



Arizona Geriatric Education Center

Geriatric Education Center & Tribal Partnerships

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Overview

- 1. Describe HRSA-funded Geriatric Education Centers & AZ-GEC
- Describe Tohono O'Odham Nation
- 3. Discuss AZ-GEC TON Programmatic Linkages
- 4. Archie Hendricks. Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility
- 5. Geriatric Nurse Leadership Academy
- 6. Behavioral Expressions
- 7. National GEC/ Native Nation Potential
- 8. Native Nation LTC Learning Collaborative
- 9. Questions and Discussion

HRSA-funded GECs (22)



The purpose of the Geriatric Education Centers (GEC) program is to:

- 1. Improve the education and training of health professions students, faculty, and practitioners in geriatrics;
- 2. Develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals;
- 3. Support the training and retraining of faculty to provide instruction in geriatrics;
- 4. Support continuing education of health professionals who provide geriatric care; and
- 5. Provide students with clinical training in geriatrics in nursing homes, chronic and acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and senior centers.

Interprofessional AZ-GEC

The goal of the Arizona Geriatric Education Center is to build an expanded, diverse, and prepared interprofessional geriatric workforce in Arizona to meet the special healthcare needs of older adults, especially the frail.

Statewide consortium:

- UA Health Sciences Center,
- Arizona State University, and the
- Southern Arizona VA Healthcare Center

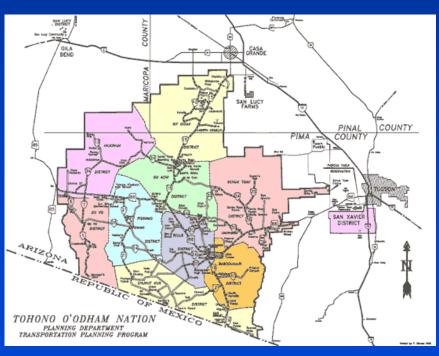


Since our funding in July 2010, over 6,000 Interprofessional health care professionals, students and trainees, and community members trained

http://azgec.med.arizona.edu/

Describe Tohono O'Odham Nation

- The Tribe was approved by the US Department of the Interior in 1937
- 28,000 members
- Second largest reservations in Arizona- 2.8 million acres -size of Connecticut
- Values:
 - Compassion
 - Faith,
 - Tradition
 - Respect



AZ-GEC/ TON Nation Linkages

- TON Elder Council
- TON Elder Abuse Grant
- IHS Geriatric's Training
- Archie Hendrick's Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility
 - Shared Health Educator Position (Debbie Dyjak)
 - PC & Geriatric Fellowship Site (in development)
 - Geriatric Nurse Leadership Academy (Sigma Theta Tau)
 - Career Development, Leadership and Project



Archie Hendricks, Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility

- Medicare Certified
- 60-bed Skilled Nursing Facility
- Directed by the Tohono O'odham Nursing Care Authority (TONCA)
- Provides evidence-based clinical care combined with TON Values and Traditions and culturally appropriate services utilizing Traditional Healers.
- Tohono O'odham Himdag, "way of life," tells a person how to interact with the environment, what foods to eat, and how to work with the community, thus maintaining a balance with the world. That balance is the key to health.
- Desert Pathways (hospice program)



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- GNLA project: Develop a process to increase harmony and decrease disruptive behaviors (Behavioral Expressions) among nursing home residents using non-pharmacological interventions and approaches that incorporate Tohono O'Odham traditions.
- Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence Model
- What is resident trying to communicate? What is the need?
- What is the root cause of the Behavioral Expression?

Staff Education

- Tracking Period I February 2013
- Results
- Mobile Education: Topics and Participants
- Contracted Education
- Tracking Period II
- Results
- BEST
- Where we are now?
- Algorithim, Huddle, Reporting, Cultural considerations



Native Nation LTC Learning Collaborative

- Educators
- Human Resource Professionals
- Directors of Nursing
- Call to action!

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Questions & Discussion

Thanks to...

- Residents of AHSSNF
- TONCA board of directors
- The Tohono O'odham Nation
- AHSSNF staff

