

Biography

Feliciano R. Cruz

My name is Feliciano R. Cruz; I am an enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. My wife's name is Leslie and we have five children; Regina 18, Paul 17, Ania 16, Feliciano Jr. 7 and Sara 3. I am the Injury Prevention Specialist Coordinator for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson, Arizona,

In 1994 I began working with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Head Start Program as a bus driver. I later started working with health department transportation program as a Driver. That position led me to working with the Community Health Representative (CHR) program. In 2000, I accepted the full time position of Injury Prevention Coordinator.

My work consists of conducting home safety evaluations, distributing smoke detectors, car seats and boosters, developing tribal injury preventions and creating injury awareness presentations. These are the trainings I attended:

- Level I Introduction to Injury Prevention Course
- Level II Data Analysis and Interpretation Course
- Level III Translating Information into Action Course
- Introduction to EPI Info 2000
- NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Training
- Food Handlers Course
- Bomb and Threat Response Training

I am the Representative for the Tucson Area to the National Tribal Injury Prevention Steering Committee; I also serve as Treasurer for the committee. My interest is to provide the opportunity of challenges and development of training for injury prevention programs in other tribes. I want to achieve greater knowledge by networking with other tribal communities and areas to benefit all Native American and Alaska Native people. By promoting awareness and support for injury prevention activities in our communities we can reduce the trauma and cost associated with injuries.