

**TRIBAL INJURY PREVENTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM (TIPCAP)**

# TIPCAP

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## Oglala Sioux Public Safety Injury Prevention Program

The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation's annual "Keeping Our Children Safe" poster contest had 198 entries this year from students, kindergarten through grade 8, on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The schools that participated were Pine Ridge Elementary, Red Cloud Elementary, Loneman, American Horse, and Manderson. Seven students from the American Horse School were among the 16 prize winners, who all received a certificate and a gift card.

The contest was organized by Pamela Pourier (IPS/TIPCAP Coordinator, Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety) and Lance Fillspipe (Tribal Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program Coordinator).

The goal of the contest was to provide education on the importance of using child safety seats/boosters, adult seatbelt use, distracted driving, and impaired driving to reduce injuries and fatalities in Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVCs) on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The youth were encouraged to take an active role in promoting the use of child safety seats /boosters, adult seatbelt use, and prevention of distracted driving and impaired driving.



Pam Pourier, Injury Prevention Specialist, Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety

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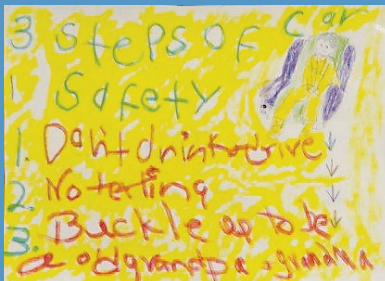
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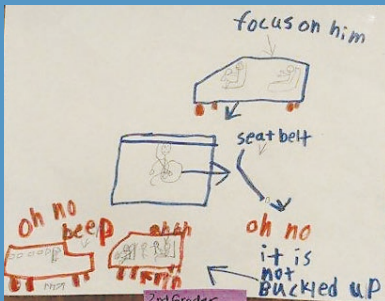
**Back Row:** 3rd grader **Tamia DuBray**, 3rd grade teacher Mabel Eagle Heart, 4th/5th grade teacher Kim Hicks, 1st grade teacher Bonnie Hopper  
**Middle Row:** 3rd grader **Labian Red Owl**, 5th grader **Chanda Brave Eagle**, 1st grader **Dionicia Gonzales**  
**Front Row:** 4th grader **Chania Crow Ghost**, 4th grade teacher Britney Yount, 4th grader **Emilee Swalley**, kindergarten teacher Valerie Andrews  
**Way In Front:** kindergartener **Harley Running Shield**

# Oglala Sioux Public Safety Injury Prevention Program

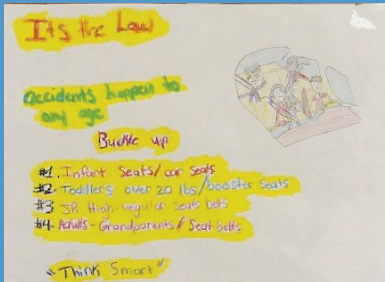
## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE



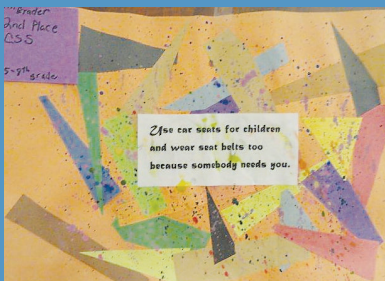
Lancijo Keith: 1st Place, Kindergarten



Haedan Haas: 2nd Place, Second Grade



Leonna Keith: 1st Place, Seventh Grade



Russell Fast Wolf: 2nd Place, Seventh Grade

All entries reflected the Lakota heritage and were judged on overall impact, effectiveness in conveying the theme, originality, and artistic merit. The posters were displayed at the Adult Offenders Facility (AOF); Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety staff and visitors to the AOF voted for the winning posters on ballots provided in the lobby at the main entrance. A Public Service Announcement was aired on our local radio station, KILI, inviting community members to participate.

