



## Arizona Department of Gaming Tribal Outreach & Activities Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2019

### Agency Overview:

The Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) is the state agency charged with regulating tribal gaming, racing, pari-mutuel/simulcast wagering, and unarmed combat sports. ADG’s mission is: “To ethically and effectively regulate gaming, horseracing, and unarmed combat sports to ensure they are conducted in a socially responsible manner.”

The State of Arizona has entered into gaming Compacts (Compacts) with all 22 federally recognized tribal governments in Arizona, and these Compacts also are part of Arizona state law (A.R.S. § 5-601.02). To this end, ADG works in partnership with Tribes on a daily basis to co-regulate Indian casinos and promote socially responsible gaming. Per the 2002 General Election Ballot Proposition 202 (Indian Gaming Preservation and Self-Reliance Act), 2 percent of the tribal gaming contributions made to the Arizona Benefits Fund finance state and local programs for the prevention and treatment of, and education concerning, problem gambling. ADG’s Division of Problem Gambling (DPG) provides these programs and services, which include its 24-hour confidential helpline (1-800-NEXT-STEP) for people and families affected by problem gambling. DPG’s problem gambling resources are available to tribal members.

ADG’s Racing and Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Divisions maintain open channels of communication with Tribes and interact and work with Tribes at their request.

### Tribal Consultation Activities:

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Enhance Socially Responsible Gaming	Educate the public about problem gambling and prevention, and the available resources ADG’s Division of Problem Gambling (DPG) offers.	<i>Problem Gambling Prevention and Education:</i> DPG exhibited at six tribal health and training events in response to tribal invitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 2018 5th Annual Tribal Summit at Twin Arrows Casino (08/2018)</li> <li>• Gila River Health Fairs: Wild Horse Pass Casino (09/2018); Vee Quiva Casino (10/2018); Lone Butte Casino (11/2018)</li> <li>• Arizona Tribal Gaming Regulators Alliance (ATGRA) Regulatory Training Academy (05/2019)</li> <li>• Native Americans for Community Action Suicide Prevention Conference (06/2019)</li> </ul>
	Connect people and families affected by problem gambling with DPG resources.	<i>Problem Gambling Treatment:</i> Provided treatment to 887 clients.

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Enhance Cooperative Relationships	Work with Tribes to administer the tribal casino voluntary Self-Exclusion program.	Provided Tribes with weekly updates to the casino Self-Exclusion list. ADG enrolled 574 patrons in Fiscal Year 2019, bringing the total number of active, enrolled participants to 2,511.
	Share expert knowledge and resources to support co-regulation of tribal casinos.	At the request of Tribes, provided 56 free, on-site training sessions to tribal partners related to casino regulation. ADG presented and coordinated more than 20 training topics like auditing, security, surveillance, operations, and problem gambling services, which it provided along with other subject matter experts from the gaming industry and law enforcement. Several of these sessions were delivered in conjunction with ATGRA meetings and events.
	Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)	ADG has entered into IGAs with several Tribes to sanction unarmed combat sporting events on tribal land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (<i>expires 12/19/19</i>)</li> <li>• Tohono O'odham Nation (<i>expires 02/05/21</i>)</li> <li>• Colorado River (<i>expires 04/25/21</i>)</li> <li>• Navajo Nation (<i>expires 09/04/22</i>)</li> <li>• Gila River Indian Community (<i>expires 09/10/22</i>)</li> </ul>

**Highlights:**

Fiscal Year 2019 tribal gaming revenues in Arizona hit an all-time high. Tribal gaming contributions to the State of Arizona and its cities, towns and counties totaled approximately \$111.3 million, of which, ADG distributed \$98,152,088 through the Arizona Benefits Fund to support State education, tourism, wildlife conservation, and trauma and emergency services, and for casino co-regulation and problem gambling services required by the Compacts. At the close of Fiscal Year 2019, cumulative tribal gaming contributions to the State of Arizona and its cities, towns, and counties since the Compacts became effective in 2003, totaled more than \$1.51 billion.

ADG DPG created the State's first-ever Problem Gambling Prevention Grant program targeting at-risk youth and seniors and partnered with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to successfully solicit qualified grant proposals. The grant solicitation was open to qualifying Tribal organizations.

**Recommendations from tribal representatives:**

None at this time.

**Revisions to Tribal Consultation Policy:**

The ADG Tribal Consultation Policy was revised in September 2019 to reflect changes in agency leadership and address tribal consultation activities agency-wide.

**Challenges:**

None at this time.

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