



Governor's Office
of Youth, Faith and
Family

SUBJECT: TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY
EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2017

PURPOSE:

This policy establishes basic principles for the business relationship between the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) and the Tribal Governments in the State of Arizona.

AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2051, each state agency shall develop and implement tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with the tribal nations of this state.

INTRODUCTION:

The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family works to create a safe, healthy and bright future for all Arizona as envisioned by Governor Doug Ducey. The office convenes and staffs eight Governor appointed commissions. The staff works directly with funded partners and community stakeholders to leverage assets to improve the lives of all of Arizona's youth and families, thereby creating a great state to raise a family.

POLICY:

The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family recognizes the sovereignty of Tribal governments and their jurisdiction over lands within Tribal Nations and Communities as defined by federal law.

The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family recognizes that the federal government has the primary responsibility for assisting Tribes to regulate and manage the environment within Tribal Nations and Communities.

The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family is committed to consulting with the 22 federally-recognized tribes in Arizona prior to undertaking any action or policy that will, or is reasonably believed to have the potential to affect a tribal community or its members. To the fullest extent possible, GOYFF will integrate input generated from the tribal consultation into their decision-making processes to achieve mutually acceptable solutions.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) GOYFF staff will not conduct any activities within the Tribal lands without first receiving an invitation from the appropriate Tribal official.
- 2) GOYFF will designate a Tribal Liaison.
- 3) GOYFF will encourage Tribal representation on boards and commissions.
- 4) GOYFF will enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) or Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) when considered mutually appropriate by GOYFF and an interested Tribal Nation in consultation with the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations.

- 5) GOYFF will conduct trainings at the request of the tribe, when appropriate and as resources allow, encourage and improved Departmental and/or Tribal understanding and communication.
- 6) GOYFF staff will relay Tribal communications of complaints, issues, or concerns, including requests from Tribes for technical assistance, to the appropriate staff as quickly as possible.

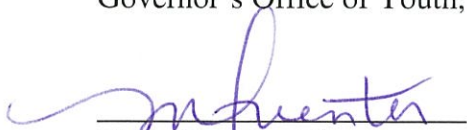
RESPONSIBILITY:

In good faith, the Director of GOYFF, in his/her official capacity, or through his/her designee(s), shall endeavor to implement the terms of this policy.

Responsibility for the enforcement of this policy lies with the deputy directors, program officers and the Director.

APPROVED BY:

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

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Maria Fuentes, Director

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