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Heading picture: Fish Hatchery staff with SNARRC biologists.

NEXT DEADLINE:
10/20/23
BY NOON

2023-2024 Vaccine Update

Mescalero IHS

With cold and flu season emerging it is important to get vaccinated. Mescalero Indian Health Service will start administering Influenza vaccines to children and adults who are 6 months of age and older starting October 2023. The Influenza vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of worsening flu-related chronic lung disease, decrease hospitalizations, and/or prevent death.

Coming soon possibly mid October 2023 is also the new Covid-19 vaccine manufactured by Moderna and Pfizer to include a monovalent (single) component that corresponds to the Omicron variant XBB.1.5. To be eligible to receive a single dose of an updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine you must be 6 months of age or older and it must be at least 2 months since the last dose of any COVID-19 vaccine. According

to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) individuals who receive an updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine may experience similar side effects as those reported by individuals who previously received mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.

The FDA anticipates that the composition of COVID-19 vaccines may need to be updated annually, as is done for the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Also, coming in October 2023 is the new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine. This vaccine is approved for individuals 60 years of age and older. RSV is a highly contagious virus that causes infections of the lungs and breathing passages in individuals of all age groups. RSV circulation is seasonal, typically starting during the fall and peaking in the winter. In older adults, RSV is a com-

mon cause of lower respiratory tract disease, which affects the lungs and can cause life-threatening pneumonia and bronchiolitis (swelling of the small airway passages in the lungs) (Food and Drug Administration, 2023).

All three vaccines can be administered at the same time if available in different sites of the deltoid muscle (upper arm) for children and adults and vastus lateralis (thigh) for infants.

With the emergence of cold and flu season let's take action and get vaccinated to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

If you have any questions please call Mescalero Indian Health Service 575-464-4441.

Thank you,
LCDR Regina Scott
United States Public Health Service
Mescalero Indian Health Service

Officers representing Mescalero *Mescalero Conservation Department*



September 16, 2023 was officially declared Otero County's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day!

Chief Conservation Officer, Tyner Cervantes represented Mescalero Conservation and the Mescalero Apache Tribe as he was presented a Proclamation signed by Otero County Managers. The Proclamation authorizes September 16, 2023 as "Thank A Police Officer Day/Law Enforcement Appreciation Day".



2023 LEO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the men and women of our local Law Enforcement agencies have taken an oath to protect and serve the citizens in their communities throughout Otero County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement officers take significant risks every day to perform their duties and responsibilities and to ensure that the rule of law is maintained; and

WHEREAS, Otero County is the proud home of dedicated Law Enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep our citizens and their belongings safe; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of our local Law Enforcement officers to continued training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination make them vital members of Alamogordo and every community throughout Otero County; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers play such an integral part in our society. They are guardians of our way of life and they deserve our support; and

WHEREAS, Otero County also recognizes the significant sacrifices made by the families of our Law Enforcement officers and welcome the occasion to show them how much they are appreciated; and

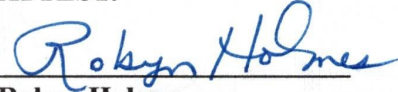
WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers are such a cherished asset to this grateful community. **NOW THEREFORE**, we the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the 16th day September as

**THANK A POLICE OFFICER DAY
OTERO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY**

and encourage all citizens of Otero County to demonstrate gratitude to the Law Enforcement men and women who protect, serve, and keep us safe.

PROCLAIMED during the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners this 7th day of September, 2023.

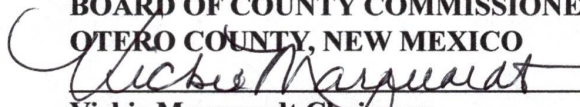
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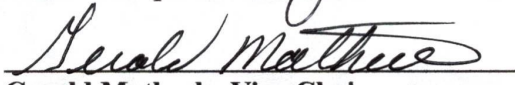

Robyn Holmes
Otero County Clerk




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OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO


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Law Enforcement requests assistance with White Mountain Apache Tribe Fair & Rodeo

Mescalero Conservation Officers, Jacob Mendez and Ryan Martinez assisted the White Mountain Apache Police Department at their annual Fair and Rodeo. The Officers were also featured in the Parade.

*Celebrating our Proud Traditions
Inspiring our Future*

96th ANNUAL
**WHITE MOUNTAIN
APACHE TRIBAL**
Fair & Rodeo
AUG. 30 - SEPT. 4, 2023
WHITERIVER ARIZONA • FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

Miss White Mountain Apache
**RODEO
PAGEANT**

About the Pageant
PAGEANT DATE
AUGUST 19 • 6PM
REQUIREMENTS
• Rodeo Lil' Bit (5-10 years old)
• Rodeo Princess (11-15 years old)
• Rodeo Queen (16-21 years old)
• Must have one parent tribal member
(copy of affidavit)
• Not a current title holder

**DEADLINE AUGUST 11
BEFORE 5PM**
CONTESTANT PACKETS
AVAILABLE AT FAIR AND
RODEO OFFICE



Conservation in the parade



**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

5 East Sycamore Street – PO Box 889 Whiteriver, AZ 85941
Phone: (928) 338-4942 Fax: (928) 338-4988

Steven Kane
Chief of Police

Perphelia Steele
Police Captain

September 13, 2023

Chief Conservation Officer Tyner R. Cervantes
Mescalero Conservation Law Enforcement
Mescalero, New Mexico

Dear Chief Cervantes,

We have come to the end of the 96th Annual White Mountain Tribal Fair & Rodeo in which the White Mountain Apache Police Department hosted and teamed with various departments, some from off reservation and others locally; Apache County Sheriff's Office, BIA Law Enforcement, Hopi Law Enforcement, Jicarilla Apache Police Department, Mescalero Conservation Law Enforcement, Navajo County Sheriff's Auxiliary, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, San Carlos Recreation & Wildlife Department Division of Law Enforcement, San Carlos Police Department, Show Low Police Department, and White Mountain Apache Game Rangers.

The White Mountain Apache Police Department along with the White Mountain Apache Tribe greatly appreciate the time and effort your department worked throughout the fair weekend. I am also very thankful for your people who assisted my department to ensure safety for the surrounding communities. It was good to see all the various departments working together effectively throughout the weekend. I am hoping to have your department assist in any other upcoming events that we may have and also in future Tribal Fair & Rodeo events.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Kane".

Steven Kane, Chief of Police
White Mountain Apache Police Department

**MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE
MESCALERO CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
2023 ELDERLY DEER HUNT APPLICATION**

☐ **ELDERLY** (60 years and older)

MULE DEER/WHITETAIL DEER (Rifle or Archery)

November 1-15, 2023

Twenty (20) Permits- Issued by drawing

One (1) buck deer, bucks must be forked horn or greater

Deadline: October 12, 2023

Drawing: October 13, 2023

NO COST- FREE

If you are unable to hunt for yourself, you may designate one (1) person to hunt for you.

If this is the case, a Hunters Designee form will need to be filled out.

DATE OF BIRTH:

NAME: (PLEASE PRINT)

EYE COLOR:

STREET ADDRESS: (NO P.O. BOXES PLEASE)

HAIR COLOR:

CITY, STATE & ZIPCODE:

HEIGHT:

DRIVERS LICENSE NO. & STATE:

MALE ☐

FEMALE ☐

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes ☐

No ☐

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations set forth by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Additionally, I also acknowledge that any animal that I harvest will only be for personal use, and I will not sell or attempt to sell any part of the harvest.

(FOR OFFICE USE)

Date Received: _____

By Whom: _____

Ticket No.: _____

Signature

**MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE
MESCALERO CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
2023 TRIBAL MEMBER MULE/WHITETAIL DEER HUNT APPLICATION**

Under 18 years of age requires a Hunter's Safety Certificate. Under 17 years of age requires adult supervision at all times. **We accept Money Order or Cashier Checks only.** Please do not pay with cash. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The application fee of \$10.00 will be contributed towards Wildlife and Habitat Enhancement. Only one (1) permit per tribal member. **Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.** Permits are for hunt dates only, no extensions, no exceptions. **All permits can be picked up one (1) day before the hunt starts.** The deer hunt is reservation wide. A three (3) year ineligibility restriction is in effect for the deer hunt. **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.** Hunter may use rifle or archery.

Hunt Dates: November 1-15, 2023

20 permits- *Issued by a drawing*

1 Buck Deer (Mule or Whitetail), Bucks must be forked horn or greater.

Cost: \$10.00 due with application

***If you are drawn, \$25 is due the day before the hunt starts.**

Application Deadline: October 12, 2023

Drawing Date: October 13, 2023



NAME: _____ **D.O.B.:** _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ **EYE COLOR:** _____

_____ **HAIR COLOR:** _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ **HEIGHT:** _____

PHONE #: _____

MALE: ☐ **FEMALE:** ☐

DRIVER'S LICENSE # & STATE: _____

TRIBAL CENSUS #: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

***If yes, archery will be the only option.**

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations set forth by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Additionally, I also acknowledge that any animal that I harvest will be for personal use, and I will not sell or attempt to sell any part of the harvest.

Signature

(For Office Use)

Date Received:

Receipt/MO #:

Taken By:

MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE
MESCALERO CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
2023 TRIBAL MEMBER COW ELK HUNT APPLICATION

Under 18 years of age requires a Hunter's Safety Certificate. Under 17 years of age requires adult supervision at all times. **We accept Money Order or Cashier Checks only.** Please do not pay with cash. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The application fee of \$10.00 will be contributed towards Wildlife and Habitat Enhancement. Only one (1) permit per tribal member. **Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.** Permits are for hunt dates only, no extensions, no exceptions. **All permits can be picked up one (1) day before the hunt starts.** The cow elk hunt is reservation wide.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. Hunter may use rifle or archery.

Hunt Dates: November 16-30, 2023

225 Permits- First Come First Serve

One (1) Mature Cow Elk

One (1) per person, Limit 2 per household

Cost: \$75 (\$10.00 Application Fee Included)



NAME: _____ D.O.B.: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ EYE COLOR: _____

HAIR COLOR: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HEIGHT: _____

PHONE #: _____

MALE: ☐ FEMALE: ☐

DRIVER'S LICENSE # & STATE: _____

TRIBAL CENSUS #: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? YES ☐ NO ☐

*If yes, archery will be the only option.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations set forth by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Additionally, I also acknowledge that any animal that I harvest will be for personal use, and I will not sell or attempt to sell any part of the harvest.

