



2025 STATE TRIBAL COLLABORATION ACT REPORT

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ALTSD Land Acknowledgement

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) recognizes the indigenous peoples, past and present, that have been stewards of this region since time immemorial. These lands are home to ancestral caretakers of numerous Pueblo Tribes who would come to include Mescalero Apache, Jicarilla Apache, and the Diné/Navajo Nation. Each of the Tribes has persevered and retained their language, stories, traditions, and maintains profound cultural ties to the land.

As we come together today, we recognize and honor the significant contributions of all Native Americans. ALTSD also acknowledges tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination and is committed to building connections with tribal leaders, advocates and stakeholders who share our mission to support lifelong independence and healthy aging among New Mexico’s older adults and adults with disabilities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) upholds the principles of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA) by partnering with tribal leaders on a government-to-government basis and supporting senior centers and adult day service centers located on tribal lands. Addressing the needs of all tribal elders is a top priority for the agency, in alignment with Subsection A of Section 3 [11-18-3 NMSA 1978] of the STCA.

ALTSD believes that older adults and adults with disabilities in New Mexico have the right to remain active in their communities, to age with dignity and respect, to be protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and to have equal access to health care. ALTSD leads in developing programs and building partnerships that promote lifelong independence and healthy aging.

Within ALTSD, is the Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA) which advocates for funding, services, resources, and healthy aging initiatives on behalf of senior centers and adult day service centers serving New Mexico's 23 Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations. OIEA also supports tribal elders, caregivers, and families by providing information about available services and resources.

Every year, ALTSD reviews metrics to identify opportunities to continuously support New Mexico's Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations and to enhance the effectiveness of the agency's divisions and programs. This report fulfills the State-Tribal Collaboration Act's reporting requirements, providing an overview of ALTSD's organizational structure and illustrating how tribal eldercare centers operate within the national Aging Network.

ALTSD Mission

Providing accessible, integrated services to older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers to assist them in maintaining their independence, dignity, autonomy, health, safety & well-being, thereby empowering them to live on their own terms in their own communities as productively as possible.

ALTSD Goals

Goal 1: Administer and expand core programs that enable older New Mexicans to remain in their residence and community through the availability of and access to high-quality home and community services and supports, including supports for families and caregivers.

Goal 2: Promote equity and well-being for older adults with greatest economic and social need across New Mexico by responding to social determinants of health, including food and housing security, social support and connection, employment and meaningful engagement, and access to information and health services.

Goal 3: Reduce occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation while improving outcomes in communities and long-term care settings and preserving the rights and autonomy of older New Mexicans.

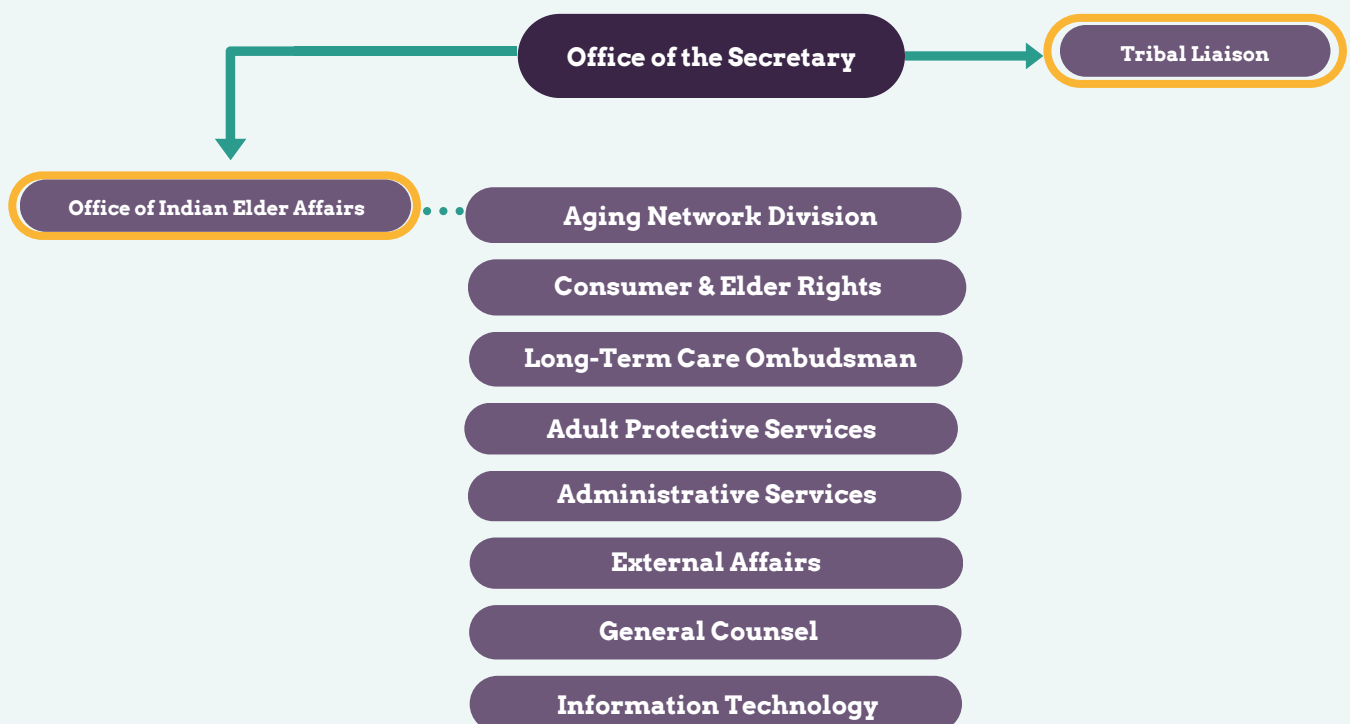
Goal 4: Assist Tribes, Pueblos and Nations in accessing Title III funding and enhance coordination between Title III and Title VI programs.

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The New Mexico State Legislature established the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) in 2004. ALTSD operates the state's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) the State Ombudsman Program, the Long-Term Care Division, and serves as the designated state agency for Adult Protective Services and the State Agency Unit on Aging. As an active partner in New Mexico's Aging Network, ALTSD supports aging in place by delivering services in homes and communities, developing programs, and providing resources to support caregivers, reduce senior hunger, promote healthy and productive aging, and build the capacity needed to address emerging needs and challenges.

In FY25, the New Mexico Legislature and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham appropriated \$94,414,100 to ALTSD to support developing and administering a multi-year state plan that advocates for and provides assistance to older residents, their families and adults with disabilities. Of this amount, OIEA was allocated \$6.6 million to provide supplemental funding to NM's Tribes, Pueblos and Nations providing senior services. ALTSD, which serves as a State Unit on Aging (SUA) agency, within the National Aging Network, provides funding through New Mexico's four Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) and the six Planning and Service Areas (PSA's) designated to these AAA's. The six PSA's, develop programs to meet the specific needs of older persons residing in the PSA areas and funding for programs is allocated to each PSA based on the number of persons over the age of 60 in the state, and 50+/55+ within Tribes, Pueblos, Nations, residing in these designated PSA's.

