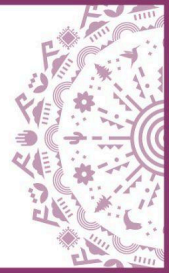




Division of Aging & Adult Services

State Unit on Aging Policy



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Title III and VI Coordination

I. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides an outline of the State Unit on Aging (SUA) operational policies, procedures, and requirements for Title III and Title VI coordination that supports a relationship and partnership between tribal entities, Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), Service Providers, and the SUA that honors and respects tribal sovereignty.

This policy is subject to change as additional information and/or regulations are received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

II. APPLICABILITY

- A. Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) Employees;
- B. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs); and
- C. Service Providers.

III. AUTHORITY

Older Americans Act (OAA)	Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA)
Code of Federal Regulations	45 C.F.R. §1321 and 1322
Arizona Revised Statutes	A.R.S. § 41-2051
Arizona Executive Order	E.O. 2006-14

IV. DEFINITIONS

Family Caregiver: Adult family members, or other individuals, who provide in-home and community care, without payment or a professional agreement, to Older Adults, or individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction. This includes Older Relative Caregivers.

Native American: A person who is a member of a federally recognized tribe.

Planning and Service Area (PSA): The geographic area designated by the State Units on Aging (SUA) that the AAA is responsible for.

Service Providers: Entities contracted to deliver OAA programs directly to Clients.

Title III: Funding provided to the SUA to develop and enhance comprehensive community based systems and provide coordinated services to older adults under Title III of the Older Americans Act.

Title VI: Funding that provides nutrition and supportive services to American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian elders to help them live full lives in their communities and authorizes grants to support caregivers.

Title VI Grantees: A Tribe and/or an Indian tribal organization representing a federally recognized tribe(s) that receives Title VI funding. The Title VI Grantees in Arizona are the Navajo Nation and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA).

V. STANDARDS

1. The Older Americans Act (OAA) establishes legal obligations for the State Unit on Aging (SUA), Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and Service Providers to serve Native Americans across Arizona in a coordinated and culturally sensitive manner.
2. Coordination between the AAAs and Title VI Grantees is essential to ensure that the needs of Native American elders and Family Caregivers living in their respective Planning and Service Areas (PSAs) are met.
3. The primary goal of meaningful coordination is to provide access to services while preventing duplication of services.

VI. PROCEDURES

1. SUA will:
 - a. Partner with Title VI Grantees, when Title VI Grantees are developing their policies and procedures, to identify the following:
 - i. The role of the State's aging network, including AAAs and Service Providers, in outreach to Native American elders and Family Caregivers regarding services for which they may be eligible;
 - ii. Communication avenues that the SUA will make available to Title VI programs, including the provision of technical assistance related to applications for other funding opportunities, as well as participation in meetings, inclusion on email distribution lists, and access to presentations and public hearings;
 - iii. Methods for collaboration and sharing of program information and changes, including coordination with AAAs and Service Providers when applicable;
 - iv. How Title VI Grantees can refer individuals who are eligible for Title III and/or VI programs and services;
 - v. How services will be provided in a culturally appropriate and trauma-informed manner; and

- vi. Opportunities to serve on advisory councils, workgroups, and boards, including AAA advisory councils, as set forth in §1321.63.
 - b. Engage in ongoing tribal consultation to enhance communication and collaboration with Title VI Grantees about Title III and other funding opportunities, as well as key meetings, presentations, workgroups, or public hearings occurring in their PSA.
 - c. Identify outreach goals and objectives in the SUA state plan focused on providing information to Native American elders and Family Caregivers about services they may be eligible for under Title III and/or VI programs and services.
2. AAAs will:
- a. Reinforce strong connections with organizations that serve Native American elders and Family Caregivers across Arizona.
 - b. Annually share staff contact information with Title VI Grantees in Arizona to keep them informed of key staff contacts.
 - c. Annually provide Title VI Grantees with the names and contact information of Service Providers offering Title III services, along with a description of those services, to assist with referrals for individuals eligible for Title III and/or VII services.
 - i. AAAs in PSAs with larger population centers must also share this information with representatives of urban Indian organizations, partners, and vendors.
 - d. Demonstrate efforts to include representatives from tribal elders residing in regions on their advisory councils, governing boards, and any special committees or workgroups.
 - e. Host a meeting with Title VI Grantees in Arizona, at least once a year, to share information about programs, services, and future plans. These meetings should involve Service Provider representatives, focusing on gathering input on how to make services more culturally responsive and trauma-informed.
 - f. Identify outreach goals and objectives in their area plan that aim to inform Native American elders and Family Caregivers about services they may be eligible for under Title III and/or VI.