Signature

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Date Received:

Receipt/ MO #:

Taken By:

MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE
MESCALERO CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
2023 TRIBAL MEMBER TURKEY HUNT APPLICATION

Under 18 years of age requires a Hunter's Safety Certificate. Under 17 years of age requires adult supervision at all times. **We accept Money Order or Cashier Checks only.** Please do not pay with cash. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. The application fee of \$10.00 will be contributed towards Wildlife and Habitat Enhancement. Only one (1) permit per tribal member. **Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.** Permits are for hunt dates only, no extensions, no exceptions. **All permits can be picked up one (1) day before the hunt starts.** The turkey hunt is reservation wide.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. Hunter may use rifle or archery.

Hunt Dates: November 1-30, 2023

One (1) permit per household

Two (2) Turkeys, Gobbler or Hen

Cost: \$20.00 (\$10.00 Application Fee included)



NAME: _____ D.O.B.: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ EYE COLOR: _____

HAIR COLOR: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HEIGHT: _____

PHONE #: _____

MALE: ☐ FEMALE: ☐

DRIVER'S LICENSE # & STATE: _____

TRIBAL CENSUS #: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? YES ☐ NO ☐

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Inn of the Mountain Gods Open Positions

Room Attendant
Public Space Attendant
Floor Specialist
CATC Cage Cashier
IMG Cage Cashier
IMG Kiosk Attendant
IMG Main Bank Cashier
CATC Kiosk Attendant
Nail Technician
CATC Slot Technician
IMG Security Officer
F&B Steward
CATC C-Store Cashier
Poker Dealer Dual Rater Super.
Child Care Attendant
Ticket Writer
Cage/Main Bank Manager

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Or give us a call at
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September 28th
IMG Job Fair
Pre-Function Room
10am—2pm
IMG will be hosting a free Table Games Dealer class
beginning October 16, 2023,
lasting 12 weeks in the Pinion HR training room. Call
575-464-7312 for more information

CATC Carpenter
Dual Rate Black Jack Dealer
Dual Rate Craps Dealer
HVAC Technician
All Outlets Cook 1
All Outlets Cook 2
CATC Slot Shift Supervisor
Red Hat Grille Server
Outside Security Patrol Officer
Receiving Clerk
Drop & Count Attendant
Pool Attendant
Club 49 Server
Broken Arrow Server
Broken Arrow Host
Red Hat Grille Chef De Cuisine
Red Hat Grille Manager



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***Mescalero Care Center
&
Mescalero Apache Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Program***

***Has partnered to assist Native Americans interested in forgoing a
career in healthcare***

***Mescalero Care Center is in need of certified nursing assistants to
provide quality care for their residents!***

***Mescalero Apache WIOA will assist eligible candidates in obtaining
their Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate.***

***Your certification as a nursing assistant will open the doors to
becoming a licensed nurse if this is the journey you wish to pursue!***

If you are interested, please contact

Angelita Burma at WIOA Program at 575-464-9202

Or

Juanita K Correa at Mescalero Care Center at 575-464-4802

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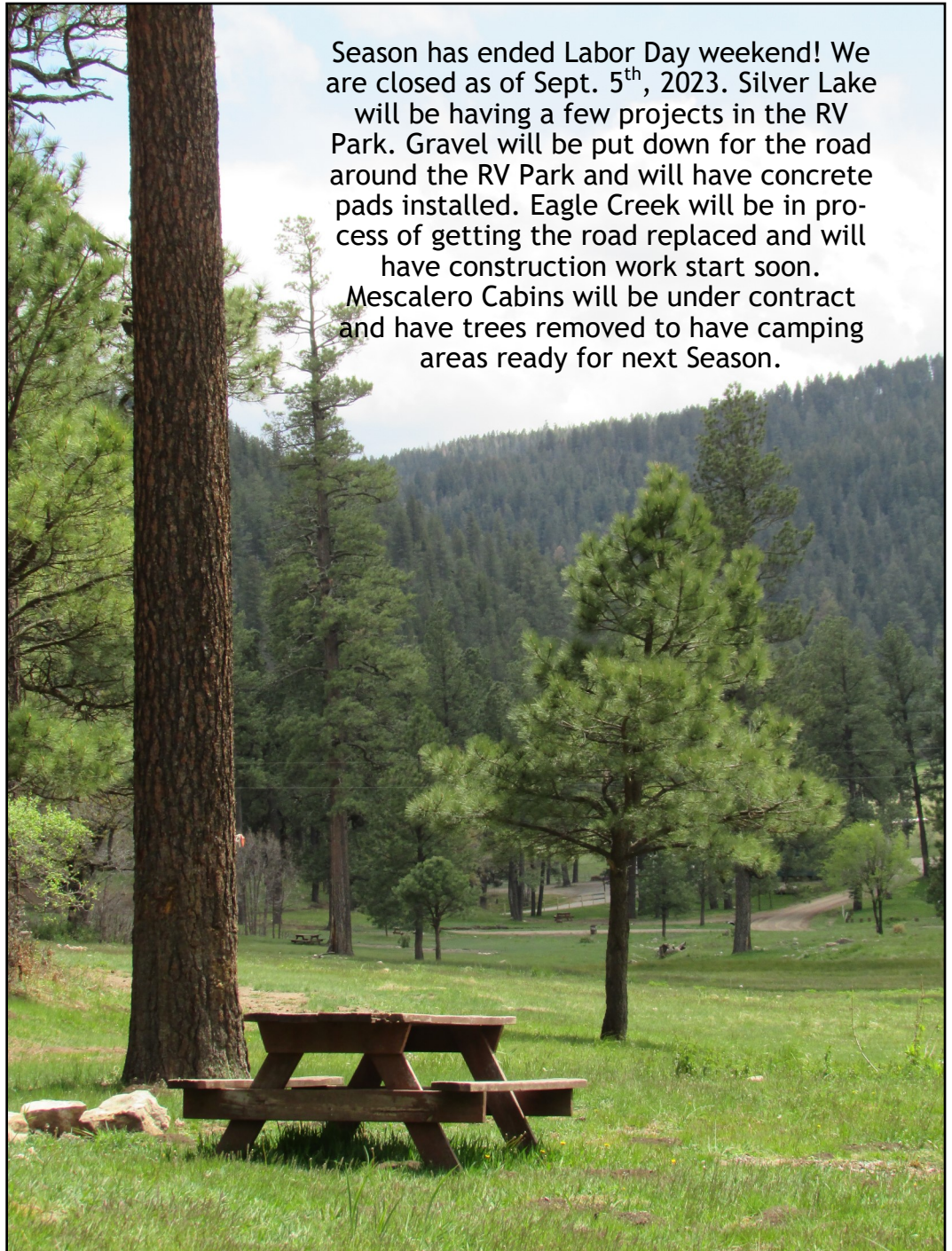
PATHWAYS is organized by the Poeh Cultural Center,
a tribally led value based entity of the Pueblo of Pojoaque

Parks & Recreation

Update

Season has ended Labor Day weekend! We are closed as of Sept. 5th, 2023. Silver Lake will be having a few projects in the RV Park. Gravel will be put down for the road around the RV Park and will have concrete pads installed. Eagle Creek will be in process of getting the road replaced and will have construction work start soon.

Mescalero Cabins will be under contract and have trees removed to have camping areas ready for next Season.



Office of the Prosecutor

Highlights



108 Central Ave
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340
Phone: 575-464-9205

Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to assure that objectivity is supported to all individuals affected by crime in the criminal court system within the bounds of dignity and justice for all.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Criminal Arraignments:

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Pre-Trials:

Tuesday Morning and Afternoons.

Court Forms are available at the Prosecutors Office.

Office of the Prosecutor Staff:

Interim Chief Prosecutor: Melissa A. Chavez

Email: machavez@mescaleroapachetribe.com

Administrative Assistant: Valentina B. Morgan

Email: vbmorgan@mescaleroapachetribe.com

Current Job Openings:

Chief Prosecutor

Assistant Prosecutor, II

Apply with Human Resources.



Religion

Mescalero Reformed Church

Ecclesia & Synagogue

One of my seminary professors would always tell this story when he served as a pastor in Mississippi. He shared that when someone of the community would ask *where is your church?* he'd answer by saying: *Well, Mr. Smith works as a mechanic around the corner, Miss Suzie is a local school teacher, and the Robinson family is just across the street.* My professor knew that the question *where is your church?* typically referred to a building, but he took every chance he could to remind his community that the church is a people and not merely a physical brick-and-mortar location.

There are three words for 'church' in the Bible. The first is a Greek word that is only used a few times, *kyriakos*, from which the Scottish people get the word kirk, which is translated into English as church. This word is typically in direct relation with the physical facility of a building.

The other two Greek words are *ekklesia* and *synagoge*, from which we get the words *ec-clesia* and *synagogue*. *Ekklesia* refers to the ones who are 'called out' and *synagoge* refers to the ones who are 'called together.'

In other words, we are the *ekklesia* because we are the ones who are identified and called out to serve and witness to Jesus Christ within the world. We are also the *synagoge* because we are the ones who are called together collectively to give praise and glory to the name of Jesus. I wonder though, do we see ourselves as such? Do we see ourselves as the ones who are called out and called together? Do we see ourselves as a people who are to be gathered together to give praise to God and then also sent out to give witness to God? Or do we see the church as a mere building that we occupy a few times a week for worship and maybe a Bible study or youth

group meeting?

This is all to say, at Mescalero Apache Reformed we desire to find a healthy balance of being the church and going to church. Of course, we want to see you at a Bible study or the youth group meeting, and then again on Sunday morning at 10:40 a.m. for communal worship, but we also hope to *be* the church throughout the week.

I hope and pray we can give witness to the love and hope of Jesus Christ in the ways we work for our employers, help our kids off get ready for school, and even go out for breakfast at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. I hope we can be called together on a regular basis for worship and fellowship just as the early church was, but at the exact same time I hope we can be called out in all we do in order to point others to Christ. So, join us as the called out and called together church who deeply desires to grow closer to

each other as we grow closer to Him.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Mark

Please know that you are always welcome to worship God and experience His mercy at Mescalero Reformed Church, as our arms (and our doors) are open to you if you are looking for a church home or just want to come visit.

Mescalero Reformed Church
336 Wardlaw Dr.
P.O. Box 188
Mescalero, NM
(575) 464-4471

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Mescalero Reformed Church Facebook
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Email us at
mescalerorc@gmail.com

Sunday Worship

9:30 - Sunday School
for all ages - Children
and Adults

10:40 - Worship

Opportunities for Fellowship and Encouragement

Women's Bible Study
- every Tuesday at
6:00 pm in the sanctu-

ary.