ALTSD Agency Organization



The Aging Network

This section will provide a general understanding of the national “Aging Network” in connection to New Mexico, ALTSD, OIEA and New Mexico’s Tribes, Pueblos & Nations.

Note: In the “Aging Network”, senior and adult day services centers are referred to as “Providers”.

The Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) established a national network of federal, state, and local agencies to plan and provide services that help older adults to live independently in their homes and communities. This interconnected structure of agencies is known as the Aging Network and is headed by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) which is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Aging Network includes 56 State Unit Agencies on Aging (SUA), 622 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), and more than 260 Title VI Native American aging programs. New Mexico’s Aging Network is comprised of the State Unit on Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging, and the Planning and Service Areas.

ALTSD is New Mexico’s “State Units on Aging” (SUA).

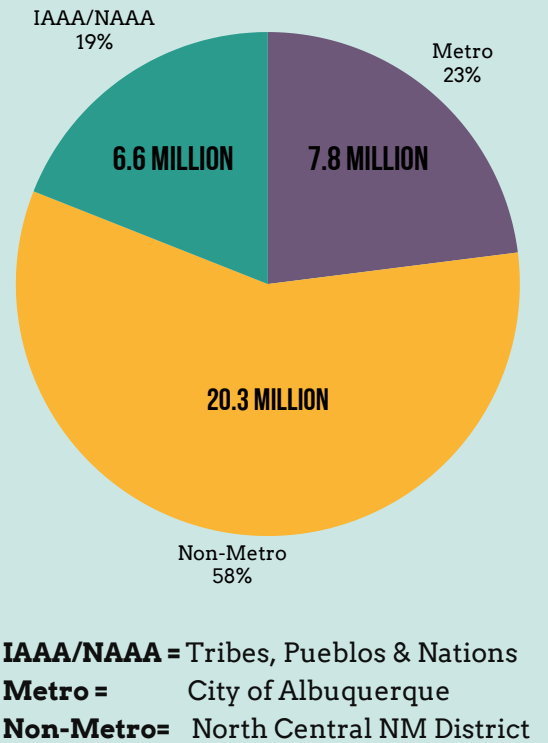
State Units on Aging (SUAs) are the designated agencies at the state level responsible for developing and administering a multi-year state plan that advocates for and provides assistance to older residents, their families and for adults with physical disabilities. This assistance is provided through the state’s established Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

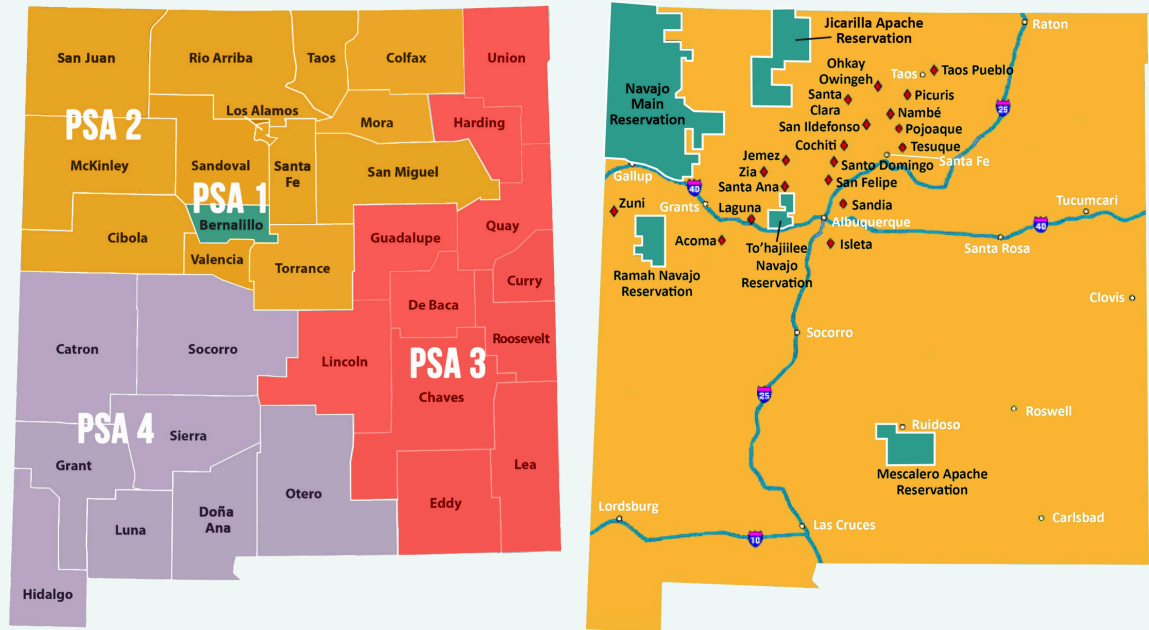
An AAA is a public or private nonprofit agency designated by a state to address the needs and concerns of older persons. AAA’s coordinate and offer services that make it possible for older individuals to choose the services and living arrangements that suit them best. The AAA’s are responsible for a geographic area known as a Planning and Service Area (PSA).

Planning and Service Areas.

There are six PSA’s in New Mexico that make up the ALTSD Aging Network. This network includes two federally recognized AAA’s and two Native American AAA’s that oversee the collective six PSA’s and the Providers within these locations.



Planning and Service Areas (PSA)



PSA 1 serves Bernalillo County.

PSA 2 serves Cibola, Colfax, Los Alamos, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, San Juan, Santa Fe, Taos, Tarrant, and Valencia counties.

PSA 3 serves Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Harding, Lea, Lincoln, Quay, Roosevelt, and Union counties.

PSA 4 serves Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra, and Socorro counties.

PSA 5 serves the NM portion of the Navajo Nation .

