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BAKERSFIELD AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Birthing Care Pathways

A key priority for the Birthing Care Pathway is to reduce disparities in maternal health outcomes among Black, Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native pregnant and postpartum Medi-Cal members.

"... Colonialism and the exclusion of so much ritual rights by delivery centers has exacerbated the effects of trauma which we see continuously with high rates of post-partum depression and other mental health diagnoses ... Healthcare professionals should understand at minimum the cultural and linguistically relevance and form sensitive responses to ensuring a safe, healthy, and positive experience for the new mother and father" said BAIHP CEO, Angel Galvez, on the panel,



Top News

BAIHP and National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) working together to reach out to policymakers regarding Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Funding Freeze.

BAIHP Updates

We're excited to announce the start of two new programs,
Men's Talking Circle
- Tuesdays, 6 PM - 8 PM
Cultural Education Workshops
- Thursdays, 3 PM - 5 PM



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BAIHP STAR Award



STAR Award is a distinguished recognition given to an individual who has consistently demonstrated exceptional performance, dedication, and commitment to BAIHP. This award is presented twice a year and this year's award was presented to Case Manager, **Carlos Cortez!**

CEO Corner

BAIHP is undergoing medical clinical renovations. Stay tuned for a new look and four new exam rooms!



We're currently estimating a 90 day completion of our construction project. We thank you for your patience while we work hard on getting our building and new services up and running. Thank you!

- M. Angel Galvez, BS, MAOL
Chief Executive Officer, BAIHP



Newsletter Highlight

We would be honored to see you at our FREE 5th Annual Spring Gathering! Come learn about a variety of health based programs to ensure that we can enter Spring at our healthiest, ready to receive the blessings of Mother Earth's renewal. At this event we will offer a variety of cultural activities including opening prayer, song and dance, mental and physical health resources, as well as opportunities to learn about our community partners.

When: Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 10 AM - 4:30 PM

Where: 501 40th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301



In the Community

Our company is committed to giving back to the community. This month, BAIHP Community Outreach Specialist, Lawrence Salcido Jr. attended a park clean up at Riverwalk Park in collaboration with our partners from the Blue Zones Project and Tobacco Free Kern (TFK).

At the park, Lawrence observed a large amount of cigarette butts around the walking paths, along the water, and in the communal areas. He said, *"It was jarring since Riverwalk is seen as one of the cleaner parks in Bakersfield, but I saw a family sitting together on the grass with used cigarettes not even 2 feet away from their children. Commercial tobacco products like this corrupt it's true meaning for Native Americans, as a gift, as prayer, as culture."*



Happy Birthday to BAIHP Staff for January!
Pictured: Javier (Jan.30), Alexandra (Jan.19), Josh (Jan.20)