Women's Gathering -
every Wednesday at
9:00 am in the church
basement.

Men's Bible Study -
every Wednesday at
6:00 pm in the sanctu-
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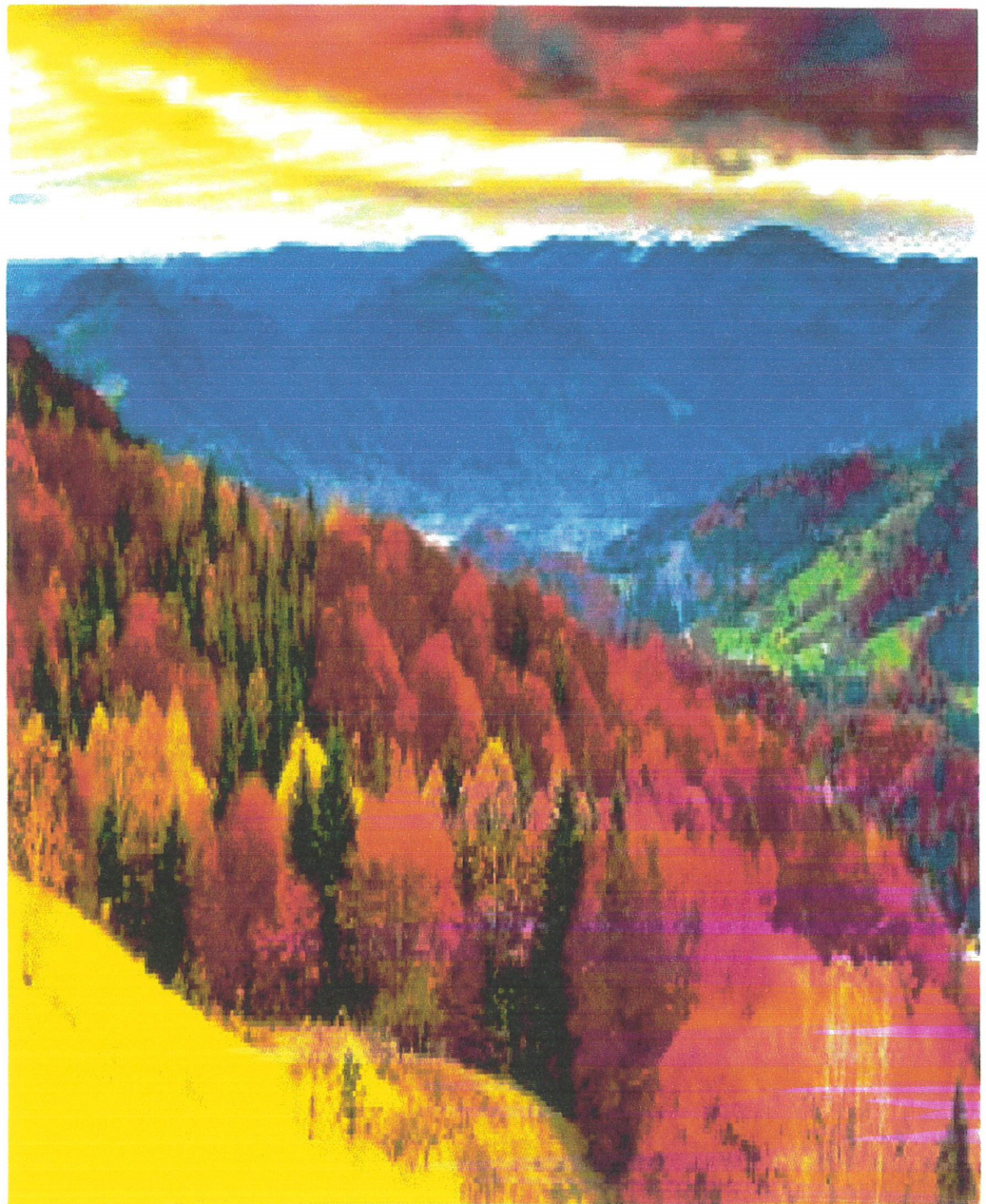
Youth Group for Middle and High School -
Monday at 6:00 pm.

Kids' Club - Thursday
at 3:15 pm.

Social Services Department and ICWA Program

Department News & Highlights

**Greetings from the Mescalero Apache Tribe
Social Services Department and ICWA Program
September is a beautiful month, nature changes in it colors
weather changes in its season.....enjoy!**



Mescalero Apache Social Service's

Telephone Number

(575) 464-2300

Fax Number

(575) 464-2301

Alta M. Branham, Acting Director of Social Services

Jessalyn Saenz, Social Worker

Indian Child Welfare Act ICWA Office

(575) 464-4334

Fax Number

(575) 464-0433

Augusta Williams, ICWA Case Manager

Mailing Address

Mescalero Social Services

P.O. Box 227

Mescalero, NM 88340

Physical Address

454 Lipan Avenue

Mescalero, NM 88340

WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT?

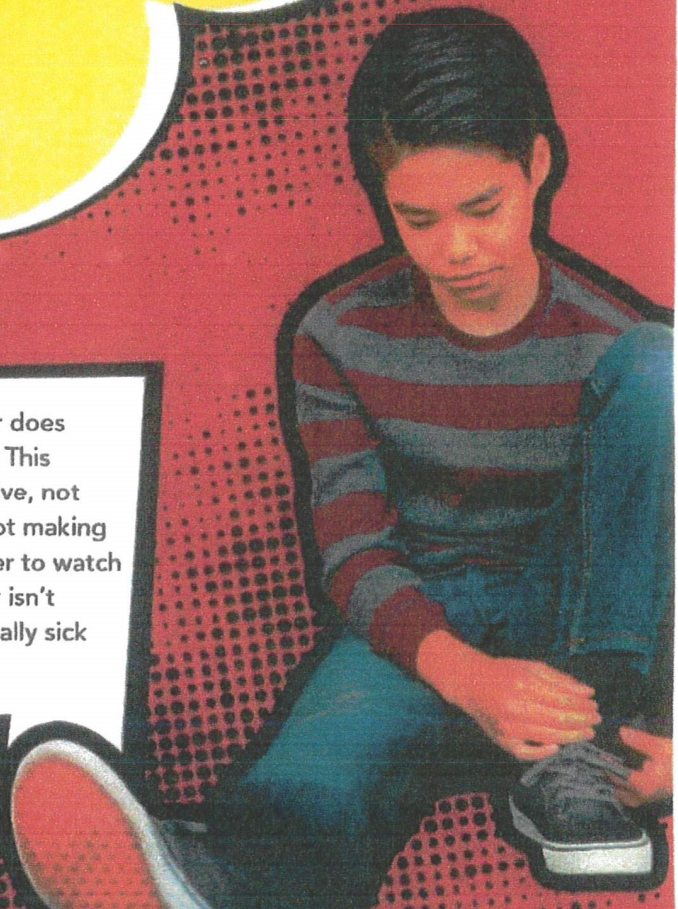
Child abuse or neglect is when a parent or other caregiver does something that harms—or will likely harm—a child. This also includes times when a parent or other caregiver fails to do things that will keep a child safe and healthy. Examples of child abuse and neglect are often organized into the **four categories** listed below:

- **Physical abuse** is when a parent or other caregiver seriously hurts or injures a child. This could include hitting a child with an object, burning a child, or in other ways purposely hurting a child. It doesn't include accidents, like if a parent tripped and fell on a child.

- **Neglect** is when a parent or other caregiver does not make sure a child's basic needs are met. This could include not providing a safe place to live, not providing enough food to stay healthy, or not making sure there is a trustworthy adult or babysitter to watch the child when the parent or other caregiver isn't home. It also could include not bringing a really sick child to the doctor.

- **Sexual abuse** is when a parent or other adult inappropriately touches a child or has a child inappropriately touch them. This includes touching "private" areas, but it also could include other things, like the adult taking or showing sexually inappropriate photos or videos to a child.

- **Emotional abuse** is when a parent or other caregiver repeatedly puts down, makes fun of, threatens, or ignores a child, as well as other things that harm a child's emotional health.



HOW DO I KNOW IF SOMEONE IS BEING ABUSED OR NEGLECTED?

It's often really hard—even for adults—to know if a child is being harmed. Sometimes we may see it happening with our own eyes, such as if we notice an adult hitting a child. But other times we may only see signs of what *could* be happening. These signs may mean a child is being hurt by an adult, but there could be other causes, too.

The list below gives a few signs that a child may be abused or neglected, but you should remember two things. First, a child who shows these signs may not necessarily be abused or neglected by an adult, but these signs may be reasons to be concerned and for you to talk with an adult. (This will be explained more later.) Second, this list is not complete. There are many other signs of abuse and neglect, too.

These are examples of signs a child may be abused or neglected or otherwise needs help:

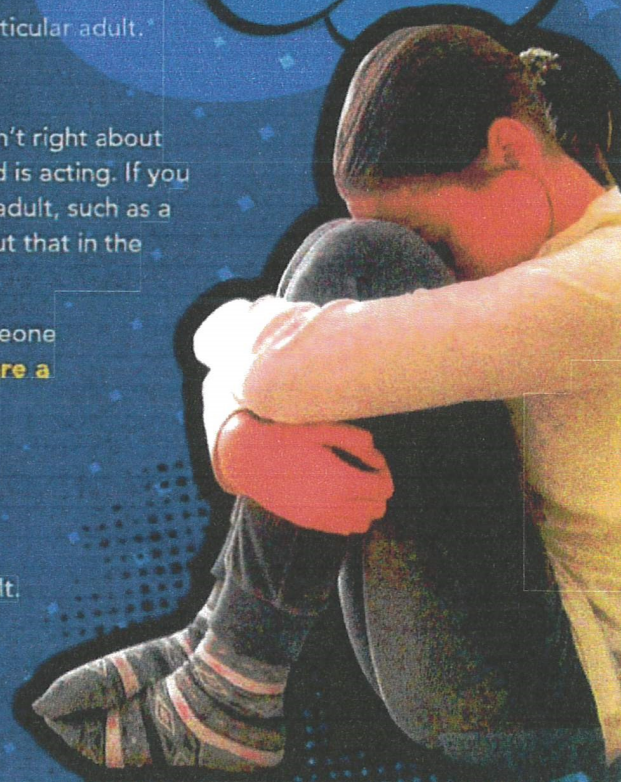
- The child has injuries (bruises, burns, cuts, etc.) that he or she can't or won't explain, or the explanation doesn't make sense.
- The child is frightened of his or her parents or other adults.
- The child hurts pets or other animals.
- The child spends a lot of time at home without a parent or other caregiver (if the child is young).
- The child uses alcohol or drugs.
- The child avoids going home or spending time with a particular adult.
- The child often comes to school in dirty clothes.

