



PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS®

Vision: Strong, self-sufficient Native American communities
Mission: Serving immediate needs. Supporting long term solutions.

Program Partner Highlight

For about five and a half years, Elizabeth Antone of the Northern Arapaho Nation has continued her work as a Disease Surveillance Nurse (DSN) for the Gila River Tribal Department. She has served the community for about 39 years. In her current role, Elizabeth provides education on COVID-19, infection prevention, immunizations, and hand washing, among other health duties.

Elizabeth says she looks forward to providing health knowledge to her clients and others, which they use to heal themselves. She was inspired and motivated by her maternal grandfather, who was a traditional doctor. One of his most important lessons to her is that it does not cost anything to be healthy – one only needs to be knowledgeable about health. Elizabeth takes this lesson with her and gives back the wisdom and knowledge about how to be healthy to everyone she meets.

As a Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) Program Partner, Elizabeth is utilizing the Healthy Living and Community Events services. She says Healthy Living helps her provide clients with necessities they are unable to get on their own. They receive the health knowledge and necessities to use that knowledge firsthand. Elizabeth adds, the personal hygiene and paper supplies can help clients work toward living their best life.

She is very thankful to PWNA and says her client's gratitude for PWNA is beyond words.

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PWNA DELIVERS ONLY NEEDED GOODS AND SERVICES

We want to make sure the products we send fit your needs.
Please call us if they don't so that we may better serve you.

Elizabeth Antone
Disease Surveillance Nurse

A Word from our VP of Programs

Esteemed Program Partners,

In February this year, our Southwest office conducted a program partner survey to hear from you. Your feedback is important, and we make every effort to use your input to improve the way we work and support your efforts. Of all the Program Partner responses, you let us know:

- 94% are more than satisfied with the overall quality of products received from PWNA.
- 97% are more than satisfied with the support received from PWNA to ensure a positive working relationship.
- 94% report PWNA helped you to a great extent be more effective with your program goals.
- 98% are more than likely to recommend working with PWNA to a friend or colleague.

Through the survey, you also let us know the impact of COVID-19 and the closures and restrictions that impacted your ability to serve. Most of you modified your approach while some were forced to close temporarily. PWNA made every effort to continue providing you critical resources during the pandemic. We also made programming adjustments that complied with local and state requirements for the safety and well-being of our staff and Program Partners. Thank you for your continuing partnership throughout the pandemic.

In closing, I would like to bring your attention to the message below about **Thinkific** – a new tool we are using to engage, educate, inform and train. This tool provides us with the ability to connect with you virtually in your communities to provide education and training services. We will be using Thinkific to offer online courses and training for our food sovereignty initiatives and professional development. We see so many new opportunities with this new tool and will be providing you with updates or announcements as online training opportunities become available.

Take care and thank you for all you do!

Rafael F Tapia, Jr.

Thinkific

COVID-19 has affected everyone in some way. For PWNA, our in-person classes were cancelled, so we developed a new virtual class website. Currently, our classes focus on Food Sovereignty and Cooking training. However, we are hoping to branch out into classes on Emergency Preparedness, Professional Skill Building and general tutorials on how to work with PWNA.

Please check out the Thinkific website:

<https://pwnaonline.thinkific.com/>

It is easy to register and enroll in the courses. If you would like a flyer showing how to register and enroll, please email Denise at dsuchy@nativepartnership.org

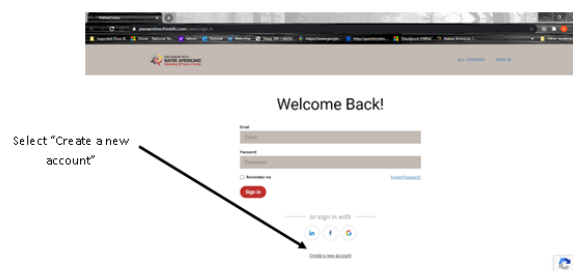
Partnership With Native Americans Online Training Website Instructions

Thank you for your interest in attending our online courses!

Here are some simple steps to registering and getting enrolled!

Step 1: Register at <https://pwnaonline.thinkific.com/courses/course-application>

Select "Create a new account" from the bottom of the page. It will ask for your email address, then ask you to create a password.



New in Your Delivery Packet

Understanding COVID-19 Vaccines

How do we stop COVID-19?

We need to use all available tools, including vaccination, to stop the spread of COVID-19. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus. Safe and effective vaccines are critical to protecting families.

The 3W protective steps we have been taking – wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands frequently – help reduce the chance of getting and spreading COVID.

Vaccines prevent severe illness due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the U. S. have been shown in large trials to be safe and effective, including trials with Native participants. During the trials, people who got the COVID-19 vaccine were not protected from catching COVID-19 but were protected from getting very sick from the virus.

Safe and effective vaccines can help end the crisis.

COVID-19 vaccines are being produced quickly, but all safety guidelines required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), have been followed. Vaccines are approved for use only after all standard measures have been followed.

