

MCKINLEY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION

NAVAJO NATION, NEW MEXICO



CONTACT INFORMATION

Website:
<https://www.copeprogram.org>

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ABOUT US

The membership of the McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition (MCECC) consists of health and education representatives, home visiting programs, child care, nonprofit organizations, early intervention and any individuals who are interested in the objectives of the Coalition.

- Children are born healthy
- Children are healthy, safe and nurtured
- Children are ready to enter school
- Working in collaboration to improve outcomes for children, prenatal to age 5, and families in McKinley County

WHO WE ARE

Mission

We believe that the power to overturn long-standing, historical health inequities lies inherently in Native communities themselves. By investing in existing community resources and aligning our work with the vision of tribal leadership, we hope to help catalyze this transformation within our lifetime.

Vision

Our vision is to eliminate health disparities and improve the wellbeing of American Indians and Alaska Natives. We believe that the power to overturn long-standing, historical health inequities lies inherently in Native communities themselves. COPE strives to promote healthy, prosperous, and empowered Native communities through three collaborative approaches: Robust, community-based outreach Local capacity building and system-level partnerships; and increasing access to healthy foods.

LEARNING COMMUNITY GOALS

During the learning community, McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition is focusing on the following goals:

- 1) Mobilizing for a healthier community
- 2) Building healthy families



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

During the learning community, McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition is focusing on the following specific priorities

- 1) Mobilize families to equitable resources
- 2) Community outreach & collaboration with other state early childhood coalitions
- 3) Strengthen family support, including male/father involvement and intergenerational connection

EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION VALUES

- RESILIENT AND HEALTHY FAMILIES
- CULTURE, LANGUAGE, FAMILY AS STRENGTHS
- RESTORE CULTURAL IDENTITY AS FAMILIES

LEAD PARTNERS

Community Outreach and Patient Empowerment (COPE) serves as the backbone organization of THE McKinley County Early Childhood Coalition and has an ongoing partnership with Navajo Nation agencies and leadership

COPE is a Native-controlled non-profit organization working to promote healthy, prosperous, and empowered American Indian/Alaska Native communities. We are patient-focused and community-based. Our approach to health care is as important as the community transformations we seek. COPE began in 2009 initially as a faculty-led initiative at Brigham and Women's Hospital's Division of Global Health Equity, with formal partnerships forming with Navajo Nation Community Health Representative Program and the Navajo Indian Health Services. COPE was incorporated as a formal nonprofit in 2012.

OTHER PARTNERS

Parents and family members, healthcare providers, food system advocates, private health care system, non-profits, grassroot collectives and tribal entities