MVCs are the leading cause of death from injury. Community-wide education along with enhanced enforcement campaigns are proven effective interventions to reduce injuries and fatalities related to MVC's.

For each of the four poster subject categories, a first and second place winner was selected from the kindergarten through fourth grade entries, and another first and second place winner was selected from the fifth through eighth grade entries. The winners are listed below:

### Child Safety Seats

#### Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

- 1st Place:** Lancijo Keith, Kindergarten, Pine Ridge Elementary (Teacher, Cecelia Lamont).  
**2nd Place:** Haedan Haas, 2nd Grade, Red Cloud (Teacher, Matt Rama)

#### Fifth through Eighth Grade

- 1st Place:** Leonna Keith 7th Grade, Pine Ridge Elementary (Teacher, Olan Zephier)  
**2nd Place:** Russell Fast Wolf, 7th Grade, Loneman School

### Adult Seatbelts

#### Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

- 1st Place:** Tamia Dubray, 3rd Grade, American Horse School (Teacher, Mabel Eagle Heart)  
**2nd Place:** Harley Running Shield, Kindergarten, American Horse School (Teacher, Valerie Andrews)

#### Fifth through Eighth Grade

- 1st Place:** Kaden Yellow Horse, 6th Grade, Loneman School  
**2nd Place:** Michaela Heart, 7th Grade, Loneman School

### Distracted Driving

#### Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

- 1st Place:** Laben Red Owl, 3rd Grade, American Horse School (Teacher, Mabel Eagle Heart)  
**2nd Place:** Dionicia Gonzales, 1st Grade, American Horse School (Teacher, Robins-Bonner Hopper)

#### Fifth through Eighth Grade

- 1st Place:** Chandra Brave Heart, 5th Grade, American Horse School (Teacher, Kim Hicks)  
**2nd Place:** Russell Fast Wolf, 7th Grade, Loneman School

### Impaired Driving

#### Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

- 1st Place:** Chania Crow-Ghost, 3rd Grade, American Horse School (Teacher, Kim Hicks)  
**2nd Place:** Emilee Swalley, 4th Grade, American Horse School (Teacher, Brittany Yount)

#### Fifth through Eighth Grade

- 1st Place:** Micheal Fast Wolf, 6th Grade, Loneman School  
**2nd Place:** Edward Starr, 5th Grade, Loneman School

# A MESSAGE FROM NANCY BILL, THE IHS INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER



## FACING THE CHALLENGE AHEAD FOR TIPCAP

The challenge for TIPCAP in Year 4 is the decrease in funding level. This is due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, or “sequestration,” that cancels \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the federal government for fiscal year 2013. This unfortunately has impacted the Injury Prevention Program with a 5% reduction in funding. We want to take every effort to minimize the impact of reduced funding for Year 4. In the new awards for Year 4 you will find the 5% decrease in the “other” budget line item. Grants Management will automatically reduce 5% of the “other” category in your budget. If you don’t have an “other” budget line item, then “supplies” will be the category affected. The reason for this action by Grants Management is to assure the Year 4 awards can be made on schedule. The priority is salary, travel, and training. You do not have to resubmit a budget modification unless you want to make adjustments over the 25% threshold limit. If you want more information about the sequestration budget impacts please refer to the March 4, 2013, correspondence by Tammy Bagley, Acting Director, Division of Grants Management, IHS.

The new TIPCAP advisory committee have started meeting to work on the upcoming 2014 annual workshop. The TIPCAP advisory committee will continue to work to seek ways to promote and improve TIPCAP. A survey will be mailed for feedback in planning for the upcoming workshop.

Seeking out new partnerships with common injury prevention goals can enhance the sharing of important resources. We all need to build and sustain key partnerships at all levels.

As we work with budget constraints in Year 4, let’s not be defined by this challenge but rather by how we work through it. The injury prevention work you do is very important in reaching our goal of ending the injury disparity in American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Your work is greatly appreciated!

