20-21, 2018 (15 open spots remaining)
    - February 27-28, 2018 (15 open spots remaining)
Delivery of Focused Suicide Prevention Programs

- Suicide Prevention Convening
  - November 29, 2018
    - Attendees: 34
    - Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) was provided by Phoenix Area IHS
    - Recommendations

- Gathering of Native Americans
  - February 9, 2019 (PIC)
  - Community based resiliency; SAMHSA Model
Delivery of Focused Prevention Programs

- P2W and L2W; assist parents in their communication of risky behaviors and help youth refuse respectfully

- Urban Indian Coalition of Arizona (UICAZ); provides community direction, activities and awareness campaign for prevention of alcohol, prescription drugs, illegal marijuana use and suicide prevention

- Gathering of Native Americans; community training on intergenerational trauma and healing recognizing cultural strengths as prevention

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Supporting and Inspiring Our Youth

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- Future Inspired Native American Leaders: College and Career Readiness for high school youth
- Annual Youth Leadership Day
- Living in 2 Worlds: Positive choices for middle school youth
  [Partner with local Junior High schools to implement a school based alcohol and other drug prevention program]

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Preserving and Promoting Healthy Families in a Culturally Respectful Way

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Preserving Language and Culture

- Language & Culture Classes
- Seasonal Story Telling Events
- Dine Urban Voices; Navajo singing group
- Cultural Awareness Trainings and Presentations; for employers, foster parents, educators and more

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Building Community

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LEADERSHIP

- Silver and Turquoise Ball: Leon Grant Award
- Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards
- Native American Hall of Fame Awards
- Tribal Leaders

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Community Based Projects

- Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards, November 19, 2017
- Diamondbacks Native American Day
- Silver and Turquoise Ball, April 22, 2017
- Freeport McMoRan Scholarship program
- Holiday toy drive and adopt a family for those in need
- Cultural Awareness Trainings and Presentations

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Phoenix Indian Center Locations

- **Main office**
  4520 N. Central Ave., Ste. 250
  Phoenix, AZ  85012

- **Services provided in Flagstaff**
  - **Flagstaff**
    2717 N. Steve's Blvd. #11
    Flagstaff, AZ  86004

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Culture is the Key

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Providing services in Arizona since 1947

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