Sometimes you also may just get a feeling that something isn't right about how a parent or other caregiver treats a child or how a friend is acting. If you are concerned about someone, you should talk to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, or school counselor. We'll explain more about that in the next section.

The child also may tell you he or she is being harmed. If someone does tell you he or she is being abused or neglected, **here are a few tips about how you can react:**

- Listen to what the child has to say.
- Tell the child you care and want to help.
- Let the child know he or she is not alone.
- Let the child know what is happening is not his or her fault.
- Encourage the child to talk to a trusted adult to get help.

POSSIBLE
SIGNS



OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE

Here are answers to other questions that might come up in these situations:

Isn't telling someone else just tattling or snitching?

No. There's a big difference between *telling* someone about a child who is being hurt and *tattling*. Children usually tattlet to get another child in trouble for not following a rule. Telling someone about abuse or neglect—or even bullying—is about keeping a child safe. You aren't tattling when you report abuse or neglect to someone.

What will happen after I tell someone?

After you talk with a trusted adult or call a hotline, that person may contact a local agency, often called child protective services, or CPS. The workers at CPS are trained to help make sure that children and families are safe. When they receive a call, CPS workers *figure out* if they need to investigate. If so, they may talk with the family, the child, or others to help determine what's making the child unsafe. CPS workers can help parents or other caregivers get services, education, or other assistance so they can learn to better care for their children in their own homes. If a child is in danger at that moment or has been seriously hurt by a parent or other caregiver, the CPS worker may need to have the child stay with another relative or in foster care, which is a temporary home for the child to live. In these situations, the CPS worker will work with the family so that the child can return to live with the parent or other caregiver when CPS determines they will be safe and properly treated.

Will I get in trouble for telling someone?

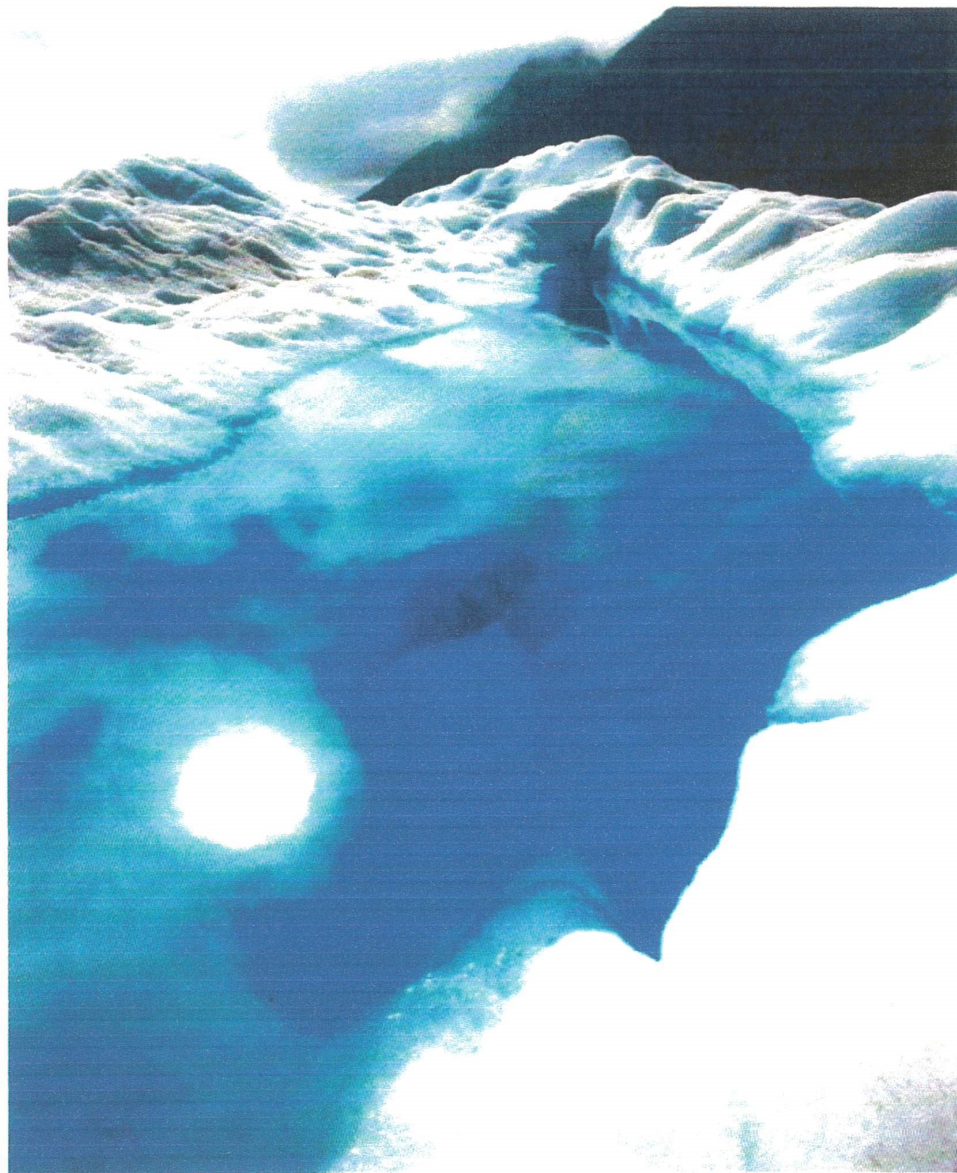
If you're being honest about what you've noticed, you won't get in trouble, even if the child was not actually being abused or neglected. You don't have to be absolutely sure about whether a child is being abused or neglected when you talk with someone about your concerns. You told someone because you really thought the child was in danger. However, if someone purposely lies to CPS when reporting abuse or neglect, they could get in trouble.

Will the other child get upset with me for telling someone else?

Children often tell each other secrets, or you may see or hear something that was supposed to be a secret. A friend or classmate may tell you they are being harmed and ask you not to tell anyone. When a child is being harmed, this is a secret that must be shared, and telling a trusted adult is the right move. It's possible the child could be upset you told, but he or she is probably feeling a lot of different emotions at that time. The child may feel scared because he or she is being hurt. The child may feel ashamed or embarrassed that someone else knows about what happened. The child may be confused because someone he or she cares about is harming them. The child may feel guilty because he or she told someone else about "family business." All these feelings are normal, but you should still tell someone. By talking with a trusted adult, you are showing the child that you care, and it could lead to the family getting help to keep everyone safe.

Why do parents abuse or neglect their children?

There are many reasons why a parent or other caregiver may abuse or neglect a child, but no matter what, it's never the child's fault. Adults who hurt children may have trouble controlling their anger. They also may not know about children's needs or have unrealistic expectations about how children grow and develop (for example, thinking a baby should be potty trained by age 1). Adults also may have problems—such as using drugs or having mental health issues—that affect how they make decisions. Of course, there are many other reasons an adult may abuse or neglect a child, and not every parent who has the problems mentioned here will harm their children. No matter the reason an adult harms a child, it is important that the family receives help to make sure it stops.



CHILD ABUSE/CHILD NEGLECT
BY
ALTA MAY BRANHAM

What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

This is one highly intense question; "What is Child Abuse and Neglect". There are many factors to what one person can describe child abuse/neglect. In general, when it was still known as nuclear families, child abuse and neglect were part of a generational role of raising children in their culture and it was considered acceptable. Families were more intact with discipline.

In this new generations with all the new laws and programs put in place has really identified Child Abuse & Neglect. You might be wondering why is it so important to understand this topic now; then it was then.

Well, come to find out there has been many research done throughout the country, and Indian country that in fact child abuse and neglect is a very critical issue that a household is experiencing behind closed doors. Finally, something broke to where laws needed to be implemented, and enforced where one be made accountable for their actions. This is where MAT Social Services become involved, to protect and safeguard our children.

Child abuse and Neglect is identified as one under the age of 18 years old by the parent, caregiver, or another in a custodial role which can be (clergy, coach, teacher and so forth).

As growing up a lot of us were raised with strict boundaries by either our parents, grandparents, or family; and looking back that was the way of our culture and traditions, we were always given advice or scolded by family members if we did wrong. A lot of those advised, we didn't see as abuse or neglect nor was it a big problem. However,

Our children today and with all the new technology in place (cell phones, computers), children need structure, clear boundaries and knowledge that their parents are looking out for their safety and well-being; and if they fail to do so, that's where MAT Social Services gets involved and actually all providers in our community need to step up and report incidents to Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement will immediately contact Social Services or visa versa, either way it is our duty to respond. We also will do welfare courtesy check to make sure that family is not in danger with their children. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, YOU KNOW SOMETHING, YOUR PERSON IS TELLING YOU SOMETHING Don't hesitate to do the right things. CALL YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

There are four common types of abuse.

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect

What is considered abuse?

Physical Abuse: is a child who is or has suffered, or there is a substantial risk that the child will suffer, serious physical harm inflicted non-accidentally upon a child by the child's parent or guardian.

Physical Abuse can be a slap, a bruise, knot on the head, a fist hit, harsh comment, child stone silent, hungry, signs of being scared when talked to, rejects quickly when approached; Any single act of abuse that causes physical trauma of sufficient severity that, if left untreated, unattended, would cause permanent physical disfigurement, permanent physical disability or death.

Sexual Abuse: A child is considered dependent if he or she has been sexually abused, there is a substantial risk that the child will be sexually abused by their parent, guardian, household member; or the parent or guardian has failed to adequately protect the child from sexual abuse when the parent or guardian knew or reasonably should have known that the child was in danger of sexual abuse.

Sexual abuse can be, touching, caressing, rubbing, rape, molestation, sodomy, lewd acts to child. Notice the child actions as walking, talking, interacting with other children, tend to themselves, twitches, jumps when approached. Also, there is behind closed doors that a child might be use for sexual videos, filming, posting on Facebook, Instagram, prostituting and acting out. Signs also show a child drawing negative, expletives pictures, horrific pictures, paintings of obscene sexual conduct.