*Ahe’hee’!*

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## *Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program*

### COMMUNITY INJURY PREVENTION PREPAREDNESS

The Injury Prevention Program utilized carried funding (Year II) to promote community injury prevention preparedness. With the approval of the Injury Prevention Program's manager, Nancy Bill, the Injury Prevention Program purchased a new tornado siren to replace the broken siren already located in the tribal housing area. The tornado siren was purchased from Storm Sirens, Inc., in Norman, Oklahoma.

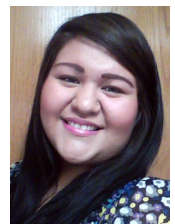
The new siren will give tribal members the advanced warning they need in the event of tornadoes, and give them a better chance to find shelter or safety. The Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program, Kaw Nation Emergency Management, Newkirk Fire Department, and the City of Newkirk collaborated to develop

a plan for replacing the siren. The Injury Prevention Program was able to provide financial support for the purchase, while the City of Newkirk agreed to provide installation and maintenance of the siren. The total cost of the project was \$6,500.

Now the community will be able to practice preparedness and seek safety in a timely manner.



With the purchase of the new siren the tribal housing and surrounding tribal members will receive the advanced warning needed in the event of tornadoes and have the opportunity to seek shelter or safety.



Tabatha Harris,  
Kaw Nation Injury  
Prevention Program  
Coordinator

# California Rural Indian Health Board

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY INSTRUCTION

Greetings from sunny Sacramento! One of Pathways to Injury Prevention's goals is to build the capacity of each member program. Tule River's Injury Prevention Coordinator, Adrianna Gibson, will begin mentoring with CRIHB's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Instructor, Julie Adams, to complete her first phase of instructor candidacy on June 3 through June 7, 2013. The first



Adrianna Gibson  
Tule River Indian Health Center

phase includes learning how to prepare for a CPS certification course as well as observing and assisting an instructor in an actual course. This allows an instructor candidate to begin to gain an understanding of the dynamics of the classroom setting. This course will be conducted in Crescent City and will include tribal police officers, Yurok Tribe's newly appointed Court Fee Diversion program staff, tribal community health representatives, and tribal social services and ICWA staff. This is a great opportunity for Adrianna to become an instructor, and to meet the Yurok Court staff. The Yurok Tribe recently adopted California's primary seatbelt and car seat law and is in the beginning stages of implementing a Court Fee Diversion program. Adrianna may begin educating her Tribal Council of the importance of tribal traffic ordinances on the Reservation and how enforcement of seatbelt and car seat laws can save lives.

The second phase of Adrianna's instructor candidacy will take place in Tule River from July 22 through July 26, 2013. Adrianna will student-teach portions of the course, and will be in charge of all administrative duties necessary for instructor candidacy. Upon completion, Adrianna will be able to partner with outside agencies for a fee and to conduct NHTSA car seat certification courses. She will also provide Continuing Education Units and seat sign-offs for all current technicians in her area. Becoming a CPS instructor will strengthen Adrianna's Injury Prevention program.



Julie Adams,  
Injury Prevention  
Coordinator, CRIHB

# Maniilaq Association

## A VISIT WITH DON FANCHER, JR.



Donald Fancher, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Maniilaq Association Community Health Services

Kotzebue is a quiet place in the morning during the month of March. The sun does not rise. It simply gradually gets lighter. Stunningly white everywhere. By the afternoon snowmobiles increase the noise level significantly, racing on the ice of the Kotzebue Sound and on the streets. Currently there is no law requiring the use of helmets on snowmobiles. This is something



Donald Fancher, Jr.

that Don Fancher, Jr., Injury Prevention Coordinator for Maniilaq Association, would like to see changed.

Don's work in injury prevention ranges from winter survival and ice safety to drowning prevention in the summer. Don's region covers twelve villages in the Northwest Arctic Borough that occupy approximately 40,000 square miles with a population of 7800, of which more than 90% is Inupiat Eskimo and about 46% is under the age of 25 years. He has successfully partnered with a number of regional partners, including the Northwest Arctic Borough, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, and the Search and Rescue Coordinator.

