



TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

- Located in Southwest Arizona
 - 83 Villages
 - Land base (2.7 million acres)
 - Population
 - 2012 Tribal Enrollment(31,458)
 - Elders over 55 years (3,586)
 - 11% of Tribal Enrollment
 - At least 400 tribal members live on the other side of the Mexican border.



ADULT PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 03-03

In accordance with *Tohono O'odham Adult Protection Ordinance No. 03-03, enacted by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on September 11, 2003*, the Division of Adult Protective Services (APS) receives and investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable incapacitated adults.



APS – Family Preservation

- Introduction: Tohono O'odham Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Adult Protection Services
- Process of a referral
- Least Restrictive

Types of Referrals

- Emotional Abuse
- Exploitation
- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Of a vulnerable, incapacitated, elders/adults
- Self/Agencies/community members/family members at clients request
- Referring to other programs/agencies

Respecting client and their family

- Family Re-Unification
- Getting all family members living in the home together
- Siblings/extended family to elder/adult



Social Norms/Factors for situations

- Culture/tradition/language
- Historical Trauma/Ongoing Trauma
- Living in the dominant society
- Understanding/Attempts to understand surviving in the dominant society
- Non-Cultural/Cultural/Religion/Sub-Cultures
- Alcohol/Drugs/Gangs/Learned Behavior
- Shutting Down/Disappointment/Not Understanding
- Possibly not knowing the skill/skills or how to function



Differentiate/Education

- Unconditional Love
- Respect of the client/elder
- Maturity
- Roles/Responsibilities of male and females



EMPOWERMENT

- Teach family consistency/utilizing resources
- Culturally, teach from where they're at and work backwards



Non- Compliance

- Having perpetrator/s removed
- Elder placed where available
- Extended family members

TOUGH LOVE

