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Tucson Indian Center OPEN HOUSE!
MARCH 1ST!
10AM-2:20PM!

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

As March arrives, we are delighted to welcome you and your family to the Tucson Indian Center. Our commitment to empowering Tucson's Indigenous community is at the heart of everything we do. We offer a wide range of programs and services designed to support and uplift our community members. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this journey together. We truly appreciate you taking the time to read our monthly newsletter.

The month of March has many awarenesses. For example Nutrition Awareness promotes healthy eating and good nutrition; Women's History Month highlights the contributions of women throughout history; HIV/AIDS Awareness for Women and Girls reminds us about the unique health needs in this area for this population; Brain Injury Awareness Month educates us on traumatic brain injuries and provides resources for service members. veterans, and their families; Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month recognizes the contributions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Colorectal Health Awareness Month raises awareness about colorectal cancer screening and treatment/intervention; and National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Education and Awareness Month raises awareness how MS can damage nerve tissues connecting to the brain.

The Tucson Indian Center is excited to invite you to the following upcoming events:

- Spring Break Day Camps
- · National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- 2025 Spring Social Pow Wow
- Family Movie Night

(Refer to pages 5 & 6 for more information)

Let's make the most of these opportunities together and create wonderful memories. We can't wait to see you and share these experiences with you, your family, and friends! Have a great month of March! Wishing you a month full of new opportunities and happiness!

Enjoy our Newsletter and don't forget to follow us on social media to stay updated on our upcoming exciting events and announcements!

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Jacob Bernal/Executive Director

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Hellosping



The days are getting longer, and nature is waking up from its winter rest—what a beautiful time to embrace the fresh start of spring! Whether you're planting your favorite flowers, growing your own vegetables, or simply enjoying the peaceful rhythm of nature, this season offers a chance for renewal.

Here are a few gardening tips to help your spring blooms thrive:

- 1.Start with Healthy Soil Test your soil's pH and add compost or organic matter to keep it nutrient-rich and well-draining.
- 2. Choose the Right Plants Consider your climate and space. Opt for native plants or those that suit your garden's conditions to ensure they thrive!
- 3. Water Smartly Water your plants early in the morning to reduce evaporation. Remember, it's better to water deeply and less frequently than to water lightly every day.
- 4. Mulch, Mulch, Mulch A good layer of mulch will help retain moisture, keep weeds at bay, and regulate soil temperature.
- 5. Prune Regularly Keep your plants healthy by removing dead or damaged branches to encourage new growth.

Let's celebrate the joy of nurturing new growth and watching our little seedlings bloom into something special. Here's to a season full of fresh beginnings, vibrant colors, and plenty of time in the garden.



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Native Wellness Voice



TUCSON INDIAN CENTER RODNEY W. PALIMO, SR. CLINIC

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS



WALK-INS WELCOME

- **Primary Care**
- **Vaccines**
- **Physical Exams**
- **Referrals**

- Behavioral Health Therapy
- **Medication Management**
- **O**Disease Prevention
- **W** Health Screenings



35th Diversity Career Fair

This year the Tucson Indian Center celebrated its 35th anniversary of the Southern Arizona Indian Workforce Development Council's Diversity Career Fair. Hosted by the Desert Diamond Casino on January 29th, we took another great step forward in fostering diversity and expanding workforce opportunities in our community.

This event brought together job seekers and community employers for an opportunity to connect, network, and interview. We proudly served 180 job seekers and welcomed 30 community employers, showcasing a broad range of career opportunities. During the event 13 resumes were submitted, and 55 on-the-spot job interviews were conducted, providing great opportunities for immediate employment. The event was a great success! The Career Fair continues to provide a great platform for connecting job seekers and employers.







We want to thank all participants, employers, attendees, and the Southern Arizona Indian Workforce Development Council for their hard work in making this event a success. Stay tuned for future events and initiatives that continue to support workforce development in Southern Arizona!

Sober Sweetheart Dance Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Tucson Indian Center's "Sober Sweetheart Dance." This event was all about celebrating love, connection, and being fully present in the moment. Whether you came with a partner, friends, or on your own, it was a space to share joy, laughter, and build meaningful connections that come from embracing sobriety. The evening featured dancing, drumming, and a round dance, making it an unforgettable experience. We were honored to have Dominique Henry as our guest speaker, who shared valuable insights on diabetes, as well as the speakers who shared their inspiring journeys to sobriety. A huge thank you to our community and staff for joining us and making this event a truly successful and enjoyable celebration!