His passion for injury prevention includes being a search and rescue volunteer, so he has first-hand knowledge of what's needed to prepare for winter or summer emergencies in remote areas. He uses data to identify problems and to monitor the impact of his programs. He is currently being trained to use the computerized records available in order to reduce duplication of effort in collection of injury data. The people living in the Northwest Arctic Borough are fortunate to have such a dedicated injury prevention coordinator. Don and his lovely wife are expecting a baby soon.



Donald's office door at the Maniilaq Association



Lorann Stallones, Senior Technical Advisor, Colorado Injury Control Research Center



# Northern Native American Health Alliance

## EXPANDING COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Luis Salas, Injury  
Prevention Coordinator,  
Northern Native American  
Health Alliance

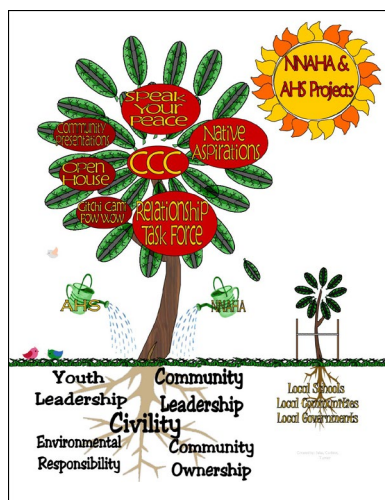
The Northern Native American Health Alliance (NNAHA) grantee

is building on its previous successes to expand its outreach in its local community. The NNAHA grantee promotes injury prevention and community involvement initiatives for two northern Wisconsin reservations, Bad River and Red Cliff. For over four years the grantee has supported the Creating Caring Communities (CCC) program at the Ashland High School, which serves the Bad River community. That initiative, intended to prevent bullying and promote student self-esteem, has had a measurable positive impact on the entire Ashland

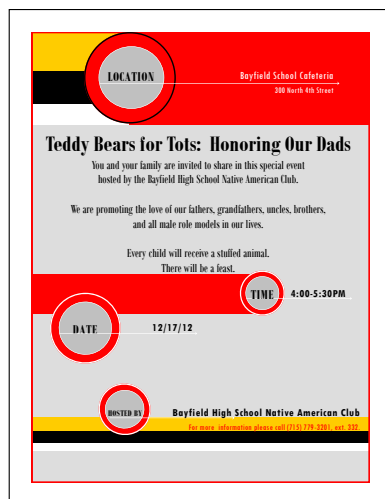
student body, one indicator being a significant drop in the truancy rate.

In May of 2012 NNAHA and TIP-CAP Coordinator Luis Salas sponsored a regional Youth Leadership Conference. One objective of the conference was to use current NNAHA programs as models for other communities. Only a year later that conference is already having a major impact. Students who attended the conference have established a High School Native American Club at the Bayfield High School, which serves the Red Cliff community. This club sponsored the first powwow at the school. In addition, the club designed and coordinated a major community event, "Teddy Bears for Tots: Honoring Our Fathers." This gathering brought community members within Red Cliff and the adjoining Bayfield communities together to share in a traditional feast. At the feast fathers were recognized with awards, and every child attending received a stuffed animal. The club has also obtained or produced a number of educational materials describing the Anishinaabe culture and explaining the place of Native Americans in our nation's history.

Students involved in the High School Club have begun an outreach effort



The poster for the Youth Leadership Conference



The poster for "Teddy Bears for Tots"

to replicate their type of program at the middle and elementary school levels. The hope of NNAHA is that the success of this effort in community outreach can be repeated in other locations in northern Wisconsin, bringing a message of positive community involvement to all of the region's Native American communities.



Richard Hilton, Senior  
Technical Advisor,  
Enometrica, Inc.

