

Diné College
Integrated HIV/HCV/Substance Abuse Prevention Project for the Navajo
Nation:
A partnership with NáNízhoozhí Center Inc., Gallup, NM

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Agenda

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MSI/CBO Project Staff / Partners

Diné College Staff:

Donald Chee – Project Director

Mark Bauer, PhD. – Project Co-Director

Darlene V. Hunt – Comm. Outreach Coordinator

Peer Educators: Shandahl Benally, Philana Bidtah, Shaye Jones

Volunteers / Cultural Consultants / Interns / Work Study Students

NáNízhoozhí Center Inc. (NCI) Staff:

Kevin Foley, PhD. – Director

Sasha James – HIV Educator / EBI Facilitator

Gwendolyn Teengar – HIV Educators

Marco Arviso – Consultant / EBI Facilitator

University of Arizona College of Public Health:

Heather Dreifuss – Project Evaluator

Diné College

- Founded in 1968 – First Tribally Controlled College
 - Educational Philosophy: Sa’ah Naaghái Bik’eh Hozhóón, the Diné traditional living system including the Four Sacred Directions of Life: Nitsáhakees-Thinking, Náhat’á-Planning, Íiná-Life, Siihasín-Hope.
 - Current enrollment: Shiprock – 193 (Total Diné College: 1469)
 - Current President: Dr. Martin Ahumada (Interim)
 - Main campus located in Tsaile, AZ
 - 6 campuses in NM and AZ
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Diné College Campuses



Navajo Nation

History of Diné College HIV/HCV/SA Prevention Program

- From October 1991 through September 2006, the New Mexico Dept. of Health contracted with Diné College to provide HIV/AIDS outreach and education services in the Shiprock area.
 - This work ended as a result of a significant change in the federal funding program priorities.
 - In 2009, the program was “resurrected” for one year through a contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
 - 2010 – 2013, Funded through the US Dept. of Health and Human Services and Office of HIV and AIDS Policy (OHAP)
 - 2014 – 2017 SAMHSA Minority Serving Institution (MSI) and Community-Based Organization (CBO) Partnerships Grant
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Current Project Overview

- Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 - 3 year project: October 2014 – September 2017
 - Project Partnerships:
 - NaNizhoozhi Center Inc., Gallup, NM
 - Consultants
 - University of Arizona College of Public Health
 - Project Goal and Objectives
 - Overall Goal: to provide culturally/linguistically appropriate HIV/HCV/SA prevention services to 18-24 year olds on campus and the general community.
 - Objectives:
 - To develop a strategic plan to enhance local capacity and mobilize community resources to prevent and reduce HIV/HCV transmission (resource/needs assessment, peer education)
 - To provide HIV/HCV/SA educational presentations
 - To provide HIV/HCV testing (Rapid Unigold)
 - Conduct outreach activities
 - Provide Evidence Based Interventions to target populations.
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Capacity Building Workshop

March 9-10, 2015

- Two- Day Workshop brought together local health programs, stakeholders and community advocates to begin planning collaborative efforts to address HIV/HCV/Substance Abuse prevention in the Navajo community.
- Project used this time to build stronger community partnerships, to identify strengths/weaknesses/opportunities and threats for strategic project planning, and to develop a shared vision that reflects and supports our ongoing success in an integrated approach to HIV/AIDS/Substance Abuse prevention on the Navajo Nation.



Peer Educator Program



- The program is an effective way to reach campus subgroups for HIV testing referrals and education.
- Project interviewed six (6) students for the Peer Educator position at two (2) campuses.
- Staff and local health programs provide an intensive two-day training to students on health issues.
- Staff include volunteers and student interns to these trainings.

Dine' College WARRIOR UP!
HEALTH FAIR AND HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST
FOR DC STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST
AWARDS AND PRIZES AND FREE LUNCH
OCTOBER 30, 2015 @ 12PM TO 3 PM
Join us for free, fun, snacks,
music and entertainment
Know your HIV/HCV Status-testing

DJ Ess

SAVE THE DATE

Dine' College WARRIOR UP!
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST For the community

AWARDS AND PRIZES

OCTOBER 30, 2015 @ 6PM TO 9PM

Join us for free, fun, snacks, music and entertainment..