Emotional Abuse: A child who is suffering serious emotional damage, or is at risk of suffering emotional damage, as evidenced by severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, as a result of the conduct of the parent or guardian.

Emotional abuse can be a constant belittling, shaming and humiliating a child(ren). Calling names and making negative remarks to the child(ren), making comets to the child(ren) that he or she is "no good", "worthless", "bad", or that "you were a mistake", frequent yelling, threatening, and be bullied. Ignoring, rejecting and giving them the silent treatment, punishing them for no reasons. Don't give your child(ren) love, hugs, kisses, signs of affections. Can also be exposing to the child violence and abuse to others in the household (mom, dad, siblings, friend, even pets).

What is abandonment?

Abandonment is a child who is left behind by their parents, guardians by themselves at home, left at a hotel, ceremonial grounds, feast, birthday parties, and intentionally and purposely left behind without any supervision, protection, guidance, for days, weeks and even months. Child(ren) left behind are trying to fed for themselves, for their younger

siblings. Some children are left on the streets, in housing areas with people they don't know, dropped off too babysitters, families.

With these four components of common types of abuse is what needs to be carefully looked at when you think there might be something wrong with that child(ren).

Identifying abuse and neglect can also be hard to identify; that is why one really needs to justify and evaluated what they see. every child is important, that makes very call made is important, every concern made is important, and every case sent to MAT Social Services is important.

With this pamphlet I encourage you to use as a guide.

WHO SHOULD BE REPORTING CHILD ABUSE HERE ON THE MESCALERO APACHE RESERVATION; are a few to name.

Medical Field

Physician
Dentist
Nurse
EMT's responders
CHR Program
Optometrist

Education Field

Teacher
School Counselor
Teacher's Aide
Bus Drivers
Principal
School Secretary
Truancy Officer

Other reporters

Child Day Care Center
Head start Teacher
Residential home facility
Family Counselor
Directors
Social Worker
Behavioral Health
Mental Health
BIA Law Enforcement
MAT Conservation Officers
Probation Officers

How is abuse reported? It can be any person who is aware or suspects child abuse or neglect; should immediately make an oral report BIA Law Enforcement or MAT Social Services.

Calls can be made at the following:

Mescalero Apache Tribe Social Services:
Alta Branham 575-937-4810,
Jessalyn Saenz 575-973-1477
BIA Law Enforcement 575-464-4479

Thank you.

In your own words and thoughts how would you define the following:

Physical abuse:

Neglect:

Sexual abuse:

Emotional Abuse:

Abandonment:



MISSION STATEMENT

The Department's mission is to provide quality
Services in a respectful culturally sensitive manner to
Promote individuals, family, and community stability
By supporting strengths, positive changes, and
Encouraging growth.





Primary goals

Protect Child Abuse & Neglect – Adult Protection



Social Service contract is performed under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act, Public Law 93-638. This contract enable the Mescalero Apache Tribe to administer its own Social Services delivery program consisting of: Child and Adult Protection and Welfare Services (CAPWS); as well as Financial Assistance (FAS). These services will be available to enrolled and eligible Indian Children, adults and families in the delivery area of the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The Tribal Social Services will be subject and to conducted in accordance with the **CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**.



This is are what Social Services Program primary duties are: Child & Adult Protection & Welfare Services (CAPWS). As Social Services Workers we respond to reports of child and adult abuse, neglect, and/or unsafe living situations. When SS receives a call from the Mescalero Law Enforcement, we respond by going to the residents. Law Enforcement will access and investigate the call and if course of action needs to be for the removeable of the child(ren), Social Services will be there to place the child(ren) with relatives, family. Same similar to Adult Protection, but, foremost to admit the elderly in a safe place which would be a Care Center Facility. This is to ensure that the child(ren), adult receive the necessary supportive services until the case has reached its conclusion. NOTE: a Law Enforcement Officer should always be present when there is a call for child/adult abuse/neglect cases.





General Assistance, is a program to eligible Indian clients meeting the eligibility criteria in accordance with funding regulations and policies. The Objective is to help to increase self-sufficiency to provide essential needs including food, clothing, shelter, and utilities when one is in a financial hardship. And all resources have to be exhausted, this is used as a secondary resource. You will need fill out an application at MAT Social Services office and once your application is completely filled out; it will be stamped in; reviewed and sent out for verification before a determination is made for acceptance to the program.



Burial Assistance (BA) is to provide funds to assist with burial expenses for eligible, decreased, indigent community members when other resources are not available. To help families in need of services who may reside here on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation but maybe an enrolled member of another recognized tribe. That family will need to fill out an application through the MAT Social Services office. Receiving and reviewing applications for assistance to determine eligibility.



Child Assistance program falls under the MAT Foster Care, Relative Care Program. Foster Care/Relative Program is opened to tribal enrolled members. MAT Social Services will place the child(ren) with in a Foster Care home or with a relative within the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Foster Care is when a child(ren) become a ward of the court and placed in the care, control, and supervision of MAT Social Services through the Mescalero Tribal Court. Foster Care Homes & Parents have to have an application in order to receive stipend monthly payments. Guardianship Program also falls under Child Assistance, the only thing is if one is granted custody from the Tribal Courts, they can apply for Guardianship through the MAT Social Services, however, this is not a direct order from the courts given guardianship the care, control and supervision through MAT Social Services.



Individual Indian Monies (IIM) is to hold monies in trust for eligible community tribal members. This can be when one turns 18 years old and a trust fund is reserved for them, or one that has land, oil leases and are incompetent to handle their financial status and needs a payee usually ordered by the court.



Other resources that MAT Social Services listed:

Emergency Assistance is for eligible community members with the intent of assisting with losses due to disasters and/or other emergencies in the absence of resources. Applications can be filled out at the MAT Social Services office.

Adult Care Assistance is for eligible community members to provide non-medical personal care or supervision that may be required due to aging, physical condition and mental impairment or others concerns. Applications can be filled out at the MAT Social Services office.



In Summary MAT Social Services provides services to the community of the Mescalero Apache Tribal members and enrolled Federal Recognized Tribe.

Child and Adult Protection and Welfare Services (CAPWS)

Financial Services:

- General Assistant (GA)
- Burial Assistant (BA)
- Foster Care & Family Assistant (FC)
- Guardianship Assistant (GDS)
- IIM Account Assistant (IIM)
- Emergency Assistant (EM)
- Adult Care Assistant (ACD)





Alta M. Branham, Acting Director of
MAT Social Services Program
454 Lipan Avenue
Mescalero, NM 88340
575-937-4810

abranham@mescaleroapachetribe.com



Child Care & Development Fund Program

Financial Assistance

Located at 251A School Circle, Mescalero, NM 88340

Financial Assistance for Child Care Services

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The CCDF Program Offers financial assistance with child care to qualified Native American families of a federally recognized tribe. The assistance is available at three center-based child care centers located on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, also with an approved In-Home Provider of parent/guardian choice.

The program is available to parents/guardians working, in training or attending an educational facility.

A completed applications with original signatures will need to be submitted in person to the CCDF Monitor at the Mescalero Child Development Center Office to be considered.

Applications for the CCDF Program can be picked up at the Mescalero, Carrizo Child Development Centers and the IMG Team Member Child Care Center.

We are only requesting information from immediate family; with limited housing we will not require all household information.

Ages for child care assistance are six (6) weeks through twelve (12) years of age. There are consideration for children up to the age of 18.

For more information regarding the CCDF-Child Care and Development Fund Program, please contact Toni Little-CCDF Monitor or Dannalyn Blake, Child Care Director/CCDF Coordinator.





Four Directions Treatment & Recovery Center

~Sober Living~

Four Directions Treatment & Recovery Center is located on the Mescalero reservation and is open to persons seeking sobriety and healthier living for in-patient and out-patient treatment for federally recognized members. The program is a no-cost 90-day Inpatient and Outpatient services.

Our Substance Abuse Clinical Services include:

Group Counseling
Substance Abuse Education
Relationships Group
Anger Management
Stress Management
Parenting Classes
Process Group
Relapse Prevention
Step Presentation
Family Series
Spiritual
Individual Counseling
12-Step Study
Acu-Detox
Traditional Group
Case Management
Screening/Assessments
Life Skills Education
Health Education
Referral Services
Adult Inpatient Substance Abuse —90 day program
Alcoholic Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous
Wellbriety
After Care Treatment

Admission Criteria

The key to successful treatment is the initial evaluation and assessment of the client by treatment professionals. The determination for admission to the program is based upon an initial assessment and the following criterion:

- A potential client must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Pueblo and proof of enrollment, such as a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) is required
- Have a DSM 5 diagnosis of Chemical Dependency
- Medically Stable and a physical exam is required prior to admission
- Adult in-patient program are at least age 18.
- Client exhibits adequate control over his/her behavior(s) and is not deemed an immediate danger to self or others

Request for Admission Paperwork: Mandy Chico, File Clerk
Office: 575-464-4433 Fax: 575-464-4331
Email: mchico@mescaleroapachetribe.com

THE FACTS ABOUT

FENTANYL

FENTANYL FACTS

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.¹

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There are two types of fentanyl: pharmaceutical fentanyl and illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Both are considered synthetic opioids. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, especially after surgery and for advanced-stage cancer. However, most recent cases of fentanyl-related overdose are linked to illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.

ILLICITLY MANUFACTURED FENTANYL

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF) is available on the drug market in different forms, including liquid and powder¹. Fentanyl-laced drugs are extremely dangerous, and many people may be unaware that their drugs are laced with fentanyl.



Powdered fentanyl looks just like many other drugs. It is commonly mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into pills that are made to resemble other prescription opioids.



In its **liquid form**, IMF can be found in nasal sprays, eye drops, or dropped onto paper like small candies.

Street Names for Fentanyl

- Apache
- Dance Fever
- Friend
- Goodfellas
- Jackpot
- Murder 8
- Tango & Cash¹

DRUGS DO NOT COME WITH

AN INGREDIENTS LIST.

MANY CONTAIN DEADLY

DOSES OF FENTANYL.

FENTANYL AND OVERDOSE

Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths.¹ Even in small doses, it can be deadly.