PSA 6 serves New Mexico's 19 Pueblos, Jicarilla Apache Nation, and Mescalero Apache Tribe

IAAA - Pueblos & Apaches Senior Centers and Adult Day Centers

- There are **21** senior centers
- There are **4** adult day service centers

NAAA - Navajo Nation Senior Centers

- There are **29** senior centers

Services & Resources

Support and assistance offered by tribal senior and adult day services centers may include:

- In-Center Meals
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Case Management
- Transportation
- Homemaking/Housekeeping
- Personal Care
- Respite for Caregivers
- Physical Fitness & Exercise

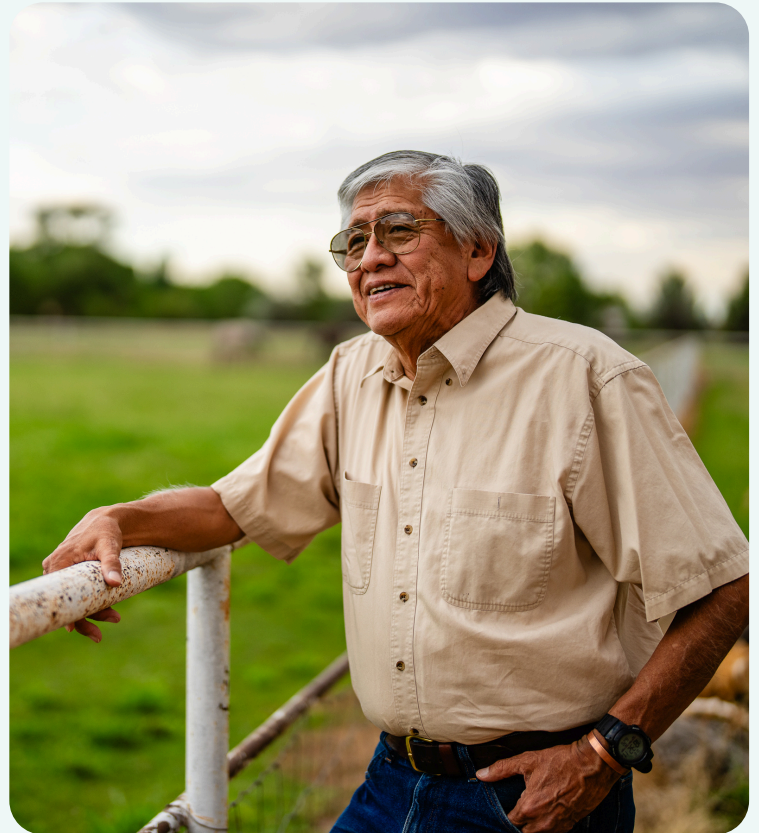
OFFICE OF INDIAN ELDER AFFAIRS

OIEA Mission

Coordinate and enhance a system of services that empower American Indian Elders with support and resources to live a healthy lifestyle with joy, respect, and dignity in their tribal communities.

OIEA Overview

OIEA was created by the New Mexico Legislature, per N. M. S. A. 1978, § 9-23-10, which reads as follows: “The ‘office of Indian elder affairs’ is created within the office of the secretary. The office of Indian elder affairs shall assume the responsibilities of the Indian area agency on aging, including contract management, program compliance monitoring, technical assistance, advocacy and training to Pueblo and Apache tribe Older Americans Act of 1965 programs, and to establish relationships that support the efforts of the Navajo area agency on aging, and shall participate with the other divisions of the department to review and make recommendations regarding other health and social programs of the department that serve Indian elders. Abolishment or transfer of the office of Indian elder affairs out of the department shall require approval of the legislature. ”



OIEA manages the Indian Area Agency on Aging (IAAA), supports the efforts of the Navajo Nation Department of Health’s Division of Aging and Long- Term Care Support (DALTCS), and serves as the office within ALTSD to support New Mexico’s 23 Tribes, Pueblos & Nations in the development of a comprehensive and coordinated service system of tribal senior centers and adult day services centers.

OIEA’s general operational functions include advocating for and facilitating state general funding allocations, IAAA/NAAA contract management of state general funds, technical assistance, advocacy, and training.

Tribal Senior Centers and Adult Day Services Centers

NAAA - PSA 5			
Alamo Senior Center	HWY 169 MM29	Alamo, NM 87825	575-854-2664
Baca Senior Center/Baca/Dewitt Chp.	22B Pillow Crest Rd	Prewitt, NM 87045	505-972-2993
Beclabito Senior Center	US Hwy 64 West Rd. #9083	Shiprock, NM 87420	928-6563685
Breadsprings Senior Center Baahaali /Chapter	190 C Rodeo Rd	Gallup, NM 87305	505-778-5888
Casamero Lake Senior Center	CR19 Bldg. 6339	Crownpoint, NM 87313	505-786-2460
Chichiltah Senior Center	Jones Ranch Rd Bldg. #7174	Gallup, NM 87305	505-591-4501
Church Rock Senior Center	57A Telestar Rd. Bldg# SA9187	Church Rock, NM 87311	505-905-5683
Crownpoint Senior Center	Chaco Blvd East	Crownpoint, NM 87313	505-786-2360
Crystal Senior Center	PO Box 775	Navajo, NM 87328	505-777-2806
Hogback Senior Center	West Highway 64 N, BIA Route 5031	Shiprock, NM 87420	505-368-1474
Iyanbito Senior Center	211 Sweetwater Rd. Bldg# 4495	Fort Wingate, NM 87316	505-905-5404
Lake Valley Chapter Senior Center	NM 371 C. Rd 7750 #567	Crownpoint, NM 87313	505-786-2146
Nageezi Senior Center	11551 Hwy 505	Bloomfield, NM 87413	505-960-3106
Nahodishgish Senior Center	13 Mile West of Crownpoint	Crownpoint, NM 87313	505-786-2375
Naschitti Senior Center	PO Drawer D	Sheepsprings, NM 87364	505-732-4220
Newcomb Senior Center	MM 56.6 US Hwy 491	Newcomb, NM 87455	505-696-5485
Ojo Encino Senior Center	Indian Service Rt 471	Cuba, NM 87013	505-731-1503
Pinedale Senior Center	HWY 11 N 11-49 Mile Marker 5	Churchrock, NM 87311	505-786-2375
Pueblo Pintado Senior Center	3633 E. Route 9	Cuba, NM 87013	505-655-5413
Red Rock Tse'Lichii Senior Center	CR #2/Refuge Road	Gallup, NM 87305	602-637-5688
Sanostee Senior Center	8 miles West on N34	Sanostee, NM 87461	505-723-2711
Sheepsprings Senior Center	PO Box 1459	Sheepsprings, NM 87364	505-732-5415
Shiprock Senior Center	91 Hwy 491 S	Shiprock, NM 87420	
Smith Lake Senior Center	Bld#7201 State Rd HWY 371 N BIA Route N	Smith Lake, NM 87325	505-786-2049
Thoreau Senior Center	#14 Little Prairie Dog Lane NM HWY 371	Thoreau, NM 87323	505-905-7662
Torreón Senior Center	HWY 197 Mile Marker 126	Cuba, NM 87013	505-492-4003
Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Senior Center	PO Box 4424	Yahtahey, NM 87375	505-735-2606
Two Grey Hills Senior Center	SR. CTR. Building #T007-002 6 miles West N19, 4 miles South N5000	Newcomb, NM 87455	505-789-3111
Upper Fruitland Senior Center	MP 23 on N36	Fruitland, NM 87416	505-960-6369
Whitehorse Lake Senior Center	HCR 79 Box 4068	Cuba, NM 87013	505-655-5406