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Happy Halloween

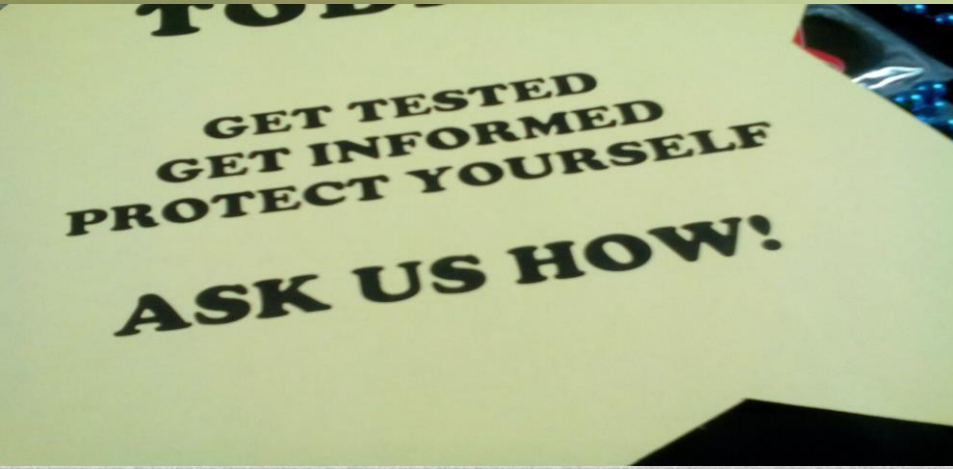
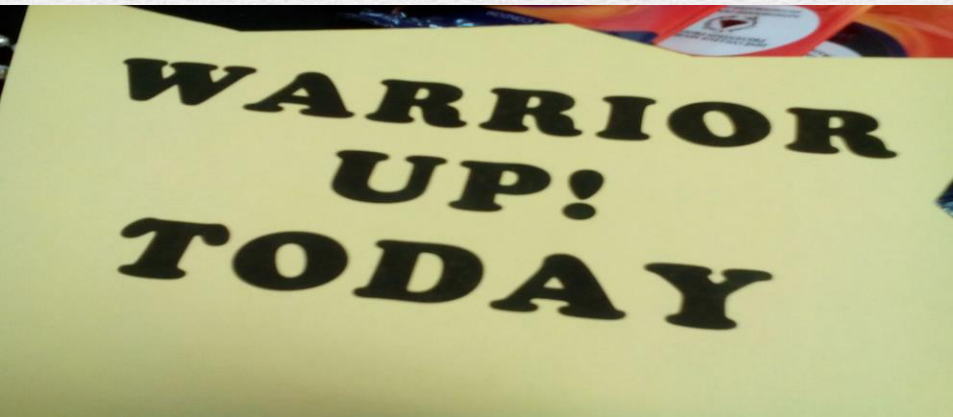


DJ Ess



Rapid HIV/HCV Testing and Outreach

- Diné College and NaNizhoozhi Center staff continued Rapid HIV testing and **introduced HCV testing** under the SAMHSA MSI/CBO grant. Staff host community outreach events and HIV/HCV testing booths during Navajo Nation regional fairs, holidays and National HIV/AIDS Awareness days.
- Approximately 106 HIV Tests conducted since October 2014.



National HIV Testing Day

June 27, 2015

10 to 2pm

Begaye Indian Market
Shiprock, NM

Activities:

Free HIV testing
Info on HIV/AIDS
Info Hep C
Refreshments



Look for the large white tent and pink balloons



Addressing the needs of community and campus Native/Navajo LGBTQ



- Sponsored 2nd Annual LGBTQ Symposium
- Network / Collaboration with programs to sponsor LGBTQ Gatherings, Pageants and Pride events.
- LGBTQ Evidence-Based Interventions that are adapted to be culturally appropriated.
- Campus classroom presentations on LGBTQ 101 and LGBTQ Health.