- To learn more about COVID-19 vaccine development, visit: www.CDC.gov/coronavirus

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Vaccines have been shown as safe and effective in large trials of more than 20,000 people, including Native American participants.

COVID-19 vaccination will help stop this crisis. The protective steps we've been taking, like wearing masks and social distancing, help reduce the chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, but the vaccine will help our bodies fight it. Together, the vaccine and all the protective steps provide our communities with the best protection from COVID-19.

Vaccines help our body fight germs

Without vaccines, germs can make us sick.

Vaccines help our body fight germs. COVID-19 vaccines help stop people from getting sick with COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines prevent people from getting sick with COVID-19

Vaccines are instructions we give to our bodies to create defenses against germs, including viruses. A vaccine for a specific virus allows our bodies to create antibodies to fight that virus. Once our bodies learn these instructions we remember them for many years, just in case we need to use them again. Vaccines are made in several ways, including using:

- a weakened, inactive virus
- pieces of the virus, but not the whole thing
- mRNA

mRNA vaccines deliver instructions to your cells that teach them how to make the spike protein, which is a harmless piece of the COVID-19 virus. Our bodies will then respond to the spike protein and generate antibodies against it so that we are protected when we encounter the real virus.

COVID-19 vaccines cannot cause COVID-19 disease, but they do give our immune system guidelines to build the antibodies that fight the virus.

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Like other vaccines used in the U.S., COVID-19 vaccines may cause temporary side effects such as:

- soreness where the shot is given
- fever
- headache
- muscle and joint pain
- tiredness

Side effects are normal for any vaccine. These side effects tell us that our immune system is working to keep us safe by creating antibodies against COVID-19.

Safe and effective vaccines can bring the crisis to an end

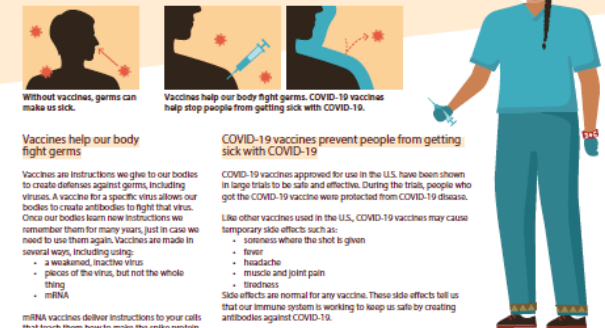
COVID-19 vaccines are being produced in a short time, but all safety guidelines required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have been followed. Vaccines are approved after all standard safety measures have been followed.

The FDA requires scientists to take very thorough steps to develop, test, and evaluate vaccines through clinical trials before they are approved. All of these steps and standard safety measures are being taken with the COVID-19 vaccines.

Unlike most vaccine trials in the past, the COVID-19 vaccine trials have benefited from lots of federal and private funding and researchers from across the world working together.

Part of the funding has been focused on making sure vaccines are ready for fast distribution to everyone as soon as they are found to work and be safe. The vaccines that were doing well in large trials were therefore being produced before the approval process were completed.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccine development: CDC.gov/coronavirus



Source: Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Featured Products

These items are in stock! Please discuss with your Partner Development Coordinator on your follow up call.



- **Hand Soap** is available in various sizes. These can be used on their own by taking off the cap, turning over the soap and pressing down on the pump. to dispense the foam.
- **Face Masks**, both cloth and disposable, can be used individually or together for a double mask.
- **Hand sanitizer** is ready to use in several sizes, including small (3 oz), medium (12 oz) and large (16 oz).
- **Scented candles** smell good and are good for emergencies.
- **Food trays** can be used to hold food items, medicines, pencils, coins, keys or anything you'd like.
- **Packaged utensils** with a placemat, napkin, fork, spoon, knife and salt/pepper packs.



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Save the Date: Reminders

American Indian Education Fund (AIEF) Scholarship Deadline: APRIL 4

Your scholarship application must be **postmarked** by April 4. PWNA awards scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students, traditional and non-traditional students such as GED students, those returning to college after a long absence or older adults attending college for the first time.

You can download scholarship applications at www.aiefprogram.org. If you have any questions, please contact RaeAnne Schad, AIEF Higher Education Coordinator, at rschad@nativepartnership.org or (800) 881-8694.

PWNA School Supplies Deadline: MAY 1

Pre-K to 12 schools and Head Starts are eligible to submit a request for school supplies. PWNA provides a variety of age-appropriate items for every child in the school, such as notebooks, rulers, pencils, glue sticks, crayons and/or other supplies. We ask that Program Partners distribute supplies during back-to-school events or student registrations/orientation.

Report Deadlines

Due 30 days after delivery:

Healthy Living
Community Events
Food Pantry

Due 90 days after delivery:

Residential
Standard Food
Animal Welfare

For any PWNA request form, visit www.swnativepartners.org or call 877-281-0808.