IAAA - PSA6			
Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council Senior Program	PO Box 969	Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566	505-692-2060
Jicarilla Apache Nation Senior Center	#17 Commercial Street	Dulce, NM 87528	575-419-0987
Mescalero Apache Tribe Senior Center	456 Lipan Avenue	Mescalero, NM 88340	575-464-1614
Ohkay Owingeh Senior Center	217 N. Cross Place	Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566	505-852-4516
Picuris Pueblo Senior Center	Picuris Pueblo Highway 75	Penasco, NM 87553	575-587-2116
Pueblo de Cochiti Senior Center	255 Cochiti Street	Cochiti Pueblo, NM 87072	505-977-4766
Pueblo de San Ildefonso Senior Center	2 Tunyo Po	Santa Fe, NM 87501	505-455-7326
Pueblo of Acoma Senior Center	70 Pins Barri Drive	Acoma Pueblo, NM 87034	505-552-5175
Pueblo of Isleta Elder Center	1005 Tribal Road 140	Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022	505-869-9770
Pueblo of Jemez Senior Center	129A Canal Street	Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024	575-834-9168
Pueblo of Laguna Kawaika Senior Center	9 Bay Tree Road	Casa Blanca, NM 87007	505-552-9072
Pueblo of Nambe Senior Center	55 Teyeh Huu U	Santa Fe, NM 87506	505-455-2770
Pueblo of Pojoaque Senior Center	106 Lighting Loop	Santa Fe, NM 87506	505-455-2240
Pueblo of San Felipe Senior Center	127 Hagen Road	San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87001	505-867-2349
Pueblo of Sandia Senior Center	481 Sandia Loop	Bernalillo, NM 87004	505-771-7971
Pueblo of Santa Ana Senior Center	2 Dove Road	Bernalillo, NM 87004	505-627-5834
Pueblo of Santa Clara Senior Center	626 Kee Street	Espanola, NM 87532	505-692-6244
Pueblo of Santo Domingo Senior Center	15 Eagle St.	Santa Domingo Pueblo, NM 87052	505-585-0117
Pueblo of Tesuque Senior Center	Rt.42, Box 360 T	Santa Fe, NM 87506	505-709-1291
Pueblo of Zia Senior Center	115A Capitol Square Drive	Zia Pueblo, NM 87053	505-810-1724
Pueblo of Zuni Senior Center	1386 N.M. Hwy 53	Zuni, NM 87327	505-782-5541
Taos Pueblo Lillian Romero Senior Center	PO Box 1846	Taos Pueblo, NM 87571	575-758-7502
Adult Day Centers			
Pueblo of Isleta Adult Day Services Center	1005 Tribal Road 140	Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022	505-869-9770
Pueblo of Santa Clara Adult Day Care Center	PO Box 580	Espanola, NM 87532	505-692-6324
Pueblo of Santa Ana Adult Day Care Center	2 Dove Road	Bernalillo, NM 87004	505-967-9791
Pueblo of Zuni Adult Day Care Center	1386B HWY 53	Zuni, NM 87327	505-782-5541

Notable OIEA Data Samples

Caregivers

- FY25: 20 Caregivers age 49 & under received a total of 2196.5 units of service
 - The majority of the 2196.5 units of service are Home Delivered and Congregate Meals for eligible caregivers. Also included within the units of services are: information & assistance, transportation, advocacy, and other supportive services.

Unduplicated Consumers

- FY25 50+ Unduplicated Consumers = 3569 – Total Units of Services = 431,929.60
- FY24 50+ Unduplicated Consumers = 3538 – Total Units of Services = 433,805.45
 - Tribal Senior and Adult Day center staff remain diligent in improving efforts to provide accurate data, service tracking and expending funding.
 - Units of Services = All services which includes but is not limited to, case management, information & assistance, meals.
 - Unduplicated Consumers = Counting individuals receiving a service only once, no matter how many times they access a center's services.

Transportation

- In FY25, 704 Tribal Elders received one-way rides, which is a 8.8% increase over FY24 of 647 Tribal Elders.

Respite Care

- In FY25, Tribal Senior and Adult Day centers' diligent efforts towards increased services, and accurate data entry accounted for 169 Hours of in-home Respite Care services for Caregivers, which is an increase of 100%.

Meals

Overall, as Tribal Elders continue to feel more at ease in group settings after the covid pandemic, OIEA and Tribal senior & adult day centers continued to see a noticeable shift in the number of consumers and service units from home delivered to congregate meals.

Service	Age	FY24	FY25	Change	% Change
HD Meals	50+	228,369.00	204,598.00	(23,771.00)	-10%
HDM Consumers	50+	2,098.00	1,606.00	(492.00)	-23%
Congregate Meals	50+	58,223.00	90,628.00	32,405.00	56%
Congregate Consumers	50+	1,408.00	1,909.00	501.00	36%

Congregate Meals

- FY25 1900 Consumers 50+ received 90,623 Congregate Meals
- FY24 1397 Consumers 50+ received 58,223 Congregate Meals
 - In FY25, 1,909 Tribal Elders received 90,628 Congregate Meals, which is a 56% increase over FY24 of 1,408 Tribal Elders who received 58,223 Congregate Meals.

Home Delivered Meals

- FY25 1606 Consumers 50+ received 204,598 HD Meals
- FY24 2098 Consumers 50+ received 228,369 HD Meals
 - In FY25, 1606 Tribal Elders received 204,598 HD Meals, which is a -23% decrease from FY24 of 2,098 Tribal Elders who received 58,223 HD Meals

OIEA FY25 SUMMARY

In FY25, the Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA), in partnership with tribal senior and adult services centers, focused on supporting effective standard operations, expending of appropriations, communication and outreach, and key initiatives (gaps and needs analysis, capital outlay matters, nutrition and services expansion.) Throughout FY25 the challenges that Tribal Providers faced included extremely high staff and management turnover, construction delays, Covid resurgence, natural disaster impacts and federal funding concerns.

Tribal Providers worked through challenges, and this is evident through increases of elder participation at centers, center activities, meals (congregate and home-delivered), monthly meeting attendance, increased expenditures and a focus on nutrition. As a division, OIEA is currently fully staffed with 6 ALTSD employees and a temporary AmeriCorps VISTA program “volunteer”. OIEA also continues to actively identify opportunities to strengthen services for Tribal Elders with respect to recognizing the unique languages, landscapes, and cultures of each tribe.

Further, OIEA and ALTSD divisions prioritized tailored approaches that honor community and tribal diversity while advancing eldercare services. Through the collaborations of the ALTSD divisions, the Department continues to develop programs, streamline provider processes, and foster collaboration with tribal administrations, the Indian Affairs Department, and Native American elder advocacy organizations. Together, these collective efforts are building a stronger foundation for tribal eldercare, ensuring elders can access safe, welcoming, and culturally relevant services across New Mexico.



