

Mark your Calendar!

The 2012 NICOA Conference is in Albuquerque, NM - September 15-18, 2012



NICOA MISSION: *To advocate for improved comprehensive health, social services and economic well being for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders.*

The 19th Biennial National Indian Council on Aging Conference will be held on September 15-18, 2012 in Albuquerque, NM. This three and a half day meeting organized by the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) serves as the national forum for its membership of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders from across the United States to convene their Biennial meeting. The meeting will consist of educational presentations from tribal, state, federal and a diverse network of aging service partners that will provide information and updates on aging services, health care, civic engagement and economic development in Indian Country.

Over 1,500 elders from across the country will participate in listening sessions to examine and better understand issues that impact American Indian and Alaska Native aging services in urban areas and tribal lands. The NICOA voting members will break into 13 caucuses to draft regional aging services recommendations that NICOA and its stakeholders will present to tribal, state and federal leaders. NICOA members will also approve resolutions on critical aging issues that will be submitted to the National Congress of American Indians for presentation to the President and Congressional leadership in Washington, DC.

Learning and listening sessions at the forum include:

- Affordable Care Act/Indian Healthcare Improvement Act
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Social Security
- Older Americans Act
- Economic Security & Employment Training
- White House Conference on Aging
- Long Term Care Planning
- Community Based Services
- Health Care Screening
- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Nutrition
- Caregiver/Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Support Programs
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.
- And much more...

American Indian and Alaska Native Elders are reminded to pay membership dues. Registration forms will be available online soon. Conference sponsorships and donations are essential. Tradeshow vendors are welcome. For additional information contact Randella Bluehouse, Executive Director at (505) 292-2001 or email: bluehouse@nicoa.org.