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Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.²

Drugs may contain deadly levels of fentanyl, and you wouldn't be able to see it, taste it, or smell it. It is nearly impossible to tell if drugs have been laced with fentanyl unless you test your drugs with fentanyl testing strips. Testing strips are inexpensive, typically give results within 5 minutes, and can be the difference between life or death. Even if the test is negative, caution should be taken as test strips might not detect more potent fentanyl-like drugs, like carfentanil.³

SIGNS OF OVERDOSE

Recognizing the signs of opioid overdose can save a life. Here are some things to look for:

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Limp body
- Slow, weak, or no breathing
- Cold, clammy, and/or discolored skin

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS OVERDOSING

It may be hard to tell whether a person is high or experiencing an overdose. If you aren't sure, it's best to treat the situation like an overdose—you could save a life.

1

Call 911 immediately.*

2

Administer naloxone,** if available.

3

Try to keep the person awake and breathing.

4

Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.

5

Stay with them until emergency workers arrive.

1. Wilson N, Karlise M, Seth P, Smith H 4th, Davis NL. Drug and opioid-involved overdose deaths—United States, 2017–2018. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2020;69:290–7. 10.15585/mmwr.mm6911e4

2. NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates for 2020 are based on provisional data. Estimates for 2015–2019 are based on final data (available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.html>).

3. Borgh, Marianne Skov-Skov et al. "Selectivity and sensitivity of urine fentanyl test strips to detect fentanyl analogues in illicit drugs." *The International journal on drug policy* vol. 90 (2021): <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2020.103005>

* Most states have laws that may protect a person who is overdosing or the person who called for help from legal trouble.
 ** Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdose and save lives. It is available in all 50 states and can be purchased from a local pharmacy without a prescription in most states.





Preventing Suicide

Suicide is a leading cause of death.

Suicide is death caused by injuring oneself with the intent to die. A suicide attempt is when someone harms themselves with any intent to end their life, but they do not die as a result of their actions.

Many factors can increase the risk for suicide or protect against it. Suicide is connected to other forms of injury and violence. For example, people who have experienced violence, including child abuse, bullying, or sexual violence have a higher suicide risk. Being connected to family and community support and having easy access to healthcare can decrease suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

Suicide is a serious public health problem.

Suicide rates increased approximately 36% between 2000–2021. Suicide was responsible for 48,183 deaths in 2021, which is about one death every 11 minutes. The number of people who think about or attempt suicide is even higher. In 2021, an estimated 12.3 million American adults seriously thought about suicide, 3.5 million planned a suicide attempt, and 1.7 million attempted suicide.

Suicide affects people of all ages. In 2021, suicide was among the top 9 leading causes of death for people ages 10-64. Suicide was the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-14 and 20-34.

Some groups have higher suicide rates than others. Suicide rates vary by race/ethnicity, age, and other factors, such as where someone lives. By race/ethnicity, the groups with the highest rates are non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native people followed by non-Hispanic White people. Other Americans with higher-than-average rates of suicide are veterans, people who live in rural areas, and workers in certain industries and occupations like mining and construction. Young people who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual have higher prevalence of suicidal thoughts and behavior compared to their peers who identify as heterosexual.



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If you or someone you know is in crisis, please contact the
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

- Call or text 988
- Chat at 988lifeline.org

Connect with a trained crisis counselor. 988 is confidential, free, and available 24/7/365. Visit the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for more information at 988lifeline.org.



Suicide has far-reaching impacts.

Suicide and suicide attempts cause serious emotional, physical, and economic impacts. People who attempt suicide and survive may experience serious injuries that can have long-term effects on their health. They may also experience depression and other mental health concerns.

Suicide and suicide attempts affect the health and well-being of friends, loved ones, co-workers, and the community. When people die by suicide, their surviving family and friends may experience prolonged grief, shock, anger, guilt, symptoms of depression or anxiety, and even thoughts of suicide themselves.

The financial toll of suicide on society is also costly. In 2020, suicide and nonfatal self-harm cost the nation over \$500 billion in medical costs, work loss costs, value of statistical life, and quality of life costs.

Suicide can be prevented.

Suicide is preventable and everyone has a role to play to save lives and create healthy and strong individuals, families, and communities. Suicide prevention requires a comprehensive public health approach.

CDC developed the [Suicide Prevention Resource for Action](#), which provides information on the best available evidence for suicide prevention. States and communities can use the Prevention Resource to help make decisions about suicide prevention activities. Strategies range from those designed to support people at increased risk to a focus on the whole population, regardless of risk.

Strategies to Prevent Suicide



Strengthen economic supports

- Improve household financial security
- Stabilize housing



Create protective environments

- Reduce access to lethal means among persons at risk of suicide
- Create healthy organizational policies and culture
- Reduce substance use through community-based policies and practices



Improve access and delivery of suicide care

- Cover mental health conditions in health insurance policies
- Increase provider availability in underserved areas
- Provide rapid and remote access to help
- Create safer suicide care through systems change



Promote healthy connections

- Promote healthy peer norms
- Engage community members in shared activities



Teach coping and problem-solving skills

- Support social-emotional learning programs
- Teach parenting skills to improve family relationships
- Support resilience through education programs



Identify and support people at risk

- Train gatekeepers
- Respond to crises
- Plan for safety and follow-up after an attempt
- Provide therapeutic approaches



Lessen harms and prevent future risk

- Intervene after a suicide (postvention)
- Report and message about suicide safely

988 Life line for New Mexicans

New Mexico's 988 24/7 lifeline for emotional, mental or substance misuse support crisis lines offers free 365 days/24 hour/7days week calling, texting and chat access to trained crisis counselors. These crisis counselors can help people who are experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis or any other kind of emotional stress.

Also, if a person is worried about a Loved one who needs crisis support, they can contact the 988 crisis line. Reasons to call 988 could be if you are

- *concerned about safety
- *having a hard time
- *feeling hopeless, confused, angry, or lonely
- *worried about alcohol or drug abuse
- *in need of information or referrals or local community services
- *in need of discussing with someone an issue that you want to discuss with someone outside of the current situation.

988 has language interpretation. For the hearing, speech impaired callers there is a 24-hour service that allows equal communication access through the phone for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech disabled. For more information visit www.988nm.org

Either Call, Text or Chat with 988

When you **CALL** you are given 3 options:

- 1) Press 1 to connect with the Veterans Crisis line.
- 2) Press 2 to connect with the LGBTQ under 25 years
- 3) Stay on the line to be connected to the Crisis Center.

Today many New Mexicans call from a cell phone that does not have a New Mexico area code. If your phone has an area code from a different state, know that your responder will be from the area code of your phone. If you wish to speak to a New Mexico crisis center responder, they will help you with that request.

TEXT or CHAT

*You can text "TALK" to 988 and be connected to crisis centers equipped to respond to texts. When you text 988, they ask you to connect with a counselor by accepting their terms and replying YES.

*A CHAT line is available through Lifeline's website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat>.



Call, Text, or Message

988

For Mental Wellness

Reasons to call or text 988:

Feeling sad, confused, or angry?

Worried about your safety or someone you know?



MESCALERO MONTESSORI

Classes will start on
September 25, at 8:15

*"The hands help the development of the intellect.
When a child is capable of using his hands, he can
have a quantity of experiences in the environment
through using them. In order to develop his
consciousness, then his intellect, and then his will,
he must have exercises and experiences."
~Maria Montessori*

Five Tribal Communities in New Mexico to Receive \$98 Million

Will Help Meet Goal to Bring High-Quality ECE to All 3- and 4-Year-Olds
Kim Baca, Public Policy September 12, 2023



Last week marked a historic moment for New Mexico in celebration of big strides in Tribal Relations and the PreK expansion. The events emphasized the importance of recognizing their tribal sovereignty and the unique needs of their language, culture and traditions infused in their programs. Photo: New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department.

Native American parents in five tribal communities in New Mexico are celebrating more options in early childhood education as the state has awarded \$98 million to the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Pueblo of Nambé, the Navajo Nation and the To'Hajiilee Chapter of the Navajo Nation. The Pueblo of Tesuque, which was part of a

pilot project, will continue and expand its pre-K program.

Cotillion Sneddy, Early Childhood Education and Care Department assistant secretary for Native American Early Education and Care, said the funding is part of the state's goal of providing universal, free pre-K throughout New Mexico.

"This is the first phase of trying to meet our goal that every 3- and 4-year-old have access to high-quality early childhood education no matter where they live, their background and their geological location in New Mexico," Sneddy said. "Children 3- and 4-years-old need to be in school learning an early childhood curriculum, and be socialized in an environment that

supports their early learning development."

In 2022, voters in New Mexico approved a constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to an early childhood education and increased the permanent school fund to finance the initiative to fulfill Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's campaign promise to provide free, statewide pre-K. A state legislative finance committee estimated that 104% or more than \$110 million in funding has been made available after voter approval. Pre-K teacher pay and the number of instructional hours have increased as part of the governor's initiative.

Many sites statewide began offering free pre-K this fall, which has no income requirements and focuses on academic progression. The state in April estimated that nearly 22,000 children were to be enrolled in pre-K this fall.

The multiyear funding for tribes helped increase instructional hours, expand class-

room attendance, fund new and existing positions, and, in one case, create a new pre-K program. Through a state-tribal intergovernmental agreement that respects tribal sovereignty, or the right to govern themselves as nations, tribes had an opportunity to apply for funding and utilize it how it best fit their communities.

"It wasn't something that the State of New Mexico said we'll give you this funding and you have to do this, this and this. Of course, there are certain requirements for a regular early childhood program but the specifics of what curriculum they can use and what assessment that they can use was all up to the tribal communities," Sneddy said.

Educators with the Mescalero Apache Tribe in Southern New Mexico plan to open a Montessori school, which will incorporate the educational method of self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play with the Apache language and culture. Mescalero Montessori will open on September 20 with eight students whose parents secured spots after entering a lottery.

Rosario Dick, Mescalero's Early Childhood director who will also be the Montessori teacher, said she plans on phasing in teachers to grow the program annually by having assistants in the classroom who will then have their own classroom the following year.

Though there are two Head Start programs on the reservation, families are limited by federal income guidelines and the teacher-student ratio. There also aren't enough teachers to fill a classroom, and many families are on a wait list. Mescalero is also between two school districts that are about 20 miles away. But some parents like Christina Byers-Hoahwah didn't want her son who recently turned 3 to be bussed that far, especially when he has speech delays.

"I really like the Montessori approach and the classroom size would be smaller than Head Start," Byers-Hoahwah said. "He was in a classroom with 12 children and it was too much for him at this developmental stage now."

Dick said the new school gives parents in

the rural community another option, as well as strengthening Mescalero's sovereign ability to continue to plan for the future of their youth.