OIEA staff, Melanie Kitsch, with Mescalero Apache Tribe Senior Center staff

AGENCY TRIBAL COLLABORATION

The following ALTSD divisions collaborate with Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations through a variety of programs and initiatives: Office of the Secretary, Consumer and Elder Rights, Aging Network Division, Long-Term Care Division, Office of Indian Elder Affairs, Adult Protective Services, Administrative Services Division, External Affairs, Office of General Counsel, and Information Technology.

ALTSD divisions serve, through direct services and resources, Tribes, Pueblos & Nations and individual New Mexico Native American elders who may not be residing on reservations and who make contact with ALTSD through publicly available department information. Programs include:

- New MexiCare, which provides financial assistance and training to caregivers.
- New Mexico Grown, which ensures freshly harvested local foods become a staple in the diets of New Mexico's seniors.
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman volunteer program, which protects long-term care facility resident rights.
- Adult Protective Services, which responds to and prevents abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Aging and Disability Resource Center, which offers options counseling, education, and connection to resources.

Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay appropriations are allocated to ALTSD to fund senior center projects, statewide, supporting both local and tribal governments. The Capital Outlay Bureau (COB) tracks multi-year capital outlay projects and monitors funding, tracks progress and deadlines to ensure appropriations are used efficiently and in compliance. Staff provides training and technical assistance to local or tribal governments regarding administration of capital project appropriations.

Application process:

- Application dates were January 8th – April 9th, 2025 .
- Application types include: Planning and Design, New Construction, Code Compliance/Renovations/New Addition, Meals, Vehicles and Equipment.
- Applications are submitted through a web-based platform.

2026 Capital Outlay Highlights

- The capital outlay team created trainings specific to tribal governments, these trainings were available remotely.
- 9 applications from PSA 5-6 (1 PSA 5, 8 PSA 6) scored above 60 points and were added to our ICIP for funding consideration during the 2026 legislative session
- 5 projects will be funded from 2025's House Bill 450's \$10 Million appropriation.
 - PSA 5 – 1 project totaling \$24,000
 - PSA 6 – 4 projects totaling \$623,000

Consumer & Elder Rights Division

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is actively collaborating with the Office of Indian Elder Affairs (OIEA) to identify and access locations where SHIP support is most needed. SHIP services include assistance with Medicare Savings Program (MSP) applications, personalized Medicare counseling, and support during open enrollment periods. Educational presentations are also provided to enhance Medicare understanding within tribal communities.

- SHIP offers ongoing outreach to several regions, providing Medicare Savings Program application assistance, personalized counseling, open enrollment assistance, and educational presentations.
 - SHIP Coordinators travel to Mescalero twice per month
 - SHIP outreach to Zuni and Naschitti began in July 2025
- SHIP team members conducted 28 separate outreach events specifically for TPN audiences, reaching a total of 1344 people.

External Affairs

ALTSD's External Affairs (EA) division creates and distributes messaging for the entire agency. In collaboration with the EA team, OIEA was able to assist in developing materials to disseminate to TPN communities across New Mexico. Some of these efforts included:

- 12 social media posts specific to OIEA
- 4 ALTSD Outreach events, including NM United Soccer Game, Senior Day at the Legislature, 46th Annual Conference on Aging, and the National Adult Protective Services conference
- 10 features in the New Mexico Generations magazine distributed by ALTSD
- Development of the land acknowledgement to be utilized in training presentations and meetings
- Participation of Isleta Pueblo in the "Talk to Me" oral history project
- OIEA inclusion in the ALTSD monthly e-newsletter
- 28 specific OIEA targeted emails

Human Resources

One hundred percent of ALTSD employees (201 employees) completed the Cabinet Secretary mandated training "State Tribal Collaboration Act Cultural Competency Training".

Information Technology

ALTSD is partnering with senior centers across New Mexico to install televisions that will deliver curated, relevant, and enriching content for older adults. This initiative aims to enhance engagement among seniors by providing educational, health-related, and community-building programming. As of June 30, 2025, every TPN senior center except Cudei (Shiprock/San Juan County), which is still under construction, has a Smart TV installed. Centers have the option to request specific information to be included in the content.

IAD REPORT INCLUSIONS

ALTSD Contacts

The names of and contact information for the individuals in the state agency who are responsible for developing and implementing programs of the state agency that directly affect American Indians or Alaska Natives.



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The current and planned efforts of the state agency to implement the policy set forth in Subsection A of Section 3 [11-18-3 NMSA 1978] of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act.

ALTSD STCA Implementation Efforts

ALTSD's maintains and continues efforts to implement the policy set forth in Subsection A of Section 3 of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act. At times, unique challenges are presented based on a range of tribal diversity factors which may include location, the digital divide, and staffing.

OIEA's implementation of best practices and solutions while recognizing and respecting tribal sovereignty remains a primary consideration. ALTSD as a department, and through OIEA, follows the guiding principles for improving and maintaining tribal partnerships. These principles are inclusive of recognizing and respecting sovereignty, frequent and regular communications, and overall collaborative efforts in addressing the unique needs of New Mexico 23 Tribes, Pueblos and Nations.

ALTSD STCA Communication, Collaboration & Consultation

ALTSD has and will continue to actively engage in meaningful communication, collaboration and consultation with Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos. Additionally, all communication, collaboration, and consultation has been consistent with the ALTSD State-Tribal Consultation, Collaboration and Communication Policy as well as NMSA 1978 Section 11-18-1 through 11-18-5.

Pursuant to the ALTSD State-Tribal Consultation, Collaboration and Communication Policy (ALTSD STCCCP) section III(A), both the State and Tribes are sovereign governments, and all communication is effectuated with a deep understanding and respect for the sovereignty of each entity. Further, section III(B) of the ALTSD STCCCP indicates that Government-to-Government Relations require the department to recognize any programmatic actions that may have tribal implications and make good faith efforts to collaborate with impacted tribal entities to resolve any concerns.

Independent of the ALTSD STCCCP, ALTSD and department communications are driven by a deep and continued respect for the sovereignty of all Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations. ALTSD recognizes the value of Tribal input in all areas of the work that ALTSD does but specifically as it relates to the programmatic action development process. ALTSD respects, welcomes and encourages diverse perspectives.

One of the primary functions of ALTSD OIEA is to ensure that there is regular, consistent and culturally appropriate communication with all tribal entities. In the interest of consistent communication, OIEA conducts both monthly and quarterly meetings with tribal providers. During these meetings an array of topics are discussed, and tribal entities are also given an opportunity to engage in discussion with OIEA and provide feedback. ALTSD OIEA has taken significant steps to ensure that communication is timely, informative, and regular.

Certification by the state personnel office of the number of managers and employees of each state agency who have completed the training required by Subsection B of this section.

ALTSD STCA Employee Training

ALTSD staff are required to attend, participate and complete “State Tribal Collaboration Act Cultural Competency Training” offered through the State Personnel Office in conjunction with the Indian Affairs Department. In FY25, 201 ALTSD staff members, which equals **100%** completed the training.

