

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** members of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are duly elected representatives of the people of their respective districts; and among their many concerns are the health and well-being of its Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council supports carefully designed research projects to evaluate health problems which exist in the population and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and
- WHEREAS,** a support program (Share our Strength) for Apache teen mothers began in 1995 and since then has evolved into a home-based family strengthening preventive intervention program (Family Spirit) for teen parents; and
- WHEREAS,** this project was developed jointly by the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and Apache tribal members so that all aspects of the program are culturally relevant in order to maximize the benefits of the program for Apache teen parents; and
- WHEREAS,** Apache tribal members serve as Family Health Educators (FHE) for the Family Spirit program after having received over 500 hours of para-professional training in the basics public health, counseling, and the teaching to teen parents about parenting, infant care, self help, capacity building, and community service, while also seeking to reduce high risk behaviors; and
- WHEREAS,** this program is felt to be a success by teen parent participants, their parents, and by support individuals and groups in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** except for the Navajo Reservation, similar programs such as Family Spirit are virtually non-existent on other reservations, and many of the concepts of this program may be applicable among other American Indian tribes and among non-Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** the Family Spirit program and teen parent programs which preceded it have operated a number of years, and it is felt that the time has come to inform others of the success and popularity of this program with the thought that the program can be adopted by others; and
- WHEREAS,** opportunities for speaking about the Apache Family Spirit program to national audiences have become available, and these are the annual meetings of the American

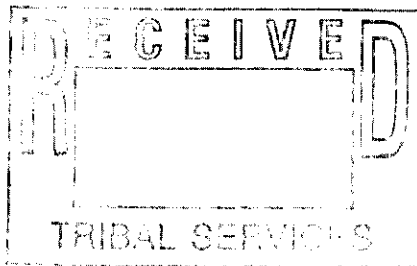
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Public Health Association (APHA; San Francisco, CA) and Association for Advancement of Behavioral Therapy (AABT; Boston, MA), both to be held November 2003, and Abstracts of these presentations are attached.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the following two Abstracts and the presentations that will be made in November 2003 about the Family Spirit program in San Francisco, CA (APHA) and Boston, MA (AABT):

1. "Family Spirit Project: Community Health Workers Strengthening American Indian Teen-Formed Families", and
2. "Family Spirit Program: A Home-Based Intervention for Strengthening Native American Teen-Formed Families".

The foregoing resolution was on **APRIL 16, 2003** duly adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for and **ZERO** against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).




Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council