

Native American Connections Keeping the Family Together


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Native American Connections (NAC) Mission Statement



Improving the lives of individuals and families through Native American culturally appropriate behavioral health, affordable housing, and community development services.



Overview of NAC Services

- Adult and Youth SUD Outpatient Services
 - TREE (Treatment, Recovery Enhancement & Expansion) for Adolescents
- Integrated Medical/Behavioral Health Clinic
- Residential Substance Use Treatment
 - Patina Wellness Center – Pregnant & Parenting Women and Families
 - Patina Mountain Preserve) - Men
- Sober Living for Adult Men and Women
- Housing
 - Affordable Workforce Housing for Families
 - Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional, & Youth Shelter
- Community Development

Patina Wellness Center (PWC)

337 E Virginia Ave Phoenix, Az 85004 (602)226-4500

- 70 residential SUD beds for men and women & their dependent children
- Rotating curriculum – evidenced and culturally based; length of stay determined by clinical need & health plan authorization
- Child Care provider assists healthy bonding connecting the coping skills parents learn in early recovery to parenting skills



Populations Served:

- NAC Priority Populations
 - Native American Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
 - Pregnant and Parenting Women
 - IV drug Users
 - Opioid Users
 - Families
- Since February 2021 - PWC has serviced 26PPW women, 8 men as part of couples tx and 10 children with 24 adults completing the program
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Friendly
- Co-occurring Disorders



- Childcare on site
- Individual support with Childcare Provider
- Group support with healthy parenting
- Clinical Support with parenting in early recovery





Facilitating Quality Care with Collaborators

- Securing funding to keep families together while parent(s) seek substance use treatment
- Supporting clients with Social Services Involvement (TSS/DCS)
- Residential medical team collaborates with Prenatal and MAT providers
- Ongoing discharge planning with focus to keep family together

Meeting a client “where they are at”...

Clinical approaches were expanded to support a client where he/she is at while emphasizing safety, overall wellness, and functionality

- Strengths perspective
- Harm Reduction viewpoint
- Person-First perspective
- Compassion and Empathy
- 12 Step Meetings
- Seeking Safety curriculum
- Mindfulness-based Relapse Prevention



Cultural Implications for Healing

- Red Road / Wellbriety
- Talking Circles
- Smudging and Prayer
- Positive Indian Parenting
- Healthy Relationships
- GONA (Gathering of Native Americans)
- Cultural Arts
- Songs and Drumming

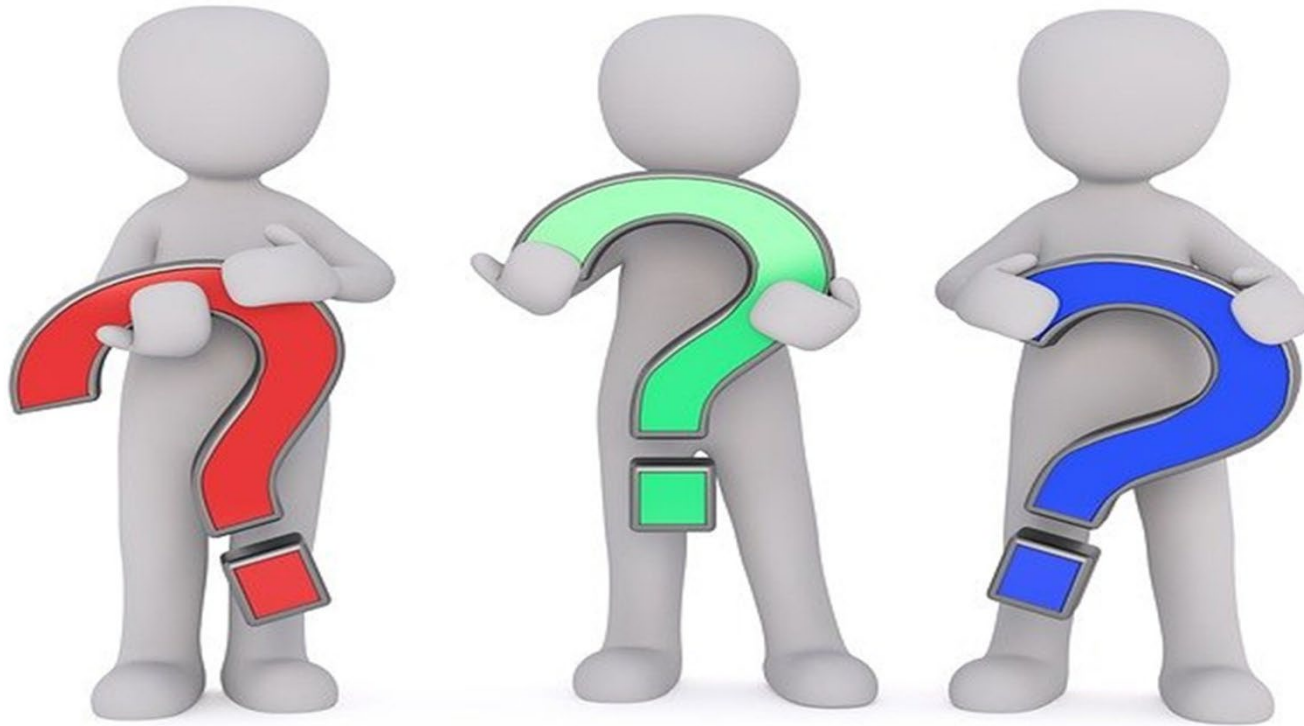


Transitioning into the Community

- Youth Housing- 2 sites with 1 in process that provide case management and clinical support for young adults ages 18-24
- Affordable Housing- 9 sites provide after school meals, childcare and tutoring



Questions?





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