The method the state agency established for notifying employees of the state agency of the provisions of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act.

Employee Notification of ALTSD STCA Provisions

Notification methods include communication through senior, divisional, and all-staff meetings, email, media advisories and/or press releases, as examples. Moreover, all ALTSD employees have been notified through ALTSD Human Resources that FY25 mandatory department training courses includes “Building Cultural Equity with Native Nations (SoNM-1653)” and ALTSD STCA consultation, collaboration and communication policies shall be disseminated to all new and current employees as part of new employee orientation as well as continued employee training.

A description of current and planned programs and services provided to or directly affecting American Indians or Alaska Natives and the amount of funding for each program.

ALTSD Current & Planned Programs

State General Funds - Senior Services & Programs

- ALTSD awarded supplemental funding to IAAA/NAAA through 24 Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with tribes that are providing senior services. This funding benefited 54 tribally operated senior and adult day centers.
- Funding increased by 12% from FY24 (\$5,942,600) to FY25 (\$6,628,000)

Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council, Inc. (Nambe, Picuris, San Ildefonso)
Senior Center - \$504,048

Jicarilla Apache Tribe
Senior Center - \$283,184

Mescalero Apache Tribe
Senior Center - \$244,474

Navajo Nation
Senior Center - \$1,313,170

Ohkay Owingeh
Senior Center - \$221,049

Pueblo de Cochiti
Senior Center - \$172,751

Pueblo of Acoma
Senior Center - \$221,049

Pueblo of Isleta
Adult Day Center - \$141,606
Senior Center - \$283,184

Pueblo of Jemez
Senior Center - \$283,184

Pueblo of Laguna
Senior Center - \$283,184

Pueblo of Pojoaque
Senior Center - \$152,235

Pueblo of San Felipe
Senior Center - \$283,184

Pueblo of Sandia
Senior Center - \$172,862

Pueblo of Santa Ana
Adult Day Center - \$86,389
Senior Center - \$172,751

Pueblo of Santa Clara
Adult Day Center - \$141,606
Senior Center - \$283,184

Pueblo of Santo Domingo
Senior Center - \$283,184

Pueblo of Tesuque
Senior Center - \$152,235

Pueblo of Zia
Senior Center - \$172,751

Pueblo of Zuni
Adult Day Center - \$185,927
Senior Center - \$371,707

Taos Pueblo
Senior Center - \$221,049

New Mexico Grown

New Mexico Grown funding was made available to interested IAAA/NAAA Providers to ensure freshly harvested local foods supplement the nutritional value of meals being served. FY25 New Mexico Grown Participation included 18 Pueblo Senior Centers, 3 Pueblo Adult Day Services Centers, and 29 Navajo Senior Centers.

Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council, Inc. (Nambe, Picuris, San Ildefonso)
Senior Center - \$22,702

Jicarilla Apache Nation
Senior Center - \$12,750

Navajo Nation
Senior Center - \$159,126

Ohkay Owingeh
Senior Center - \$9,953

Pueblo de Cochiti
Senior Center - \$7,778

Pueblo of Acoma
Senior Center - \$9,953

Pueblo of Isleta
Adult Day Center - \$6,376
Senior Center - \$12,750

Pueblo of Jemez
Senior Center - \$12,750

Pueblo of Laguna
Senior Center - \$12,750

Pueblo of Pojoaque
Senior Center - \$6,854

Pueblo of San Felipe
Senior Center - \$12,750

Pueblo of Santa Clara
Adult Day Center - \$6,376
Senior Center - \$12,750

Pueblo of Santo Domingo
Senior Center - \$12,750

Pueblo of Tesuque
Senior Center - \$6,854

Pueblo of Zia
Senior Center - \$7,778

Pueblo of Zuni
Adult Day Center - \$8,371
Senior Center - \$16,690

Services Expansion Initiative grant funding

The purpose of the Senior Services Expansion Initiative was to increase the number of Case Management, Transportation, Legal, and Community Activity Services offered by Area Agency on Aging providers and to increase the number of customers served and units of services.

Pueblo de Cochiti
Senior Center - \$78,972

Pueblo of San Felipe
Senior Center - \$170,000

Pueblo of Isleta
Senior Center - \$235,000

Pueblo of Santa Clara
Adult Day Center - \$45,000

Pueblo of Laguna
Senior Center - \$170,000

IT Smart TV Project for Tribal Senior Centers

The Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) is partnering with senior centers across New Mexico to install televisions that will deliver curated, relevant, and enriching content for older adults. As of June 30, 2025, every TPN senior center, except Cudei, which is still under construction, had a Smart TV installed.

Acoma Senior Center
\$5,300.64

Tohajiilee Senior Center
\$5,300.64

Baca Senior Center
\$5,300.64

Alamo Senior Center
\$6,444.41

Crownpoint Senior Center
\$7,028.49

Nahodishgish Senior Center
\$7,028.49

Smith Lake Senior Center
\$7,028.49

Ohkay Owingeh Senior Center
\$5,144.69

Beclabito Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Cudei Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Hogback Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Huerfano Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Nageezi Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Shiprock Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Upper Fruitland Senior Center
\$5,458.31

Breadsprings Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Chichiltah Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Churchrock Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Iyanbito Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Mexican Springs Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Pinedale Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Pueblo of Zuni Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Red Rock Tse'Lichii Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Tohatchi Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Twin Lakes Bahastl'ah Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Crystal Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Naschitti Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Newcomb Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Sanostee Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Sheepsprings Senior Center
\$6,047.97

Pueblo de Cochiti Senior Center
\$5,712.32

Pueblo of Sandia Senior Program
\$4,931.45

Pueblo of Santo Domingo Senior Center
\$5,361.70

Pueblo of Pojoaque Senior Center
\$5,361.70

Emergency Funding Requests

In Laws 2022 Chapter 53, Section 5, - \$1,000,000 was identified for FY2023 through FY2026 for emergency requests to plan, design, renovate, improve, equip, and furnish senior centers, including delivery and installation of building systems and purchase and installation of meals equipment, and to purchase and equip vehicles for senior centers statewide. In FY25, ALTSD awarded 6 TPNs Emergence Funding in the total of \$140,301.33.

Santo Domingo Senior Center
Kitchen equipment
\$83,106 requested, \$79,894.41 expended

Zia Pueblo (pending)
Convection oven
\$13,626.93 requested

Isleta Pueblo
Kitchen equipment
\$7,680 requested (still open)

Taos Pueblo
Water heater
\$10,043.62 requested

Santa Clara Pueblo SC & ADC
Dishwasher
\$16,636.62 requested (still open)
Automatic Gate
\$9,208.16 requested & expended

Capital Outlay Projects

During the 2025 legislative session, ALTSD was appropriated \$13,118,000 in capital outlay funding. Of this amount, \$1,346,589 was designated for TPN projects and SB425 reauthorized an additional \$4,863,523 for TPNs. Since 2022, there is a total of \$9,171,721 in open TPN capital outlay projects.

