

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has authorized the Division of Health Programs through Apache Behavioral Health Services to provide mental health services throughout the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has established that alcohol and substance abuse in its younger tribal members leads to suffering and pain for youth and their families, mental illness, suicide, negative legal consequences, and academic failure; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has determined that the youth of the Tribe are its future; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs and Apache Behavioral Health Services have identified funding sources via a targeted capacity expansion grant sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration designed to help underserved areas create evidenced based interventions to battle substance abuse behaviors in youths and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Health Programs and Apache Behavioral Health Services proposes to develop a program based on an empirically proven intervention program called Multisystemic Family Therapy that will (1) provide for court ordered home-based substance abuse family therapy for substance abusing youth who become involved in the Juvenile Court of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, to include: emergency crisis family and individual counseling, mental health counseling, relationship counseling for all family members, intense family counseling, and intense case management; (2) help young tribal members find their place and identity in the White Mountain Apache Tribal Community and become contributing tribal citizens; (3) foster coordination of services between traditional healers/practitioners, tribal courts, tribal police, tribal and I.H.S. medical programs, schools, and other formal and informal organizations important to children and their families; and (4) improve the tribal juvenile justice system by enhancing intake assessments and the number of diversion alternatives available to judges.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Division of Health Programs and Apache Behavioral Health Services to pursue a targeted capacity expansion grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration to obtain funding for the purposes of implementing a Multisystemic Family Therapy program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and

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that the said funding is to be implemented immediately upon receipt to assist tribal substance abusing youth and their families to decrease the delinquency, substance abuse problems, family conflicts, and academic failures experienced by youth who abuse alcohol and drugs.

The foregoing resolution was on August 21, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (r), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).




Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council