



PROTECTING TRIBAL ELDERS: WE'RE STILL HERE

CAHUILLA CONSORTIUM VICTIM ADVOCACY
PROGRAM



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Some of the information presented today might be disturbing to some. If you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to take time for yourself away from this space. Your mental health matters.

CONTENT WARNING



WHO WE ARE

Cahuilla Consortium Victim Advocacy Program

It is our objective to promote the safety and well-being of our Native communities. We work to end all victimization against our tribal people through advocacy and education efforts that include prevention, intervention, and the fostering of resiliency.



HOW MANY AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES ARE THERE IN CALIFORNIA?



HOW MANY FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES ARE THERE IN THE U.S.?



NAME TWO U.S. CITIES WITH THE HIGHEST POPULATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN URBAN POPULATIONS?



WHAT IS THE LARGEST TRIBE IN CALIFORNIA BY POPULATION?

TRIVIA!

NATIVE PEOPLE ARE STILL HERE!



WHAT IS HISTORICAL TRAUMA?

Doctrine of Discovery

The Doctrine of Discovery is a principle of international law dating from the late 15th century. It has its roots in a papal decree issued by [Pope Nicholas V](#) in 1492 that specifically sanctioned and promoted the conquest, colonization, and exploitation of non-Christian territories and peoples.



HISTORICAL TRAUMA

Colonization and Conflict—Native Americans were largely seen as an obstacle to Manifest Destiny, and a threat to peaceful white development of a wild and untamed land; however, the conflicts were acts of resistance. Natives acted to protect their people, culture, and land from invasion and exploitation. Despite all this, without the Indians' help, many Europeans would have perished in the often-brutal environment.

HISTORICAL TRAUMA

FIRST CONTACT: THE SPANISH AND THE FRENCH

"TRICK OR TREATY"

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (1849) AND THE BIA FORMED (BOSSING INDIANS AROUND)



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- Institutions created by dominant religious doctrine to erase Native culture and "assimilate" Native children into Western culture.
- "Kill the Indian, Save the Man"
- By 1926, nearly 83% of Indian school-age children were attending boarding schools
- Physical, mental, and sexual abuse
- Boarding school survivors are still alive today - elders



BOARDING SCHOOLS

STATS

In 2022, suicide was the second leading cause of death for American Indians/Alaska Natives ages 10-34	In 2021, American Indians/Alaska Natives were 1.6 times more likely than non-Hispanic whites to die from diabetes.	10% of Native Americans have a substance use disorder despite making up 29% of the population of the US.
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Data is often incorrect due to reporting practices and mis-identification. Numbers are likely higher.

BEING MADE VULNERABLE

WHAT CONTINUES TO PERPETUATE VIOLENCE:

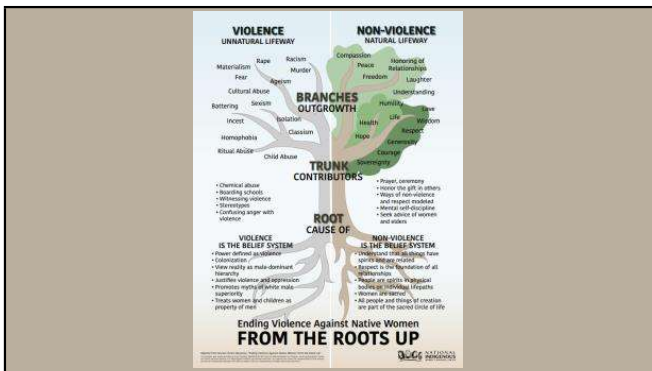
SOVEREIGNTY VS. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	ACCESS TO HOUSING, FOOD, AND HEALTH CARE	DISTRUST & DISCRIMINATION
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HEALING

TRAUMA-INFORMED NATIVE ELDER CARE.
CULTURE IS MEDICINE.





THERE ARE 15 TRIBES IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY




CCVAP SERVICES

TRIBAL RESOURCES	EACH TRIBE WILL LIKELY HAVE UNIQUE-TO-THEM RESOURCES	
	TRIBAL FAMILY SERVICES	
	INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)	

	SCENARIO 1
You are working with an elder client who is lost and cannot remember where their family is. They disclose that they are Native American. How can you help this elder?	

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YOU ARE WORKING WITH AN ELDER CLIENT WHO IS LOST AND CANNOT REMEMBER WHERE THEIR FAMILY IS. THEY DISCLOSE THAT THEY ARE NATIVE AMERICAN. HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS ELDER?		
01 Help locate the tribe and identify what services are available through their tribe	02 Contact your nearest IHS Clinic to see if this client might be eligible for free services	03 Conduct culturally and trauma-informed case management
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SCENARIO 2

As you build rapport with an elder client, they gradually disclose to you that they faced sexual assault early on in their life and other abuses leading up to facing family abuse today. What do you do?

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AS YOU BUILD RAPPORT WITH AN ELDER CLIENT, THEY GRADUALLY DISCLOSE TO YOU THAT THEY FACED SEXUAL ASSAULT EARLY ON IN THEIR LIFE AND OTHER ABUSES LEADING UP TO FACING FAMILY ABUSE TODAY. WHAT DO YOU DO?

01
Call the Catuilla Consortium! We do help with direct services for family and elder violence

02
Catuilla Consortium also has resources to send elders to therapy for sexual assault victimization (even if they faced the abuse as a child)

03
Find resources to better inform cultural care

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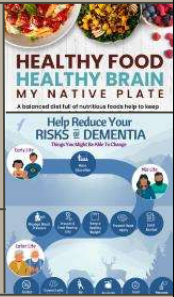
TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY
**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
AND RELATED DEMENTIA ISSUES**



**Healthy Heart,
Healthy Brain...**



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
INDIGENOUS AGING**



**HEALTHY FOOD
HEALTHY BRAIN
MY NATIVE PLATE**

Help Reduce Your
RISKS OF DEMENTIA

AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR
CULTURALLY-INFORMED CARE

SERVICES WE OFFER TO NATIVE CLIENTS: • VICTIM ADVOCACY • THERAPY • EMERGENCY SHELTERING • TRANSITIONAL HOUSING • TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE • AND MUCH MORE!!	
CCVAP SERVICES	

			
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