Cochiti Pueblo Elderly Program

G22-2014 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$250,000
Balance: \$250,000

Taos Pueblo Elderly Program

G22-2021 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$300,000
AIPP: \$3,000
Balance: \$297,000

Taos Pueblo Adult Daycare Center

G22-5371 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$822,000
AIPP: \$8,220
Balance: \$813,780

Acoma Pueblo Elderly Program

G22-5366 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$75,000
Balance: \$75,000
I24-2011 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$10,000
Balance: \$10,000
I24-2012 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$25,000
Balance: \$25,000
I5324 - Reversion date: 6/5/28
State appropriation: \$10,000
Balance: \$10,000
I5325 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$61,000
Balance: \$61,000
I5326 - Reversion date: 6/5/27
State appropriation: \$185,000
Balance: \$185,000

Ramah CHP Senior Center (Navajo)

G22-2005 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$150,000
AIPP: \$1,500
Balance: \$148,500

Coyote Senior Center

G22-2008 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$150,000
Balance: \$150,000
I24-2015 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$110,000
AIPP: \$1,100
Balance: \$108,900

San Ildefonso Pueblo Senior Center

H23-2058 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$18,500
Balance: \$18,500

Wagon Mound Senior Center

I24-2016 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$500,000
AIPP: \$5,000
Balance: \$495,000

Pojoaque Pueblo Senior Center

G22-5370 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$100,000

Beclabito Senior Center

I5356 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$600,000
Balance: \$600,000

Whitehorse Lake Senior Center

I5348 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$95,000
Balance: \$95,000

Crystal Senior Center (San Juan)

I5349 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$80,000
Balance: \$80,000

Hogback Senior Center

I5362 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$120,000
Balance: \$119,999

Laguna Senior Center

G22-5367 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$123,000
Balance: \$123,000
H23-2012 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$200,000
Balance: \$200,000

San Felipe Pueblo Elderly Program

G22-5369 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$100,000
Balance: \$100,000

Santa Ana Pueblo Elderly Program

H23-2053 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$862,812
AIPP: \$8628.12
Balance: \$854,183.88

Santa Clara Pueblo Adult Daycare

I5353 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$23,000
Balance: \$22,998
I5354 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$49,000
Balance: \$49,000

Santa Clara Elderly Program

I5355 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$187,000
Balance: \$187,000

Mescalero Apache Senior Center

I24-2017 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$395,000
Balance: \$395,000

Jicarilla Apache Tribe Senior Center

I24-2019 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$175,000
Balance: \$175,000

Jicarilla Apache Tribe Senior Citizens Program

A25-2032 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$25,000
Balance: \$24,999

To'hajiilee Senior Center

I5327 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$1,500,000
Balance: \$149,998
I5328 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$112,000
Balance: \$111,999

Sheepsrings Senior Center

I5376 - Reversion date: 6/10/28
State appropriation: \$327,000
Balance: \$327,000
I5377 - Reversion date: 6/9/28
State appropriation: \$350,000
Balance: \$349,999
I5378 - Reversion date: 6/9/27
State appropriation: \$134,000
Balance: \$133,999

Lake Valley Chapter Senior Center

I5364 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$90,000
Balance: \$90,000
I5363 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$50,000
Balance: \$49,999

Newcomb Senior Center

I5370 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$599,998
Balance: \$560,000

Jemez Senior Center

I5391 - Reversion date: 6/10/27
State appropriation: \$31,000
Balance: \$31,000

Shiprock Senior Center

I4292/G2012 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$350,000
Balance: \$350,000
G22-3272 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$200,000
Balance: \$200,000

Gadid'ahi/To'Koi Chapter Senior Center

G22-2013 - Reversion date: 6/30/26
State appropriation: \$100,000
Balance: \$100,000
H23-2046 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$75,000
Balance: \$75,000
I2020 - Reversion date: 6/30/28
State appropriation: \$250,000
AIPP: \$2,500
Balance: \$247,500

Naschitti Senior Center Senior Center

I5367 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$650,000
Balance: \$49,999
I5366 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$120,000
Balance: \$119,998
I5365 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$670,000
Balance: \$670,000
I5368 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$65,000
Balance: \$65,000
I5369 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$80,000
Balance: \$80,000

Breadsprings Senior Center Baahaali Chapter

H23-2030 - Reversion date: 6/30/27
State appropriation: \$525,000
Balance: \$525,000
I5341 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$1,154,000
Balance: \$1,154,000
I5342 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$14,000
Balance: \$14,000

Baca Senior Center/Baca/Dewitt Chp.

I5340 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$223,000
Balance: \$222,999

Chichiltah Senior Center

I5343 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$29,000
Balance: \$29,000
I5344 - Reversion date: 6/6/28
State appropriation: \$87,000
Balance: \$86,999

Pinedale Senior Center

I5346 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$95,000
Balance: \$95,000
I5347 - Reversion date: 6/6/27
State appropriation: \$95,000
Balance: \$95,000

Upper Fruitland Senior Center

I5379 - Reversion date: 6/9/27
State appropriation: \$47,000
Balance: \$47,000
I5380 - Reversion date: 6/9/27
State appropriation: \$65,000
Balance: \$64,999
I5381 - Reversion date: 6/9/27
State appropriation: \$590,000
Balance: \$589,999

FY25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishment #1: Improved Communication & Outreach

OIEA furthered its communication with Tribal Leadership & Administration, partners & stakeholders. These efforts include:

Meetings and Communications

- IAAA & NAAA held monthly and quarterly meetings to include resource presentations by ALTSD and other service providers
- IAAA & NAAA staff were invited to AAA quarterly meetings
- Secretary letters were sent to Tribal leaders and All Pueblo Council of Governors
- Two E-Newsletters were created to build relationships, foster engagement and call to actions.
 - Tribal Provider Newsletter: Dedicated newsletter to serve as a platform for sharing ALTSD updates, resources, capital outlay and tribal provider news & success stories.
 - Community Connect Newsletter: Dedicated newsletter to connect a general public audience, interested in tribal elder and/or again issues, with OIEA, and ALTSD as a department. This newsletter shares valuable information, resources and updates.

Aging Network Division's Capital Outlay

- Application announcements about trainings and funding updates.
- Development of an annual calendar including relevant timelines, workshops, trainings, and information about the capital outlay funding process.

