

Audiology Program

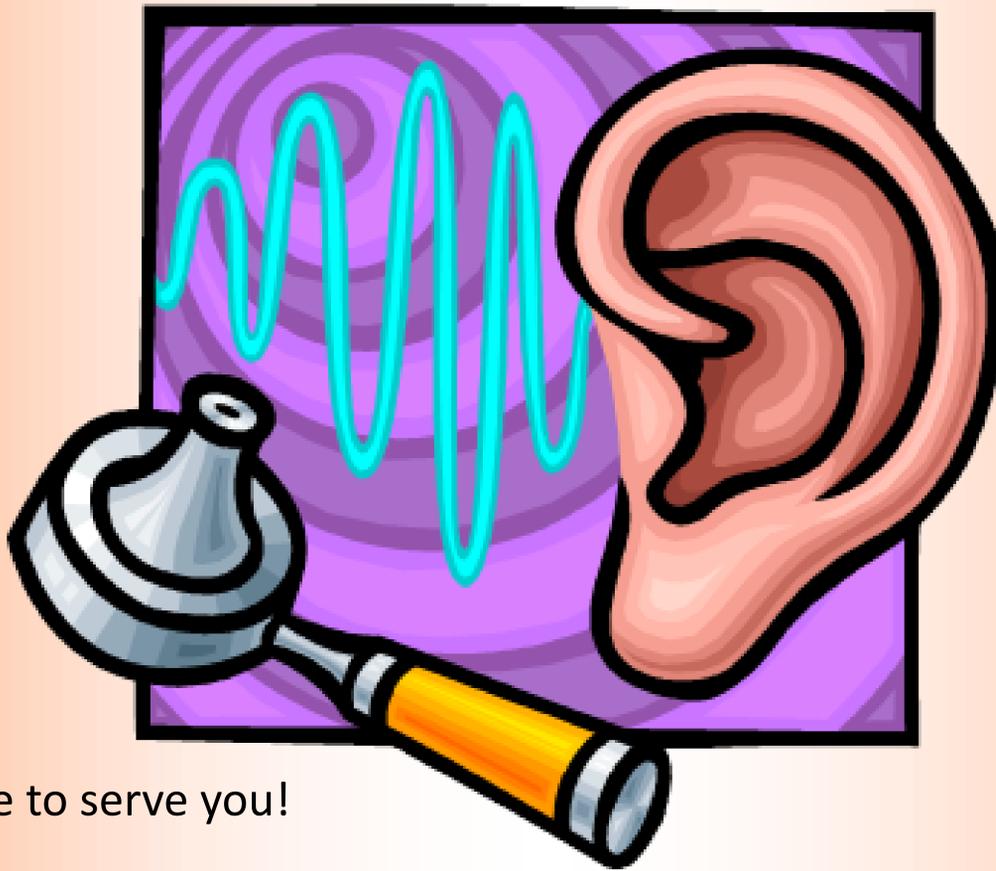
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.

Did You Know...

- . Native Americans have a higher prevalence of ear infections, especially during childhood
- . Chronic ear infections can cause fluctuating hearing loss and eventually can lead to learning disabilities
- . You have an audiology program in your community that can help discover and treat hearing issues affecting your family

Why hearing health matters...

- . Untreated hearing loss can affect quality of life
- . Diagnosing hearing issues early leads to better health outcomes
- . Hearing loss can sometimes be reversed with proper treatment
- . Treating hearing loss can improve earning power, communication, intimacy, emotional stability and physical health



Audiology is here to serve you!

We Provide

- . Adult and pediatric hearing evaluations
- . Newborn hearing screening
- . Habilitation/rehabilitation of hearing loss
- . Hearing aid fittings
- . Assistive listening devices
- . Hearing screenings and educational materials at schools and health fairs
- . Certified and state licensed audiologists

How to schedule an appointment:

You can call your local health center or community health representative (CHR) to schedule an appointment.



Why does my community need an audiology program?

- . Educational and social outcomes affected by hearing loss are best helped with treatment
- . The earlier we diagnose, the earlier we can offer treatment

. By offering specialized services we can treat and promote hearing health in our communities, many of which are in rural areas

Hearing Facts

- . There are three (3) types of hearing loss: SENSORINEURAL, CONDUCTIVE and MIXED
- . Noise induced hearing loss is PREVENTABLE
- . Turning down music by 3 dB allows you to double the amount of safe listening time.
- . Ear wax serves as an insect repellent, lubricant for the ear canal and is anti-microbial
- . Aerobic exercise can improve hearing by increasing blood flow to the inner ear

What is the AAIHB Audiology Program?

Our goal is to promote the hearing health of Native Americans through early identification of hearing loss and appropriate intervention. We provide direct services to tribal communities in New Mexico and southern Colorado.

The Audiology Program coordinated through the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board offers services to local Tribes in all Indian Health Service areas.

AAIHB is a nonprofit organization, 100 percent Indian-owned and operated, serving tribal communities in New Mexico and southern Colorado.

Mission Statement

The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. advocates on behalf of American Indians through the delivery of quality health care services, which honor spiritual and cultural values.

Please read more about our organization at <http://www.aaihb.org>