"It's enriching their culture at such a young age, and hopefully they'll take Apache classes in elementary all the way up to high school," she said. "It's a sizable population but in that small time frame it could easily disappear. This is starting early to preserve the culture and language before it dissipates and disappears."

New partnership helps Mescalero Apache tribal kids get needed services

By Karla Sosa, September 6, 2023

NEW MEXICO (KRQE) - A new partnership between the Mescalero Apache Tribe and Eastern New Mexico University is helping tribal kids get much needed services. The tribe only has one speech pathologist working with nearly a dozen kids.

More than half of them need some form of speech therapy, leaving their one speech pathologist overwhelmed. "We currently have one speech therapist and it's also via telehealth, but it's just a little too much. If we keep providing the once a week majority of the 11 children get the services it is a little too much for her," said Rosario Dick, Mescalero Apache Early Childhood Program Director.

With a national shortage of speech language pathologists, the Mescalero Apache Early Childhood Program was looking for a way to take some of the load off their specialist. That's why they're teaming up with ENMU. The new partnership will not just provide therapy for

those kids in need but will also benefit students enrolled in the Communicative Disorders Program.

Suzanne Swift, Professor of Communicative Disorders, Graduate Program Director and Coordinator said four ENMU students have been selected for the program. Each session will be done through video conference calls. "All of the students providing services to the Mescalero Apache Tribe will be supervised by a senior speech language pathologist," said Swift.

The university said this is the first time they've partnered up with a tribe. All of the students who were selected to be part of this partnership went through a background check.



MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: PT Cook
Department: Early Childhood Program- Mescalero Montessori
Employment Status: Non-Exempt **Grade:** NE4
Opening Date: September 13, 2023 **Closing Date:** September 29, 2023

Job Summary

Prepares and cooks/bakes food. Maintains cleanliness of food preparation areas, kitchen, utensils, and equipment. Plans daily/weekly/monthly menus in accordance with USDA guidelines and regulations. Ensures all safety and food handling are in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

This part-time position description may not include all of the listed duties, nor do all of the listed examples include all tasks which may be found or assigned to this position.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Prepares food items with nutritional value and flavor according to standardized recipes and pre-planned menus.
- Prepares meals for the program participants.
- Prepares special meals for those with dietary restrictions.
- Ensures food preparation meet USDA regulations.
- Ensures all prepared food items are stored, served, and distributed at appropriate temperature with proper sanitation conditions implemented by the departmental policy and procedures.
- Prepares serving containers/trays and includes portioned serving utensils as recommended by the USDA; substitute's food requests and supplemental nourishments as directed.
- Coordinates cooking and set-up for trays according to scheduled service and delivery times.
- Maintains equipment and work area according to facility standards and federal, state, tribal and local regulations.
- Cleans and sanitizes dining room chairs, tables and food tray carts after each meal.
- Checks in food deliveries and stores properly to prevent contamination.
- Operates dishwasher with proper tools for pre-rinse, pre-soak, sorting and racking of all dishes, all other food service items to and ensures cleanliness, free of stains, cracks and chips.
- Orders food and supplies, maintaining proper store and care of food items and supplies.
- Conducts inventory, date and rotation food in both refrigerator/freezer and in the dry food storage.
- Keeps daily meal counts, log daily refrigerator and freezer temperatures.
- Will do grocery shopping for the program and shelf and stock accordingly upon return to kitchen.
- Sanitizes and ensure heavy duty cleaning for entire kitchen and equipment.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED.
- One year food service and cooking experience.
- Food Handlers Certification.
- First Aid and CPR Certified.
- Driving experience preferred.

- Must have a valid NM Driver's License.
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Must successfully pass a pre-employment and random drug/alcohol screen and background investigation.
- Must have a negative Tuberculosis Test.

Tribal preference and Native American Indian preference shall apply to all positions.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of applicable federal, state, tribal, county and local laws, regulations, and requirements and guidelines.
- Knowledge in preparing well-balanced and nutritious meals.
- Knowledge of proper and safe food handling, storage, and disposal requirements.
- Knowledge of food sanitation and hygiene practices.
- Skill in operating various word-processing, spreadsheets, and database software programs in a Windows environment.
- Skill in preparing food for groups of young children.
- Skill in handling sharp knives, and other cutting utensils.
- Ability to exercise independent judgment.
- Ability to interpret applicable federal, state, county and local laws, regulations, and requirements.
- Ability to work independently and meet strict time lines.
- Ability to analyze situations and adopt appropriate courses of action.
- Ability to communicate efficiently and effectively both verbally and in writing
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with the individuals of varying social and cultural backgrounds
- Ability to safely operate cooking equipment and kitchen appliances.

Physical Demands

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly is required to stand; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; talk or hear; and taste or smell. The employee frequently is required to walk. The employee occasionally is required to climb or balance; and stand; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 40 pounds.

Work Environment

Work is generally performed in an interior work environment and kitchen area with exposure to heat, fumes and steam. Evening, weekend, and/or holiday work may be required. Extended hours and irregular shifts may be required.

SEPTEMBER



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MESCALERO APACHE
TRIBE**

Mescalero Boys & Girls Club has been busy these few weeks of September. We kicked off the 1st day of the month by taking our Club kids to the Mescalero Prevention Program for their "Ice Cream Social".

We also helped with cooking on the 1st day of the Mescalero Blessing Feast on Sept. 5th.

In addition, a few of our MBGC staff will be representing our Club at the Native Learning Event of Boys & Girls Club of America in Las Vegas, NV this month.



Our Club members made lanyards to gift others from different Native Clubs for the Native Learning Event in Las Vegas, NV.



2023



**Paulina Alexis 'AKA' Willie
Jack from Reservation Dogs**



**Staff at the Back 2 School
Summit @ IMG**



**A Huge "Thank You!" to Aaron Beltran and his Volunteers,
as well as some of our Staff for painting a mural in our Club.
We greatly appreciate their time and effort!**

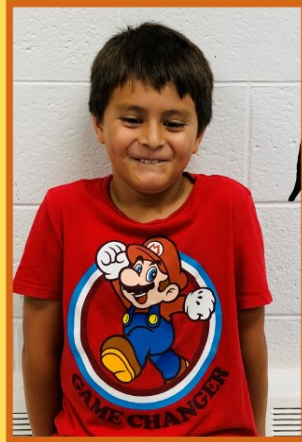


September

Student's of the Month
August 2023



Skylynn



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*August Employee of the
Month 2023*



Michlene

DID YOU KNOW??

Today, Boys & Girls Clubs of America is the largest Native youth service provider in the nation, with more than 227 Clubs reaching over 120,000 Native youth in American Indian, Alaska Native, American Samoan, and Hawaiian tribal communities.

Barbie from the Wellness Center came to visit our Club kids to do some exercises with them!



Our Club kids are visiting the Elders @ the Elderly Center! Our theme for the month is Honoring our Elders!



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MESCALERO APACHE
TRIBE**

**MESCALERO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WILL BE HAVING SOME EXCITING
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS. KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR FUTURE FLYERS!!**

The Living Sober Group

Open AA meeting

"Helping each other to stay sober"



Every Thursday Evenings



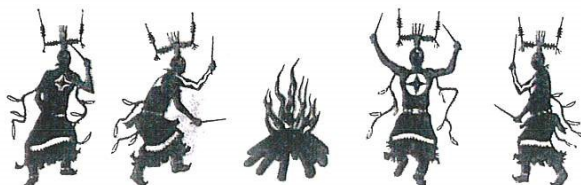
5pm to 6pm

Mescalero Diabetes Program Building

474 Mescal Loop Mescalero, NM

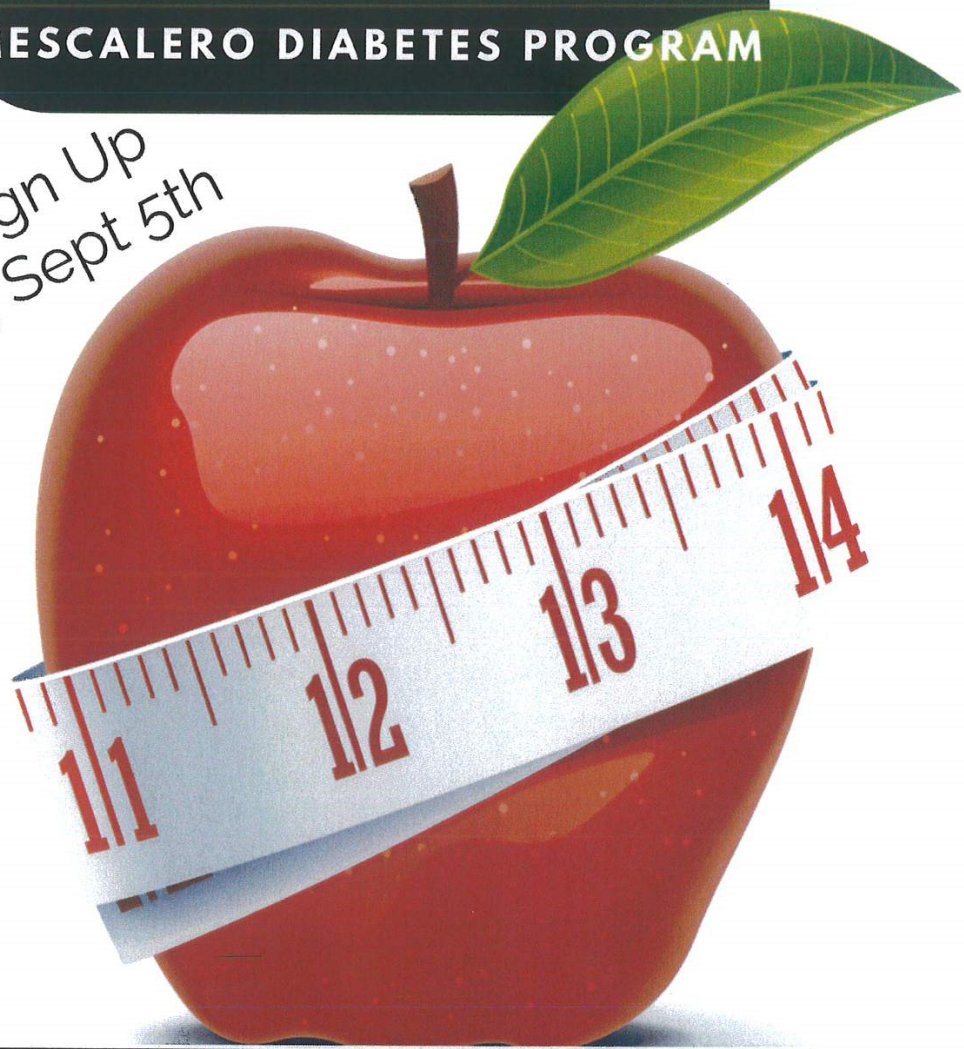
Call (575) 937-0151 for any questions or leave a message

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know
the difference.*



MESCALERO DIABETES PROGRAM

Teams Sign Up
Starting Sept 5th



TEAM WEIGHT LOSS *Challenge*

Sept. 11 thru Oct. 27, 2023

\$20.00 Entry Fee Per Team-Cash Prizes Split Male/Female Lose The Most Weight
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams Incentives-\$1.00 For Pound(s) Gained-Team Name!