Drop-off & pick-up at Tucson Indian Center!

*Youth must attend session for their respected school break

CONTACT JOVON!

((520) 884-7131 EXT 2218



SOMEONE SAY DAY CAMP?



For the month of March, Tucson Indian Center has a spring break event for your kids! Register to join us at these two spring break day camps with sessions of telescoping and archery!

CAMP SESSION 1*

MARCH 12TH

800AM-4:00PM

FLAUNDRAU SCEINCE CENTER AND PLANETARIUM & MORE!

NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AGES 8-17

*TUSD, Sunnyside USD & others!



MARCH 20TH

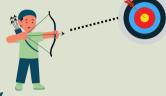
800AM - 4:00PM

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK ARCHERY SPRINGBREAK? **RANGE & MORE!**

NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AGES 8-17

*Amphitheater USD, Flowing Wells USD & others



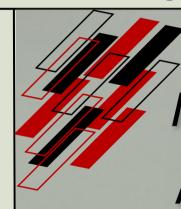






The Native Youth Coalition is a group of young talented individuals who take the initiative in meaningful ways to support cultural preservation, personal development, and community engagement. While taking the lead to learn about the negative side effects of tobacco and teach their fellow youth about the importance of tobacco prevention. The Coalition was created with the purpose of giving Native Youth the chance to come together and share wellness ideas, learn leadership skills and impact their communities. The coalition focuses on the prevention and education of substance abuse, tobacco, and drug abuse prevention, as well as teaching its members to stay healthy in body, mind, and spirit. The Native Youth Coalition Group will continue to take place throughout March, every Wednesday on 03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26 from 4PM - 6PM.

Contact Jr to sign up for the Youth Coalition! Ph:520-884-7131 Ext. 2248 Email: rmaldonadojr@ticenter.org



"Know your status"

NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

MORE INFORMATION? Contact Marlene F. Jose mjose@ticenter.org 520-884-7131

Friday, March 22nd 11:30am-3:00pm **Donna Liggins Center**

2160 N 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705 Outside Basketball Court



SPEAKERS! VENDORS! MUSIC! FOOD!









Looking for a fun way to spend your Friday mornings?

Join the Tucson Indian Center for Bingo every Friday on the 2nd floor.

EXCITING PRIZES!







FREE FOOD!



SOCIAL EVENT!

10:00AM - 12:00PM

EVERY FRIDAY

160 N STONE AVE - 2ND FLOOR

Join Us!

For More Information Call Jaden (520) 506-7131 ex. 2316



Saturday, April 19, 2025 University of Arizona

For questions and more information please contact:

Jovon Boling - jboling@ticenter.org or Julian Juan at julianjuan@arizona.edu



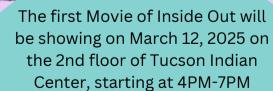




Family Movie Night: Inside Out 1 & 2

Join us for a family-friendly event featuring screenings of the movies **Inside Out** and **Inside Out** in which we'll explore emotions and mental health themes.





Ages 6 and older

Bring a pillow/blanket for comfort Chairs & snacks provided



<u>Pre-register</u> with Alyssa or Halia at 520-884-7131 or email ticwd@ticenter.org



BUILDING STRONGER BONDS: COUPLES WORKSHOP

Our couple's workshop will finish off, continuing into March! Join us for an enriching and empowering workshop designed to help couples grow closer and strengthen their connection:

What to expect:

- Interactive exercises to improve communication and empathy
- Practical exercises and tips to use daily
- learn what your love languages are and how to use them

Tuesdays @ 4-6 pm Feb. 25

Mar. 4

Weekly Raffle drawings that include fun prizes *Open to all couples*

Located at: Tucson Indian Center

1st Floor Conf. Rm. 160 N. Stone Ave. Tucson Az, 85704

For more Information contact:

Tasha L. | tlabahe@ticenter.org | 520-884-7131 ext. 2306

TRADITIONAL FOOD WORKSHOPS

Are you interested in learning about the history, cultural background, and nutrition on different traditional foods? Then you're on the perfect page! This workshop also includes a recipe demo on different traditional foods and is for adults 18 years and older!

There are 30 spots available each workshop! If you are interested in a workshop, please contact Jovon! The schedule for upcoming workshops is to the

right, if you have any questions, please do not

hesitate to reach out!

