

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

(Approval to Enter into a Partnership with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) to adapt and evaluate the effectiveness of an internet based HIV/STI, and pregnancy prevention curriculum for American Indian/Alaskan Native middle school aged youth 12-14 years)

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe established by Executive Order on November 9, 1891, whose tribal lands span across Apache, Gila and Navajo Counties, totaling 1.6 million acres located on parts of their ancestral homelands; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a member of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. ("ITCA"); and
- WHEREAS, the ITCA is an organization of 20 Tribal governments in Arizona, provides a forum for Tribal governments to advocate for national, regional and specific Tribal concerns and to join in united action to address these issues; and
- WHEREAS, the member Tribes of the ITCA have the authority to act to further their collective interests as sovereign Tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Texas developed a teen pregnancy and STI prevention curriculum called "It's Your Game...Keep it Real" (IYG) that was designed for urban youth in the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS, the curriculum was tested and determined to be an evidence based effective program and there is an interest to adapt the curriculum for American Indian youth; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Texas received funding from the Centers of Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC) to adapt the IYG curriculum for American Indian youth and entered into a partnership with three regional American Indian organizations, including the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., to assist and test the effectiveness of the adapted IYG curriculum; and
- WHEREAS, the research consists of a two phase study where researchers gather input from American Indian youth on the current IYG curriculum on how the IYG should be adapted for American Indian youth, and recruits American Indian youth to be filmed to be part of the adapted IYG curriculum; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe may choose to participate in one or both phases of the study and may opt out of the study at anytime; and

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WHEREAS, the ITCA further acknowledges and agrees that in order to protect the privacy, security, and confidentiality of the Tribal youth participants of the study, the specific and direct identifying information gathered or acquired by ITCA in performance of the study shall be maintained as confidential to the maximum extent permitted by the Research Subaward Agreement and applicable law, and that ITCA shall retain personal identifying information at the offices of ITCA and remove all such personal identifying information before the aggregated information gathered by the ITCA is provided to UTHSC ("De-Identified Information"); and

WHEREAS, the ITCA will provide to the White Mountain Apache Tribe with the following: (1) data collected from the web-based surveys, (2) a data report that includes the analysis; and (3) final report that includes the outcomes of the study; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to authorize the ITCA to conduct the two-phase study with the purpose of determining the effectiveness of the adapted IYG curriculum.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to enter into a sub-contract with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. to participate in the *Innovative Approaches to Preventing Teen Pregnancy Among American Indian Youth Project* funded through the UTHSC and by the Research Sub-award Agreement #5U48DPO01949-02/

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the available funds will be mutually agreed upon between the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **SEPTEMBER 7, 2011** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for and **ZERO** against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (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).

Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council