TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
Located in Southwest Arizona
- 83 Villages
- Land base (2.7 million acres)
- Population
  - 2012 Tribal Enrollment (31,458)
  - Elders over 55 years (3,586)
    - 11% of Tribal Enrollment
  - At least 400 tribal members live on the other side of the Mexican border.
In accordance with Tohono O'odham Adult Protection Ordinance No. 03-03, enacted by the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council on September 11, 2003, the Division of Adult Protective Services (APS) receives and investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable incapacitated adults.
APS – Family Preservation

• Introduction: Tohono O’odham Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Adult Protection Services
• Process of a referral
• Least Restrictive
Types of Referrals

- Emotional Abuse
- Exploitation
- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Of a vulnerable, incapacitated, elders/adults
- Self/Agencies/community members/family members at clients request
- Referring to other programs/agencies
Respecting client and their family

- Family Re-Unification
- Getting all family members living in the home together
- Siblings/extended family to elder/adult
Social Norms/Factors for situations

• Culture/tradition/language
• Historical Trauma/Ongoing Trauma
• Living in the dominant society
• Understanding/Attempts to understand surviving in the dominant society
• Non-Cultural/Cultural/Religion/Sub-Cultures
• Alcohol/Drugs/Gangs/Learned Behavior
• Shutting Down/Disappointment/Not Understanding
• Possibly not knowing the skill/skills or how to function
Differentiate/Education

- Unconditional Love
- Respect of the client/elder
- Maturity
- Roles/Responsibilities of male and females

EMPOWERMENT

- Teach family consistency/utilizing resources
- Culturally, teach from where they’re at and work backwards
Non-Compliance

• Having perpetrator/s removed
• Elder placed where available
• Extended family members

TOUGH LOVE