THE RIVER PEOPLE HEALTH CENTER



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Manager

Sustainability

Location Scottsdale AZ

Tribe(s) Served Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Design Start 2017 Const. Start 2019

Const. Completion May 14, 2022 (Grand Opening)

Size 198,000 square feet

Contract Type TVCPA
Architecture Firm SmithGroup

General Contractor Arviso, Okland Construction

Civil Engineers Red Mountain Engineering, Dibble Engineering;

Structural Engineer Paul-Kohler Associates **LEED Certification** LEED v4 Gold Certification.

Outdoor wellness paths, a terrain therapy park, a playground, and food gardens play a role in the healing and wellness story of the facility. The building design is organized around a series of large structural concrete monoliths that align views and entries to mountain peaks that the community considers sacred to their people's history. Rainwater is collected and directed from the rooftops, over the symbol-embossed concrete walls, and into shallow waterways in the landscape to provide water to the plants and recall the community's ancient canals they built throughout the valley. The clinic's detailing recalls symbols, building elements, and construction techniques of historical dwellings and shade structures, as well as art, pottery, and basketry from their ancestors who originally settled in the area.

Services River People Health Center is a 198,000 sf, three-story outpatient clinic on Salt

River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) land. Funded by the Indian Health Service, this facility serves members of all indigenous American tribes while highlighting the Pima and Maricopa Indian tribal cultures. The building houses multi-specialty clinics, including dental, primary care, specialty care, behavioral/ mental health, physical therapy, nutrition, WIC, and pediatrics.

Imaging, lab, and pharmacy services support the clinics.