Arizona Department of Economic Security

Tri-agency Tribal Consultation Session

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Arizona Department of Economic Security *Tri-Agency Tribal Consultation Session*

- DES Vision, Mission, Values and Goals
- DES Tribal Consultation Policy
- Opportunities for Coordination and Consultation between DES and Arizona's Tribes
- Looking Ahead The Human Services Environment
- The DES Business Model
- Moving Forward through Collaboration



Vision:

Every Child, Adult and Family in the State of Arizona Will Be Safe and Economically Secure

Mission:

The Arizona Department of Economic Security Promotes the Safety, Well-Being and Self-Sufficiency of Children, Adults and Families

DES Values

Respect

Diversity

Collaboration

Accountability

Innovation

DES Goals



- Strengthen Individuals and Families;
- Increase Self-Sufficiency; and
- Develop the Capacity of Communities

- Formally adopted the Consultation Policy in January
- Expresses our commitment to working with Native American Tribes to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of human services to children, youth, adults and elders
- Effective consultation is a dynamic process, involving ongoing joint efforts of Tribal and Department leadership/staff

Policy Basics:

- Ensure that consultation with Tribes is sought by DES prior to taking actions that affect Native American Tribes
- Consultation must occur on an ongoing basis to establish and maintain trust
- The DES Native American Liaison is the principle point of contact for tribal issues and coordination with DES staff

Consultation Process for New or Changing Policy/Program Implementation:

- Consider whether proposed change likely to have impact on Native American Tribes
- Provide timely notice to Tribes requesting feedback and recommendations
- Schedule face-to-face consultation sessions as needed
- Include other stakeholders and sister agencies as appropriate
- Consultation with a single Native American Tribe will not substitute for consultation with other Tribes on issues that may affect more than one Tribe

Ongoing Consultation:

- DES staff will participate in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regional consultations
- DES staff will participate in consultation meetings sponsored by other federal agencies, Native American Tribes, and the InterTribal Council of Arizona
- DES staff will continue to meet regularly with Indian Tribes and follow-up on issues discussed during those meetings

Child Welfare

- Indian Child Welfare Act DES/Tribal Liaisons
- Specialized Indian Child Welfare Act crosstraining
- Native American Foster/Adoptive Families Recruitment
- Intergovernmental Agreements for child welfare services

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

- Tribes operating their own TANF programs partner with DES staff for eligibility determination, ongoing consultation
- Current programs: Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, White Mountain Apache Tribe

 San Carlos Apache Tribe is currently working to implement their own TANF program

Other Human Services Areas of Interest <u>Examples</u>

- Arizona Early Intervention Program
- Adult Protective Services
- Child Support Enforcement
- Rehabilitation Services Administration

Intergovernmental Agreements

<u>Examples</u>

- Home-delivered meals to the elderly
- Family Support and Family Preservation services
- Workforce Investment Act program for youth and adults
- Child Care
- Utility Assistance
- Case Management services for the developmentally disabled and the elderly

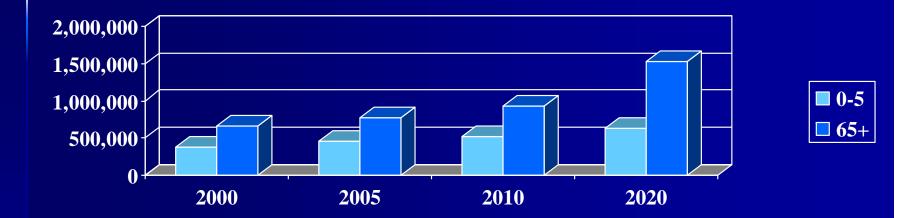
Looking Ahead

 Areas we must continue to plan for in human services

 Arizona's Population Growth
 Federal Impacts on Human Services Programs
 Significant Current Issues

Expectations for coordination with Arizona's Tribal Nations

Human Services Environment – *Population Growth*

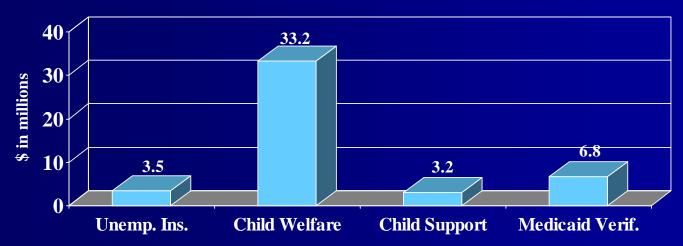


Arizona Is the Fastest Growing State in the Nation

	4/1/00 Census	7/1/05 Est.	7/1/10 Proj.	7/1/20 Proj.
Total	5,130,632	5,953,007	6,637,381	8,456,448
0-5	382,286	456,001	515,408	630,601
65+	667,839	765,957	922,010	1,520,622

