Native Elder Service Locator

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The National Native Elder Services Locator

Connecting resources and knowledge to strengthen the health of people in rural communities.
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Overview

**The Native Elder Services Locator Project:**

- Serves as a **resource** to assist Native elders, families and service providers to locate services in specific communities.

- Provides a networking resource to tribes seeking a **model** for the provision of long – term care services.
Background

- Title VI Directors were contacted by phone (July- August 2007) regarding the following questions:
  - Senior services, tribal management of services, site contact information, and interest in sharing information with the Eldercare Locator, N4A (National Association on Area Agencies on Aging).
- Data was merged into useable tables to map the results.
- Interactive mapping was created using a FLASH component and inserted into the NRCNAA website.

Application

The Native Elder Service Locator can be used to:

- Find services in a tribal/village/homeland locations;
- Print the locations of all services located within each state;
- Print a list of information available at each tribal location;
- Print a list of all tribes participating in the project;
- Print a list of all tribes that have a specific service such as Emergency Medical Services; and
- Print a list of the service definitions as defined by the Administration on Aging
Where is it located?

Go to our website at: www.nrcnaa.org

And click on the Service Locator on the Left!

We will show you how to use this....

How to view all services

- General map showing the number of service centers in each state.
- Roll the mouse over each state to see exact number.
- Click on a state to see where services are located
- Click on the NRCNA logo for more information pertaining to that service location
- The contact information along with the list of services are displayed when the NRCNA logo is clicked for each location
How to view a service

- Select from the Service dropdown menu to display individual services on the map.
- The map updates to show just the states that have the service you selected.
- Click on a state to learn the tribal entities that have the selected service.

Future Updates

This is a new project and we invite your feedback! Please feel free to share any comments about the project at:

800-896-7628.
What is the Heroes Project?

An opportunity to honor Title VI workers or any individuals who you feel have impacted the lives of elders in your community.
Background Information

- Collaborative project with tribal, state, and national aging partners
- Developed by our late Director, Dr. Alan Allery.

How to Nominate a Hero:

- Go to: www.nrcnaa.org
- Click on the box labeled Heroes Project
- Click to get to our website.
- Then scroll down on the Heroes Project box for a quick link.
What will we do with this information?

- Collect nominees by **September 30th, 2008**
  Awardees (and those who nominated them) notified by October 2008
- Awards sent to Community for local celebration in October-November, 2008.
- Create a booklet of Elder Heroes in Native committees that will be dispersed by the NRCNAA and AoA, and made available on the website.
- National Ceremony – April, 2009.

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**Bill Rossig - Wiyot Tribe**

- World War II veteran.
- He coached youth football and baseball teams for 45 years,
- Built homes, children’s playgrounds
- Started his own Elder Wood Program
- Volunteering for the Blue Lake Rancheria Elder Nutrition Program (even while through cancer treatments).
Claire Hughes - Hawaii

- Dr. Hughes is a respected Native Hawaiian elder.
- She partnered in developing use of the traditional Native Hawaiian Diet (THD)
- After retirement, she has been working for American Cancer Society in the Hawaiian communities.

Gregorita Chavarria
Kha’p’oo Owinge (Santa Clara Pueblo)

- Testified before the New Mexico Legislature for “Gregorita’s Dream”, a Regional Adult Day Care Facility which began construction this year.
- At 102, her coherent mind and willingness to share her cultural knowledge and momentous memories make her our blessing.
Do you have anyone in mind?

- Is there anyone in your community who has or continues to dedicate their time, talent, and energy to help our elders, to solve local problems, and to build stronger communities???
  - Examples: A tribal council member, a volunteer, a Title VI Director, a CHR???

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