



Hualapai Health-Education and Wellness



A Tribally Run Behavioral Health Program

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Our History...

- Our Department started with the CHR program in 1969, and has since evolved to include the Alcohol Program, Mental Health Program, WIC, Youth Services, Diabetes/Fitness Program, Healthy Heart Program, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Prevention Program and the Maternal Child Health (First Things First) Program.
- We moved into our new building in September of 2011, and now have much more space, which includes an actual break room, lobby and separate waiting area, conference room and a full-size classroom which has, as we had imagined, become the happening spot to have meetings for many of the other departments.

New Building...



Classroom...



Current Programs...

- Behavioral Health Counselors
 - Alcohol/SA - IHS Grant (5 counselors)
 - Community/School - AHCCCS Billing (1 counselor)
 - In-Home - Tribal Council (2 counselors, 1/2 supervisor)
 - MSPI - IHS Grant (1 counselor)
 - Programs
 - Matrix - Adults
 - Wellbriety - Adolescents
 - Parenting - Mothers and Fathers

What We Do...

- We work hard to serve the Behavioral Health needs of the Hualapai People, currently around 2000 enrolled tribal members, about half of which reside in Peach Springs and the surrounding areas.
 - 2009: 344 Alcohol/SA clients, 686 total clients
 - 2010: 695 Alcohol/SA clients, 941 total clients
 - 2011: 1349 Alcohol/SA clients, 1789 total clients
 - Add 175 more clients, in 48 families for my In-Home Team.
- We also serve non-native tribal employees and have a contract to provide counseling at Grand Canyon West for employees who normally leave very early in the morning and don't make it back until after dark.

Barriers....

oh yeah, we got 'em!

● MONEY !!!

- Always looking at how to fund the next thing we need for the community. The Tribal Council has been very generous, and we fill out tons of grant applications every year. Our Director (Sandra) is really good at this.

● Location, Location, Location...

- Peach Springs is 45 minutes from a town big enough to get groceries, Kingman, but only 5 minutes from the nearest store that sells alcohol. Not good!

● Peoples..

- Always looking for qualified individuals to hire or train. Working on a peer support group that will hopefully work into part or full-time case manager or other positions for our community members.

Some very helpful agencies/people...

- NARBHA
 - Cherie Wells, and her Gang!!!
 - Helped us be able to bill outside the 4-Walls (Laura H.)
 - Crisis Line and Crisis Response Planning (Trever D.)
 - Telemed (Nancy R.) and Training (Amy E.)
- AHCCCS/ADHS
 - Opened up the 4 walls rule. Now we can bill the other half of services we have been providing FOREVER!
(Carol you are sorely missed)(Lydia H-P.)(Michael A.)
 - Constant guidance on billing format and other issues
(Rebecca F. and Albert E.)
- You have to get to know these people, or people like them...Trust me!

Billing...our life's blood.

- The AHCCCS billing made available by the 638 process has enabled us to expand our services and hire more qualified therapists. The billing outside the 4-walls will enable us to expand even further.
- Our In-Home Team is finally able to offset most of the funding provided by Council, and they do love that.
- We currently have one full-time Therapist in the school but could use a second. We would like to place someone in the Head Start Program, and in both the Juvenile and Adult detention centers, as we feel the billing could offset most if not all of the salaries incurred.

The Future...?

- Besides the expansion in the detention centers and the Head Start programs, we have received funding from OJJDP in the CTAS Grant in October 2010 to convert the old IHS Clinic into Transitional Housing as an alternative to incarceration. We are currently working on plans with the architect and hope to begin construction before the end of 2012.
- We are looking into the idea of CARF accreditation, but still have a little ways to go. The new building will help to this end.
- We just contracted with AccuCare for a new Patient Management system so all the therapists will be doing the same assessments, and have access to each others notes, etc.

Transition House... Before Pictures



Transition House... After Pictures

Maybe Next Year!

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