REZ Condom Tour

#SexIsCeremony



- Project staff initiative to promote healthy sexual relationships among youth.
- 15,537 Condoms distributed to communities across Navajo Nation. Condoms donated by various health programs in New Mexico and Arizona.
- Tour set up booths in the communities to provide condoms and HIV testing.
- Article of Tour in local newspaper.



Safe Sets

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

DINE COLLEGE GYM-Shiprock

JULY 16, 2016

8 Teams –8 players

\$5.00/player



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WARRIOR UP! KNOW YOUR STATUS

Diné College Integrated HIV/AIDS/HCV & Substance Abuse Prevention Program



Warrior Up! Summer Festival

THURSDAY - JUNE 30, 2016

Dine College

North Campus Breezeway

6pm – 11pm



6:00 – 7:30 pm: ZUMBA

7:30 – 10:00: BANDS (3)

10:00 – 11:30: DRAG SHOW



FREE EVENT



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Dine College HIV/HCV/SA PROJECT

- BOOTHS:
- HIV/HCV TESTING BOOTHS – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
 - VIDEO / INFORMATION SECTION – BREEZEWAY
 - SPIN THE SAFE SEX WHEEL
 - PIN THE M/F CONDOM ON THE DOLLS
 - FOOD / CATERING: ARAMARK



This is an drug and alcohol free event. We will not be responsible for any injuries, damages, theft or stolen items.

Evidence-Based Interventions

Native Brothers

**Native Gay/Bi Men's Wellness Workshop:
Share laughs, Make friends, Create change**

September 26th – 28th, 2016

Dine College Tsaile Campus Dorms

9:00AM – 12:00PM and repeated at 2:00PM – 6:00 PM each day
Spruce Dorm

30.00 gift cards will be given out at the end of the workshop. Snacks provided.

The workshops are set up to be a safe and non-judgmental space for open discussions about what it means to be gay or bisexual, meeting new people, and engaging in fun group activities with an underlining message of prevention/risk reduction and creating positive changes.

For more information and/or to register contact Marco at 928-349-2277 or email Shaye at nativebrothersgroup@gmail.com



Nizhoni SISTAS
Native Transgender Women's
Wellness Retreat
August 13 -14 2016
Gallup, NM

Nizhoni SISTAS is a five session workshop for Native Transgender women between the ages of 18 and 24 years of age. Sessions will start at 9:00am and conclude at 4:00pm each day. The workshop is set up to be a safe and non-judgmental space for open discussions about what it means to be Native and Transgender, Transgender health issues, to meet new people, and participate in group activities. For more information, please contact Sasha James at (505)399-1308 or email sashafoxx1983@gmail.com.

[Meals, lodging, and gift card will be provided to each participant]



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Dine College
North Campus Breezeway



10:00 PM—11:30PM

DRAG SHOW

ft. Lady Shug (Miss NM Pride) and other local performers.



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Other Accomplishments and Successes!

- Ongoing networking and collaboration on the college campus and the community.
 - Staff presented at the 2015 Navajo Nation Human Research and Review Board – October 21, 2015.
 - Project evaluation approved by the NNHRRB (2016)
 - Staff held a Traditional Blessing, customary to the Navajo Culture and important as the project deals with sensitive topics of sex, illness and death.
 - Staff is implementing a strong Evaluation component to the project with guidance from the University of Arizona College of Public Health.
 - Four (5) project staff are certified and trained to conduct Rapid HIV/HCV testing.
 - Staff participates in the NM Community Planning and Action Group Region 7.
 - Representative Sector for the Diné BaHozho Community Coalition
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Challenges / Barriers

- Stigma
 - Distance between campuses and community
 - Recruitment: EBIs, HIV Screenings
 - Staff
 - Funding
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Ahééhee – Thank You!

Questions? Comments?

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