Call 464-6383 For More Information

Adult Cooking Classes

LEARN TO GRILL OUTDOORS!

OCTOBER 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2023

4:30 TO 6:00 P.M.

SIGN UP FOR CLASSES
SEPT 25-29, 2023

MESCALERO
DIABETES
PROGRAM

LIMIT 20 PEOPLE!

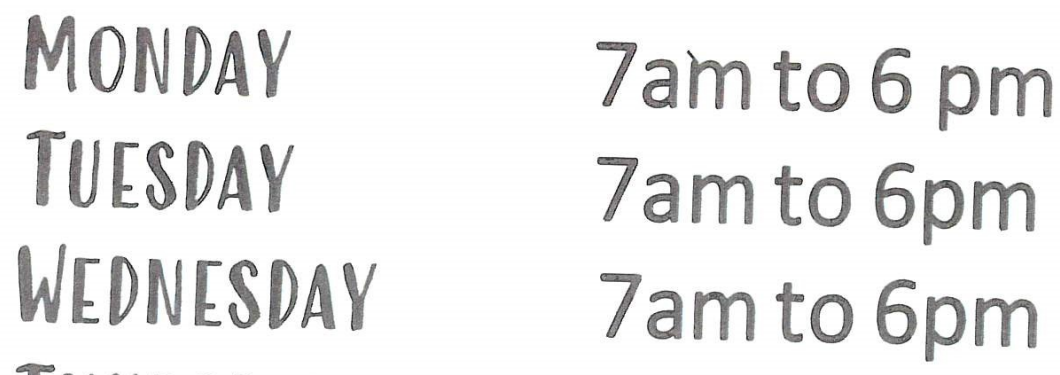
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EXERCISE AND EAT RIGHT





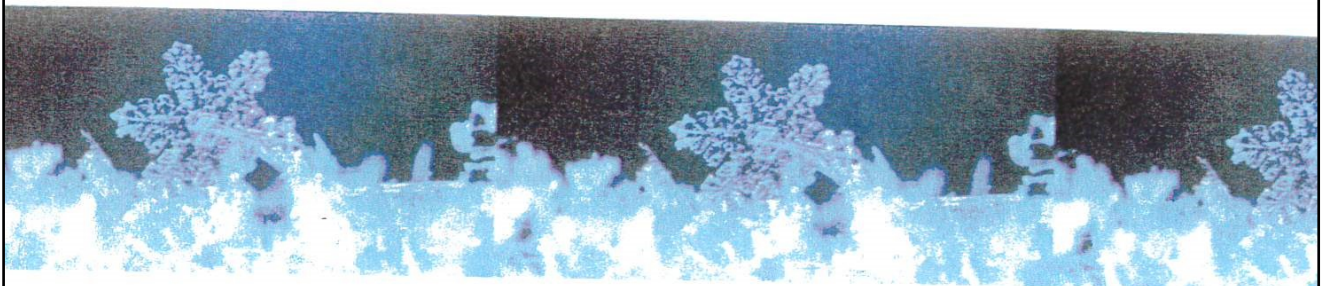
MESCALERO FITNESS CENTER



MONDAY	7am to 6 pm
TUESDAY	7am to 6pm
WEDNESDAY	7am to 6pm
THURSDAY	7am to 6pm
FRIDAY	7am to 5pm



Closed weekends/holidays
12 years & over only
(575)464-4368



Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery

News & Activities: July–September 2023 submitted by Shelley Belin, Hatchery Manager

The Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery raises only rainbow trout. Rainbow trout are raised at the hatchery from egg to hatchling, to adult size. A 10-inch trout is considered an adult and that is the size the hatchery will start stocking them into lakes and streams. Rainbow trout are a fast-growing trout and are low maintenance, but because the fish at the hatchery are raised exclusively in concrete rearing tanks, they do require daily feeding by staff. They also require their tanks and raceways to be cleaned daily to prevent waste build-up which can harm the fish.

Part of the daily cleaning and feeding of the rainbow trout at the hatchery is to continually observe the water and the behavior of the fish. Rainbow trout need good water quality for survival and growth. Water from 5 natural springs flow through spring catchments and enter the hatchery starting in the tank house. The tank house holds 16 concrete tanks. Water quality data is collect-

ed daily for each tank. If mortalities are observed, they are counted and recorded. Accurate records of water quality and fish mortality numbers help staff recognize if an event is going to take place and prepare steps to take to prevent any further loss of fish. This includes sending sample of live fish to the Fish Health Center in Dexter, NM.

Another important observation that the staff make daily is to ensure the water through column aerators is free-flowing.



Column aerators are filled with small plastic “koke rings” and topped with a plastic mesh screen. The koke rings have small holes through them. This allows for the break-up of incoming gasses such as nitrogen and carbon dioxide that can be dangerous to fish health. The koke rings also allow for oxygen to be created as it enters the fish tanks. When cleaning the column aerators, the water to the tanks must be shut off. Freshwater fish such as the rainbow trout need constant flowing of water and oxygen to survive and avoid stressful situations. That is why an emergency plug is pulled to keep water flowing into tanks. It is a quick process to switch out clean koke rings re-set the column aerators. Generally, fish are taken off feed for the day when there is any activity involving handling them or that could affect slight changes in water quality.



SNARRC (Southwest Native Aquatic Resource and Recovery Center) spent 2 days at the hatchery presenting to the staff on fish health. The instructors were Mr. Huseyin Kucuktas and Mr. Jason Woodland,

both fisheries biologists, specializing in fish parasites, viruses, bacteria. The information they provided was directly related to the health of freshwater fish at the hatchery. SNARRC went over diseases common to

rainbow trout. They also went over what observations to make about the fish that could indicate a health issue. We appreciate SNARRC being able to travel to Mescalero to offer this training to the fish hatchery staff!



Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
PO Box 190 / 234 Trout Loop
Mescalero NM 88340
Office: 575-464-8768

Mescalero BIA Law Enforcement recognizes Tribal employee



BIA Law Enforcement recognized Mescalero Roads Department employee Lorenzo Saenz.

Mr. Saenz has assisted Law Enforcement in coming out on short notice to clear roadways during storms.

Mr. Saenz also assisted in trouble shooting a generator during the 2023 Fourth of July Feast.

Lorenzo's assistance is greatly appreciated.

Chief James Vepley

Only \$5 **Haunted** Only \$5
Per **House!** Per
Person! Person!

TWO NIGHTS ONLY!!!

**Friday, October 27th &
Saturday, October 28th 2023
(7pm to 12am Midnight!)**

**Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
presents:
Psychotic Sanctum!!!**

Join us as we host our 5th annual Haunted House here at the
Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery!

Are you crazy enough to be admitted?
...We sure are!!!

"The Doctor will see you now... IF YOU DARE!!!"

PARKING IS LIMITED!!!

~All profits will be used for our MTFH Christmas party!~



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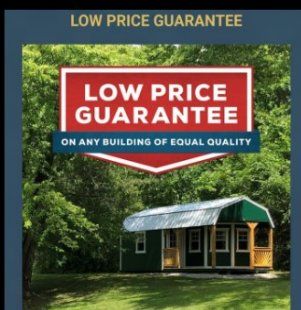


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- ☒ **PLAYHOUSE**
- ☒ **UTILITY**
- ☒ **LOFTED BARN**



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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS ARE NOW PART OF REGULAR SCHEDULES

COVID-19 Vaccinations are now included with regular immunization schedules for children and adults.



Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you or your children are up to date with your immunizations.



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Call Directory—Tribal Departments & Programs

Administration Offices	464-4494
Accounting	464-9251
Boys & Girls Club-Mescalero	464-9212
Boys & Girls Club-Carrizo	464-6814
Care Center	464-4802
Cattle Growers	464-4703
Child Care Center-Mescalero	464-9224
Child Care Center-Carrizo	464-3000
CHR	464-9256
Center Maintenance	464-9260
Conservation Law Enforcement	464-9323
Cultural Center & Museum	464-9254
DRMP	464-4711
Early Childhood	464-9328
Education	464-4500
Elderly Center	464-1614
Emergency Management	464-4711
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)	464-9216
Fence Crew	464-4711
Fire & Rescue	464-3473
Fish Hatchery	464-8768
Fitness Center	464-4368
Sawmill	464-4720
Four Directions Treatment & Recovery (<i>Rehab</i>)	464-4432

Gas Company	464-4323
Head Start-Mescalero	464-9183
Head Start-Carrizo	464-3492
Health Ed./Diabetes Program	464-6383
Historic Preservation	464-3005
Housing	464-9235
Housing Warehouse	464-9159
Human Resources	464-9276
Land Office	464-4974
Language Program	464-2152
Library	464-5010
MATI	464-4039
Parks & Recreation	464-2988
Patient Benefits	464-9232
Prosecutor's Office	464-9205
Prevention Program	464-4516
Public Defender's	464-9213
Social Services	464-9328
Swimming Pool	464-9248
Tribal Court	464-0414
Tribal Maintenance	464-9289
Tribal Roads	464-4311
Tribal Store	464-9319
Tribal Utilities	464-0254
VAWA	464-0079
WIOA	464-9217

Call Directory—Most Used Numbers

Assembly of God	464-4747
Baptist Church	464-4659
Reformed Church	464-4471
St. Joseph's Mission	464-4473
BIA Offices:	
Facilities	464-4282
Forestry	464-4419

East L.A.	464-4549
Old Road	464-4674
IHS	464-4441
Inn of the Mountain Gods	464-7777
Mescalero Post Office	464-4550
Mescalero Schools	464-4431
Ruidoso Schools	(575) 630-7000
Tularosa Schools	(575) 585-8800
WIC Office	464-0932

***Updated 5/19/23**



FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL:
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Mescalero Apache Tribe

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