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

## *The following new resources are available from the TIPCAP Technical Assistance Team:*

- Free, online trainings offered by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.
- A comprehensive profile of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) veterans released in September 2012 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- An article entitled “Violence as an Infectious Disease. A Program that Worked”.
- An article in MMWR about Motor Vehicle Traffic-Related Pedestrian Deaths in the United States from 2001-2010. In the article it stated “Persons aged ≥75 years and those categorized as American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) had the highest death rates, and age group differences varied by race/ethnicity”.
- Seven lesser known tips to make children safer.
- A news release about the first ever training about infant deaths in Indian Country.
- A news release about the declaration by the United Nations General Assembly to make May 6-12, 2013, Global Road Safety Week.
- An article about how on April 12, 2013, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to celebrate Walk to Work Day.
- An article entitled “Suffocation Deaths Associated With Use of Infant Sleep Positioners — United States, 1997-2011.”
- An article about May 8, 2013, marking National Bike to School Day.
- A NHTSA publication entitled *Countermeasures That Work: A Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide for State Highway Safety Offices, Seventh Edition, 2013*.
- A June 6, 2013, webinar about Model Pedestrian Safety Programs.
- A July 8, 2013, article about “Understanding Evidence for Child Maltreatment Prevention: A Demonstration of CDC’s Interactive Tool.”

If you would like a copy of an aforementioned resource, please contact Lauren Thompson at 301-657-9883 or [lthompson@econometricainc.com](mailto:lthompson@econometricainc.com). Program resources will also be posted to the IHS Web site ([www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov)).



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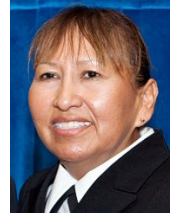
### **TIPCAP Life Events**

*Are you a new TIPCAP coordinator? Did you recently have a baby? Did you recently graduate from school? Did you recently receive an injury prevention certification? Did you recently get married? If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, we would like to feature you in the TIPCAP Life Events section of the next newsletter. Please contact Lauren Thompson at 301-657-9883 or [lthompson@econometricainc.com](mailto:lthompson@econometricainc.com).*



# THE 2013-2014 TIPCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Please welcome the new TIPCAP Advisory Committee. Each region had the opportunity to select a representative at the 2013 TIPCAP Annual meeting in Denver. This is the second assembly of TIPCAP Advisory Committee members. Also new this year is the “alternate” committee member. The TIPCAP Advisory Committee will all have at least one member and (if possible) an alternate from each region. Each year we will rotate to provide as many opportunities as possible for members to serve on the committee. The TIPCAP Advisory Committee meets every month by conference call to discuss and address current issues. The TIPCAP Advisory Committee serves as a vital link between TIPCAP grantees and IHS. Currently the committee will provide guidance in the planning for the upcoming 2014 TIPCAP Annual Workshop. Please feel free to contact your local committee member for discussion topics.



Nancy Bill, IHS Injury Prevention Program Manager



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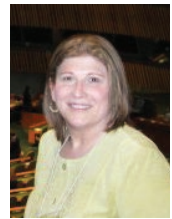


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# THE 2013 TIPCAP ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The TIPCAP program held another successful Annual Workshop! The 2013 Annual Workshop was held at the Denver Magnolia Hotel in Colorado on April 12-13, 2013. The conference registered close to 100 participants. The TIPCAP workshop is a gathering for the 33 tribal grantees with the specific focus of preventing injuries.

The workshop included distinguished speakers from the Indian Health Service, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Indian & Alaska Native Health Center at the Colorado School of Public Health, and other leaders in the injury prevention field. The workshop included thought-provoking plenary sessions along with engaging presentations by TIPCAP coordinators, researchers, and community leaders. The concurrent session offered guidance for both new injury prevention coordinators and more advanced practitioners on the effective application of evidence-based strategies, in an effort to prevent injuries in tribal communities. This year the workshop's most prevalent message was collecting data with innovative tools from various resources and using data-proven strategies to prevent injuries in tribal communities. Plenary and concurrent breakout sessions offered guidance on motor vehicle safety, elder fall prevention, and suicide prevention injury surveillance; passage of tribal policies; and effective strategies toward zero deaths in an effort to prevent injuries.