Human Services Environment – Federal Impacts

State Cost to Backfill Federal Cuts or Implement New Mandates in Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008



- Federal Funding Cuts: Cost-Shifting to the States
- The Governor and Legislature Supported Funding to Replace Many of These Cuts
- These Funding 'Backfills' Are Necessary Simply to Maintain Services, But Do Not Expand or Improve Services

Human Services Environment – Federal Impacts

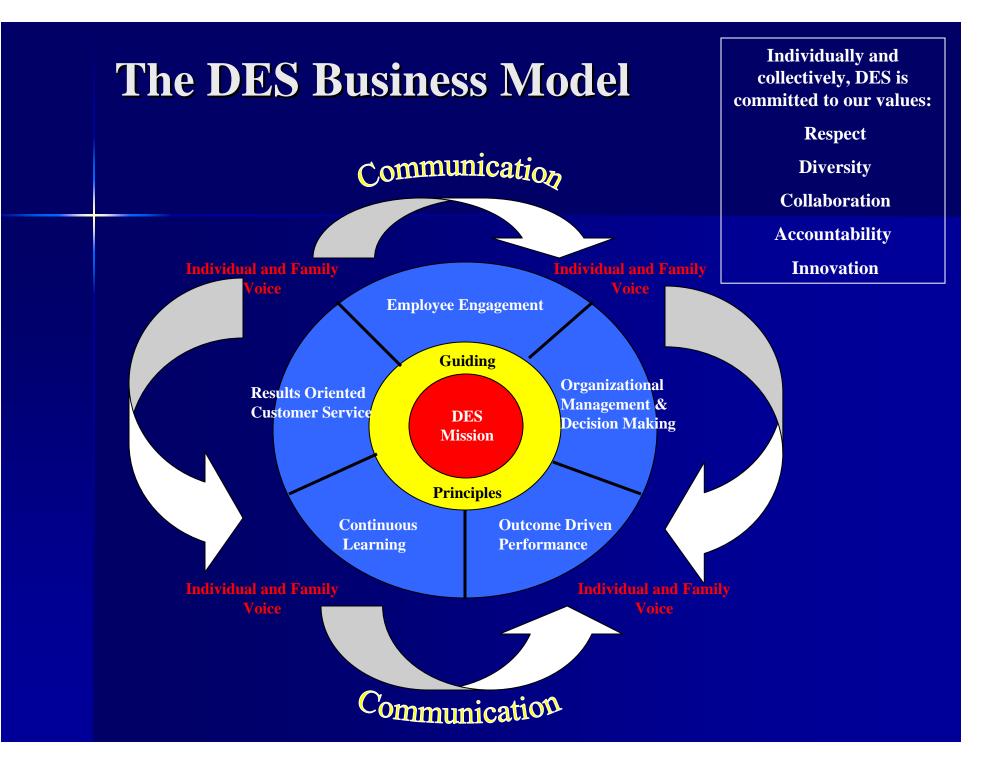
- Accountability for Meeting Federal Performance Standards
 - TANF Work Participation Rate
 - Child Welfare Child and Family Service Reviews
 - Food Stamps: Accuracy and Timeliness
 - Early Intervention Program
 - Child Support Enforcement (5 Performance Measures)
 - Unemployment Insurance

Human Services Environment – Federal Impacts

- Federal Legislation and Program Reauthorizations:
 - Monitoring Impact of Deficit Reduction Act
 - TANF Population Supplemental
 - Farm Bill (Food Stamps)
 - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Human Services Environment – Significant Current Issues

- Emerging national and state focus on antipoverty strategies
 - Targeting poverty
 - Promoting economic prosperity
 - Smart Growth Initiative
- Statewide strategy to combat methamphetamine use
 - Funding through the Governor's Meth Initiative has been allocated to 6 Tribes, and two other Tribes partner with the Northeast Valley Meth Coalition



Moving Forward through Collaboration

Key Partnerships with Tribal Nations, the Intertribal Council of Arizona and the new DES Native American Advisory Council

- Family/Community Involved Efforts
- Office of Community Partnerships and Innovative Practices
- Cross-Agency Partnerships

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Thank you!

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