Email: ticwd@ticenter.org

Phone: (520) 884-7131, Ext. 2218

with Rainbow Lopez

LOCATION: TUCSON INDIAN CENTER

TIME: 6:00PM - 7:30PM

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

FEB 5 **APR 16**

FEB 19 APR 30

MAR 5 **MAY 14**

MAR 19 MAY 28

APR 2 JUNE 11

WELLNESS SERIES WITH SHRADDHA

Looking for a relaxing time to learn different healthy coping skills, breathing techniques, and mindfulness exercises? Register for our Wellness Series with Shraddha in which tools for your toolbox are introduced!

Starting April 2nd

"Tools for your toolbox"

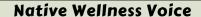
"Tools for your toolbox"

"Tools for your toolbox"

Registration is REQUIRED

TIME: 5PM - 6PM **LOCATION TUCSON INDIAN CENTER 2ND FLOOR**

> MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CALL SPIP AT 520-884-7131 OR EMAIL TICWD@TICENTER.ORG



TIC Services Update

NEW CLIENT ORIENTATION

To deliver culturally competent, respectful. compassionate Health, Wellness, and Social Services.

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JOIN US

- SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- WELLNESS DEPARTMENT
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MONDAYS @ 11:00AM-12:00PM >>> 1ST FLOOR

TUCSON INDIAN CENTER 160 N stone Ave 520-884-7131 for information



We can help!



- **Resume Workshops**
- **Leadership Classes**
- **Job Readiness Training**
- And much more!

Job Club Thursdays 10am-11am



MARCH 6. 2025: AZ@WORKS. GUADALUPE GRAY



MARCH 13, 2025: NESCO RESOURCE, TASHA FLORES, LEAD RERUITER



MARCH 20, 2025: HSL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, PAULA CELAYA. LEAD RECRUITÉR



MARCH 27,2025: PIMA COUNTY, THOMAS BARTKOWSKI, HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR



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DIAPER AND FOOD BANK



Hours

Monday 11am-4pm Tuesday 9am-4pm Wednesday 9am-4pm Thursday 9am-4pm Friday 9am-4pm

**Hours subject to change

Diaper Bank:

- -Driver's License or Tribal ID
- -Child's birth certificate or proof of quardianship
- -Proof of income

Food Bank:

-Driver's License or Tribal ID

SOBRIETY SUPPORT

GROUPS

PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON AT THE TUCSON INDIAN CENTER

AA Meetings:

Every Friday Mornings

8:30-9:30AM



White Bison: Native Sisters in Recovery:

Every Thursday Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm 4:15-5:15pm

Call or email Christina Luna with any questions or concerns 520-884-7131 or cluna@ticenter.org



American Lung Association.

Smoking

Today



Freedom from Smoking: 8 week session. All Classes will be held at the Tucson Indian Center. Start Date: February 18th. 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINA LUNA OR RAMON MALDONADO JR. AT 520-884-7131. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL US AT ticwd@ticenter.org



Date: 3/4/25 Session 3 Date: 3/11/25 Session 4

Date: 3/18/25 Session 6

Date: 4/1/25 Session 8

Our Core Services

Pima C.A.R.E.S.

Indian

Health Promotion Specialist



Assist individually with a substance use issue to connect with treatment services. Assist Individuals with locating

Assist individuals with connecting to support

Provide Narcan and entanyl Testing Kits to

Contact Us

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ElkStewwith Tepary Beans

With only a few ingredients and minimal prep work, this recipe is perfect for the busy Holiday season. Simply prep your ingredients and throw it all in a crockpot, wait a few hours and it's ready to enjoy!





- 1 POUND OF ELK MEAT INTO SMALL

 CUBES (CAN SUBSTITUTE WITH MEAT OF

 CHOICE)
- 1 CHOPPED GREEN BELL PEPPER
- 1 CHOPPED BUNCH OF GREEN ONIONS
- 3 CUPS CHICKEN BROTH OR GAME BROTH
- 1 CLOVE GARLIC, CHOPPED
- 1 BUNCH OF CELERY, CHOPPED
- . 2-3 TSP OF SEKA HILLS OLIVE OIL

Steps for prep:

1.HEAT 3 TBSP OIL OVER MEDIUM HEAT. WHEN HOT (6-8 MINUTES) ADD VEGETABLES AND ELK TO PAN. SEASON WITH PEPPER (AND SALT IF YOU LIKE)