Mary Jo Vazquez,  
TIPCAP Technical  
Assistance Team

## Poster presentations by TIPCAP Coordinators:



Pamela Pourier, Injury Prevention Coordinator,  
Oglala Tribe Department of Public Safety



Cassandra Herring, Coordinator,  
Choctaw Injury Prevention Program



Gina Yellow Eagle, Injury Prevention Coordinator,  
Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board



Marc Matteson, Health Education Coordinator,  
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Leon Ghahate and Lyndee Hornell, Injury Prevention Coordinators, Hualapai Tribe Health Department



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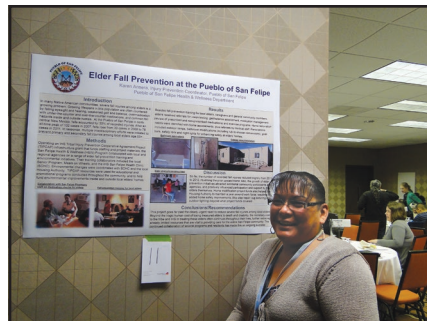
Adrianna Gibson, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc.



Marlon Gachupin, Public Safety Technician, and Maria Benton, Injury Prevention Coordinator, The Pueblo of Jemez Injury Prevention Program



Mary Robertson-Begay, Project Director, Hardrock Council on Substance Abuse, Inc.



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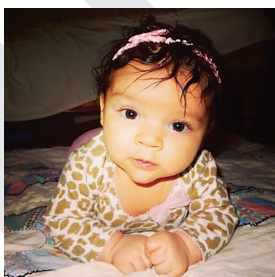
## NEW FACES AT TIPCAP



Jaymee Moore  
Colorado River Indian Tribes

Jaymee Moore is the new TIPCAP Coordinator at the Department of Health Services on the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) located in Parker, Arizona. Jaymee is a CRIT tribal member and is of Mohave, Hopi, and Chemehuevi descent. She also serves on two national boards: the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Youth Commission as the Female Co-Vice President, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Board of Directors. Jaymee received her education from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, obtaining a Bachelors of Science degree in Political Science. Prior to joining TIPCAP she worked as an administrative assistant for the Colorado River Indian Tribes Executive Office.

## TIPCAP LIFE EVENTS



Sienna Salas  
The Cute Granddaughter

This is Sienna Salas at the age of about four months. Born on November 26, 2012, she's the first granddaughter of Luis Salas (Injury Prevention Coordinator, Northern Native American Health Alliance) and Linda Lemieux.



Luis Salas  
The Proud  
Grandfather

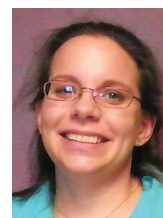
*Melody Redbird-Post and I were doing a seatbelt survey in Hobart, Oklahoma, and this is the conversation that occurred:*

**Me:** Passenger, female, with seatbelt... **Driver, male...** Was he wearing a seatbelt?

**Melody:** I don't know. He's wearing a dog.

**Me:** What? A dog?

*I looked up in surprise and looked at the car. The driver had a small dog on his left shoulder with its head out the window. I wish I could have taken a picture of someone wearing a dog instead of a seatbelt. Perhaps he thought it would be safer in case driving got ruff.*



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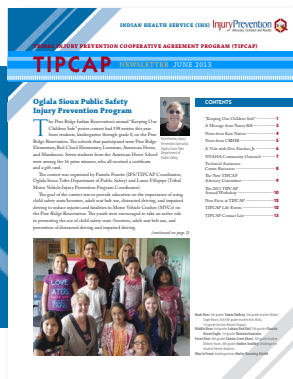
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