

Biography

Carmen V Estrella

My name is Carmen V. Estrella. I am a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. I live on the Pascua Yaqui Reservation with my Husband David and 2 children Juan (16) & Beatriz (11). My family are all from the Yaqui Tribe. I have worked for 5 1/2 years for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Health Department starting as a CHR and am currently working as a Case Manager - Homemaker Services

I have worked in the health field for the last 16 years. I graduated with a medical assistant certification from Apollo College in 1986, a CNA certification from Pima Community College -Desert Campus in 1992, received the CHR certification in 1997 and Graduated from Care Search with a caregiver certification in 1998.

Received the Injury Prevention Level I Course in December 2001

My current position consists of placing Attendant Care Providers (ACP) in the homes of tribal member elders or disabled clients. During these placements my staff notifies me of any needs. An initial needs assessment is then conducted by myself followed up with a referral to Mr Cruz who does the home assessment.

Being the alternate for Mr. Cruz - Tucson Area to the TSC will give me the opportunity to make contact with other tribes. To gain knowledge in areas where the tribe would benefit most. In most part to address the needs of all Native Americans as far as bringing awareness of preventing injuries, through a strong approach. By brainstorming with one another as a committee, we tend to get more ideas and methods that would benefit all.