- 2.SAUTEE ELK, BELL PEPPER, ONIONS, JALAPENOS, SPICES WITH THREE TABLESPOONS OF VEGETABLE OIL.
- 3.AFTER MEAT IS BROWNED AND VEGETABLES ARE SOFT, PLACE IN CROCK POT WITH BEANS AND CHICKEN BROTH.
- 4.SLOW COOK ON HIGH 8-10 HOURS. LONGER IS BETTER. CHECK EVERY FEW HOURS TO SEE IF YOU NEED TO ADD MORE LIQUID.

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WORDS OF IMPACT

In today's fast-paced, technology-driven world, we've become increasingly tethered to our devices, often prioritizing screen time over real-world interactions. This constant connection can lead to a range of issues, from decreased face-to-face communication skills to mental health challenges like anxiety and burnout. By reducing our reliance on devices, we can reclaim meaningful moments with loved ones, foster creativity, and improve our overall well-being. Taking time away from screens allows us to reconnect with ourselves and the world around us, promoting a more balanced and fulfilling life.

Set Boundaries for Screen Time

- thank you for reading! · Schedule breaks: Set specific time blocks for checking your phone or social media. For example, check it only after finishing a workout or after reading for a set amount of time.
- · Use Apps for Focus: Consider using apps like Forest or Focus@Will that help you stay off distractions or set "Do Not Disturb" modes during certain hours to focus on activities like training or reading.

Clarity over Clutter: Every minute spent mindlessly scrolling is a minute taken away from you-from your growth, your creativity, your passions. You have the power to reclaim that time and pour it into things that build up

Momentum Starts Small: Every hobby, every interest, every spark of curiosity starts with a single step. Don't wait for the perfect moment or the right mood - just start, and the momentum will follow. A little effort today leads to a bigger, more fulfilling tomorrow.

Reignite You Spark: That passion, that excitement for your hobbies, is still within you. Sometimes it just needs the right space to breathe. Getting involved in what excites you isn't just a goal; it's a journey back to the you that's full of energy and life.

Focus on What Feels Good: The world is full of distractions, but what you choose to engage with should bring you peace, joy, or challenge. Make your time spent online intentional, but carve out space for what truly nourishes your soul

Create, Don't Consume: Instead of letting endless feeds dictate your mood, turn the tables. Be the one who creates, whether it's writing, painting, learning a new skill, or simply diving deeper into something that excites you. You are more than what you scroll through. You are a creator.

Consistency is Key: It doesn't take perfection, just progress. Take a little bit of time each day for the things you care about, and soon it becomes part of who you are.



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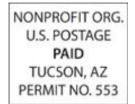
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To enhance leadership, provide advocacy, deliver education, and strengthen the well-being of the people in the greater Tucson Area with emphasis on the Urban Native American Community.

Reminder and Announcements

- New Client Orientation Every Monday 11:00am-12:00pm Contact: Tucson Indian Center
- Job Club Every Thursday 10:00am-11:00am Contact: Tucson Indian Center
- 2 Spirit of Tucson March 10th @ 5:30 pm—7:00 pm Contact: Marlene F. Jose
- Native Sisters in Recovery Thursdays (03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 03/27) @ 4:15pm-5:15pm
 Contact: Wellness Case Managers *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- White Bison Recovery Group Thursdays (03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 03/27) @5:30 pm—6:30pm Contact: Wellness Case Managers *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- AIIR (American Indians in Recovery) AA Mtgs. Fridays (03/07, 03/14, 03/21, 03/28)
 @ 8:30 am 9:30 am, Contact: Wellness Case Managers *Location: Tucson Indian Center*
- Native Youth Coalition @4PM 6PM, Wednesdays (03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26)
 Contact: Ramon Maldanado Jr.
- Coffee & Bingo Every Friday, 10:00am-12:00pm Contact: Tucson Indian Center
 Location: Tucson Indian Center
- Walking Club Wednesdays (03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26) @8:30am-11:00am Contact: Jose Duran
- Chair Zumba/Yoga- Mondays & Wednesdays, 12pm-1pm Contact: Jose Duran
 Location: Tucson Indian Center
- Elder Monthly Luncheon March 26, 2025, 12pm-3pm RSVP with Marlene F. Jose

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