Breaking Down Silos

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Learning Objective

- Integrated care along with housing and dental education
- Importance of effective community partners
- How to make strategic funding for your needs
NAC Mission: “Improving the lives of individuals and families through Native American culturally appropriate behavioral health, affordable housing, and community development services.”

Since 1972 Native American Connections (NAC) has been improving community health/wellness and increasing housing stability for individuals, children/youth, and families. NAC owns and operates 20 sites in Phoenix offering and providing access to integrated healthcare, affordable housing and community development services to over 10,000 individuals and families each year. NAC’s target population includes homeless and low-income individuals/families in metro-Phoenix.

NAC–Documentary.mp4
Overview of NAC Services:

- Housing (Affordable Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing)
- Supportive/Transitional Living for Adult Men and Women
- HomeBase Youth Service (homeless youth shelter)
- Adult Intensive Outpatient Programs (AM and PM)
- Adult Standard Outpatient Program
- General Mental Health Counseling for Adults and Children (10 years old & older)
- Youth & Family Wellness
- Transition Age Youth Services (18–21 years old)
- Standing Stronger (adolescent treatment program)
- Behavioral Health Residential Facility (Patina Wellness Center)
- Supportive/Transitional Living for Adult Men and Women
Cultural Programming

- Sweat Lodge
- Talking Circle
- Smudging/Prayer
- Drumming/Song
- Story telling
- Meditation
- Cultural Arts
Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)

- Positive Indian Parenting
- Red Road to Wellbriety
- Seeking Safety
- Hazelden’s Living in Balance
- Healthy Relationships
Urban Living on 2\textsuperscript{nd}

Affordable Housing for Working Low-Income Families
Transitional Housing

Sober Living for Women Exiting Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
Carefree On North Central
Housing & Services for Seniors
Homebase & Saguaro Ki
Shelter for Homeless Youth age 18–25 & Transitional Housing
Encanto Pointe, Arizona’s first “Housing First” apartment community, is part of a larger regional effort to complete 1,000 units of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless by 2015. Encanto Pointe is a 54-unit (one-bedroom) permanent supportive housing community designed to serve chronically homeless individuals in a service-enriched environment. The community consists of a single building designed around a secured community courtyard accessed through a single point of entry. Residents, at their request, will be “wrapped” with supportive services tailored to their specific needs.

Housing First is a nationally recognized BEST practice that ends chronic homelessness.
Financing Sources & Partners

- Arizona Dept. of Housing
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit LIHTC
  - National Equity Fund
- City of Phoenix General Obligation Bonds
- Federal Home Loan Bank
  - Affordable Housing Program
- HUD Section 8 Rental Housing Vouchers
  - Veteran’s Vouchers
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Valley of the Sun United Way
- BMO Harris Bank
- LISC – Local Initiatives Supportive Corporation
Treatment Recovery Enhancement and Expansion (TREE)

- SAMHSA Grantee
- Provides outpatient and treatment, early intervention, substance use/co-occurring disorders, and recovery support to age’s 16–25 transitioned-aged youth (TAY) and their families that reside within Maricopa County
- Services include
  - Outreach
  - Referral
  - Family Engagement Services
  - Substance Use
  - Life Skills
- Integrated, holistic care
To address disparities in care and improve oral health outcomes, NAC works to:

- Promote oral health as part of a whole health lifestyle; physical mental & spiritual health
- Raise awareness of the importance of oral health
- Support public policy that increases access to oral health care
Oral Health

- Currently working on:
  - Implementation of Dental Therapy – approved in AZ in 2018, Dental Therapy is a mid-level provider authorized to work in tribal, nonprofit and FQHC settings
  - Passage of dental benefit in AHCCCS/Medicaid for pregnant women – SB1088 have moved through the House and Senate and is waiting inclusion in the budget appropriations process
  - Promote importance of Oral Health care for pregnant women and children – incorporated education curriculum in residential treatment setting
  - Foster Active Citizens through Get Out the Vote Campaign, Request to Speak, Restoration of Rights, and participation in the US Census
So how does this all work together?

- One NAC
  - Housing, behavioral health, community
- Transitioned-aged youth services
- Oral Health
- PSHS–Medicaid–billable services in PSH
  - In–home clinical services
Community Partnerships

- Connectedness, provides support, sense of belonging, integrate into community
- NAC champions projects that strengthen the Native American community and celebrate its rich cultural history
  - Native American Community Service Center (2007), co-owned/operated by NAC & Phoenix Indian Center
  - Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center (2018), co-developed/managed by NAC & Phoenix Indian Center in partnership with the City of Phoenix
Community Partnerships

- Physical & Oral Health
  - PIMC, Native Health, Circle the City, NOAH, ASU
- Workforce Development
  - Phoenix Indian Center, AWEE, St. Joseph the Worker
- Food Sovereignty
  - St. Mary’s Food Bank, Local Restaurants, Fresh Express
- Financial Education & Budgeting
  - Banks & Credit Unions
- Liberty Wildlife
  - Feather Distribution Program
- Arizona State University ASU
  - American Indian School of Social Work
  - College of Public Programs – Nonprofit, Justice, Youth Workforce
Projects & Grant Partners

- Gila River Indian Community
  - Reducing Impact of Opioid Addiction
- Dignity Health – St. Joseph Hospital
  - Identify Social Determinants of Health
- Valley of the Sun United Way
  - Ending Chronic Homelessness
- UMOM & OneNTen
  - Legislation SB1471 – new source of funding homeless youth & families
- Maricopa County Jail
  - Ending recidivism of chronic homeless people
Learning Objective Review

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.” – Chief Seattle, 1854

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