

## Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



## 2000–2005 Project Profile

### Hardrock Chapter, Navajo Nation

The Hardrock Community is located in isolated Northeastern Arizona on the Navajo Reservation (Chile Agency) has a population of approximately 2,500. In 1993, the Hardrock Council on Substance Abuse (HCOSA) was formed and was given the task of addressing alcohol related problems. The overarching theme of HCOSA's work is to strengthen the community's economic and social structure which has suffered since the Navajo-Hopi land dispute.

#### Injury Topics addressed by 2000-2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Alcohol-related Motor Vehicle Crash Safety

Child Passenger Safety

Seatbelt Safety

Fire/Burn Safety

Bike Safety

Poison/Choking Prevention

#### Injury Prevention Program Staff



##### Mary Robertson-Begay, IP Coordinator

Tenure: 9/16/2002 – present

Training: IHS Levels I-III IP Training Courses; Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician, Crisis Management Training



##### Bernice Bert, IP Program Assistant

Training: IHS Levels I-III IP Training Courses, CPS Technician, Crisis Management Training

Other Injury Prevention Coordinators include: Nicole Horseherder (12/2000 – 10/2001) and Evelyn Yazzie (12/2001 – 7/2002). The Hardrock Council on Substance Abuse Board Members also contributed to this Program.



#### Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Hardrock Council on Substance Abuse • Project EXPORT • Indian Health Service • Police Departments • SAFE KIDS • Rocky Ridge School • Emergency Medical Services • Head Start • Media • National Fire Protection Agency-Center for High Risk Outreach • Community Health Representatives • Bureau of Indian Affairs • Social Service Agencies • Arizona DOT • University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Program

#### Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

##### Program Activities

- Fire safety efforts were able to reach 98% of homes in the community. Approximately three alarms were installed in each home.
- Increased IP program visibility in the community.
- Gave a presentation about the IP Program to the participants in the Navajo Nation Institutional Review Board Annual Conference.
- Planned Crisis Intervention Training for community members and service providers in collaboration with other agencies.

##### Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Received car seats from the Intertribal Council of Arizona.
- Received funding for the Summer Youth Program from the Navajo Nation Department of Behavioral Health.
- IHS Sleep Safe site and received 900+ smoke alarms from the Nation Fire Protection Agency Center for High Risk Outreach.
- Received funding for Project EXPORT from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Program.
- Received IHS 2005-2010 TIPCAP funding.

