



LANG 901

ADVANCED NORTH AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES:
NATIVE AMERICANS

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NATIVE AMERICAN HELP ORGANIZATIONS

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NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION

Native Americans' Education

Native Americans have the highest dropout rate of any ethnic groups. Recent statistics reveal that between 29% and 36% of all native children drop out of high school. Most of them leave school between the 7th and the 12th grade. Currently only 14% of American Indians have a college degree – less than half the national average. There are several help organizations which help Native American students with their educational achievements. One of the most famous one is the American Indian College Fund

American Indian College Fund

The American Indian College Fund was founded in 1989 and is a non-profit organization. They collect money to support Native Americans during their educational career. They use the collected money to pay for scholarships and funding towards a higher education. The American Indian College Fund tries to close a social gap by supporting Native American students financially. 72% of the collected money flows into scholarships, programs, and public education. Another 23% is for fundraising while 5% of the money is needed for general administration and management. They have provided nearly 135,000 scholarships and \$221.8 million to support American Indian communities. We intend to double our impact in the next five years.

Please don't look away. Donate and take a step in the direction of equal opportunities!

Homepage: www.collegefund.org

NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE

We Care For Your Health – the Native American Way. Our strategies to reach good health and wellness in Indian Country:

1) PREVENT OBESITY by

- improving tribal food and beverage programs and systems
- improving land use designs
- increasing support for breastfeeding

2) PREVENT TYPE 2 DIABETES by

- increasing awareness of prediabetes
- increasing prediabetes screening, testing, and referral to prevention programs
- increasing program participation and retention among members

3) PREVENT AND CONTROL COMMERCIAL TOBACCO USE by

- implementing commercial tobacco-free policies
- providing referrals to commercial cessation treatment

4) PREVENT HEART DISEASE AND STROKE

- implementing team-based care
- developing approaches linking tribal resources and clinical services

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona. Accessed December 2019. link: <https://itcaonline.com/>

ADOPT-A-NATIVE-ELDER

Charity organization founded by Linda Myers in 1980's wanted to help the Navajo tribe

serves to help reduce extreme poverty and hardship focuses on delivering food, medical supplies, firewood and other forms of Elder support.

Goals:

- to provide assistance for the Elder's basic survival as well as to honor and respect their traditional lifestyle
- serves to help reduce extreme poverty and hardship
- focused on delivering food, medical supplies, firewood and other forms of Elder support.
- Actions based on the principal of the Native American Giveaway. 'We give our best and give it freely with no expectation of return.'

Adoption Process:

- designed to build a bridge between individuals and cultures through opportunities to "adopt" Elders and help provide some of their basic needs.
- In a matter of days of receiving your adoption application, you will be matched with your Elder(s)
- Adoption fee covers the cost of your first spring and fall Foodrun food box sets. After your initial year, you will make your subsequent Rainbow Food box donations before each Foodrun
- Once an adoption application is submitted and processed, the sponsor will receive a packet of information about the adopted elder that depicts their needs, clothing sizes, and other important information
- After receiving the Elder information packet, you are encouraged to introduce yourself to your Elder directly

Homepage: "Adopt-A-Native-Elder Director Linda Myers 30 Years Serving Navajo Elders." *Anelder*, <https://www.anelder.org/>.