Office of the Secretary

Tribal Meetings/Senior Center Visits

- 11/20/24-Ohkay Owingeh Learning Tour
- 11/21/24- All Pueblo Council Meeting
- 11/25/24-Navajo Nation Learning Tour
- 5/22/25- All Pueblo Council Meeting
- 6/6/25- Santa Clara Senior Center & Adult Day Center

Tribal Consultation

- ALTSD actively solicited feedback and input from Tribes, Nations and Pueblos for the *FY 2026-2029 ALTSD Draft State Plan*.
- The FY2026-2029 Draft State Plan became available for comment on April 15, 2025, which was extended for the Tribes, Pueblos, Nations to June 13, 2025, and again extended for the Tribes, Pueblos, Nations to June 23, 2025. A final opportunity to submit comments in person was at the June 25, 2025, Tribal Consultation meeting. The FY2026-2029 State Plan was due for review by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on June 30, 2025. The following ALTSD Tribal Consultation meetings were held:
 - May 7, 2025: Virtual Meeting - Mescalero
 - May 14, 2025: In-Person and Virtual Meeting - Albuquerque
 - May 16, 2025: In-Person Santa Fe
 - May 19, 2025: Virtual Meeting
 - June 25, 2025: In-Person Santa Fe

FY25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishment #2: Implemented Department and OIEA Initiatives

Launched Gaps & Needs Analysis

AmeriCorps VISTA Project: Identifying Tribal eldercare needs for supplemental services

- From February through June of FY25, OIEA Special Projects Coordinator Antonella Harrison and AmeriCorps VISTA Member Julianna Wagner accomplished 16 site visits.
- This project utilizes data collection tools and methodologies for the purpose of establishing a baseline of information that will lead to the formation of a strategic plan for ALTSD and OIEA. This analysis aims to identify operational needs of Tribal Provider facilities and services that are associated with any barriers to successful operations to meet the needs of the tribal elders within their communities.
- Findings will be shared with participating Tribes, Pueblos and Nations. Tribal Provider gaps and needs in service needs will be identified related to tribal diversity of culture, language, landscape, and community will be identified. The data will illustrate the necessity of unique approaches specific to tribes. Ultimately, this project strives to improve the quality of life for tribal elders through accurate data that will contribute to the provision and utilization of necessary resources and to overcome barriers, foster long-term stability, self-determination and self-sufficiency for tribal elders and their communities. The project will conclude in FY26.

Site Visits

- IAAA: Jicarilla Apache Nation Senior Center, Pueblo of Nambe Senior Center, Pueblo of Picuris Senior Center, Pueblo of Pojoaque Senior Center, Pueblo of Sandia Senior Center, Pueblo of Santa Ana Adult Day Center, Pueblo of Santa Ana Senior Center, Pueblo of Santa Clara Adult Day Center, Pueblo of Santa Clara Senior Center, Pueblo of Santo Domingo Senior Center, Pueblo of San Ildefonso Senior Center, Pueblo of Zia Senior Center, Taos Pueblo Senior Center
- NAAA: Ft. Defiance Agency Crystal Senior Center, Naschitti Senior Center, Twin Lakes Senior Center



OIEA staff, Antonella Harrison, and Americorp Vista Member, Julianna Wagner, with Naschitti Senior Center staff

FY25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishment #3: Increased support to Tribes, Pueblos and Nations to improve operational effectiveness and efficiency

An OIEA operational goal is to assist Tribal providers in expending 100% of their funding and fulfill all intergovernmental agreement required reporting. OIEA provides necessary support and training to aid Tribal Providers' effectiveness, operational efficiency, and improve service delivery. OIEA efforts included:

Fiscal Summaries

- OIEA developed and provided quarterly fiscal summaries outlining current expenditures and intergovernmental agreement reporting responsibilities. This contract management support enabled both the Tribal Provider and OIEA to identify and address challenges year-round with the objective being 100% funded expenditures.

Workflow Enhancement

- OIEA continues to update forms and streamline processes and workflow.

Technical Assistance

- In response to the given chronic understaffing and high staff turnover, which affects Tribal Providers service delivery, data input and contract management, OIEA increased technical assistance.

OIEA's operational goal also takes into consideration the need to serve Tribal Elders living off reservations who are consumers of AAA, IAAA and NAAA provider centers and ALTSD resources.

ALTSD Call Center

- ALTSD assigned a dedicated line to OIEA within the ALTSD updated call center.
- OIEA's call center representative is experiencing a steady increase from tribal elders, caregivers and family's inquiring about assistance.

Interdepartmental Collaborations

- OIEA and ALTSD divisions increased collaborative efforts to better serve, through direct services or resources, individual New Mexico Tribal Elders.

FY26 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal #1: Title III and Title VI Coordination

ALTSD and its Office of Indian Elder Affairs, with respect to tribal sovereignty, will continue building trusting relationships with Tribes, Pueblos and Nations through consistent, meaningful outreach to ensure elders are aware of and can access available senior services.

By fostering partnerships, maintaining open communication, and responding to community needs, ALTSD and OIEA will help expand service access, reduce disparities, and support aging in place for Native elders.

A workgroup will be created to focus on enhancing coordination between Title III and Title VI programs. The AAAs, IAAA and NAAA collaboration will benefit New Mexico seniors, tribal elders, and Tribal providers by creating a more effective senior services support system for all older adults. Additionally, ALTSD and OIEA are working towards developing a more accessible Title III application and funding allocation process on behalf of Tribal Providers.

Goal #2: Technical Assistance to Improve Senior Services

OIEA plans to focus on three key initiatives in the following year as part of this goal:

- **Data Analyzation for the OIEA AmeriCorps VISTA Project:** Tribal Provider gaps and needs will be identified in relation to tribal diversity of culture, language, landscape and community, thus illustrating the necessity of unique approaches specific to tribes. In the final analysis, this project strives to improve the quality of life for Tribal Elders. Through tribal representation and participation, accurate data will contribute to the provision and utilization of necessary resources. This project will help foster long-term stability, self-determination, and self-sufficiency for tribal elders and their communities.
- **Training and Training Development.** OIEA will continue to increase training to address chronic understaffing and high staff turnover rates. Training tracks are focused on how to streamline processes and industry data platform updates. By equipping Tribal Provider and fiscal staff with tailored technical assistance, OIEA aims to support effective senior service provision, consumer data collection and successful expending of allocated funding.
- **Develop OIEA 101: An Introduction to ALTSD, OIEA, and the Aging Network.** Informational presentations are beneficial in understanding the Aging industry and intergovernmental agreements. OIEA will develop customized introductory subject matter presentations to be utilized in the following ways: ALTSD department division collaborations presentations, Tribal Provider staff and new hire training, annual appointed, or elected, Tribal Leadership & Administration orientation and stakeholder presentations.

Goal #3: Update ALTSD State-Tribal consultation, collaboration and communication policy

ALTSD STCCP is driven by an understanding of and respect for tribal sovereignty in department communications. Additionally, ALTSD recognizes the value of Tribal input, welcomes and encourages diverse perspectives. In accordance with STCA NMSA 1978, Section 11-18-1 through 11-18-5, ALTSD is committed to proactively updating its STCCC policy.



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