

## National Indian Youth Council, Inc. Employment and Training Program

NIYC's Employment and Training program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title I, Section 166, Indian and Native American Programs.

### Program Goals

Our goal is to support urban Native jobseekers striving to:

- Develop academic, occupational, and literacy skills;
- Become engaged, prepared, and sought-after members of the workforce;
- Attain personal and economic self-sufficiency; and
- Enter, re-enter, or retain employment.

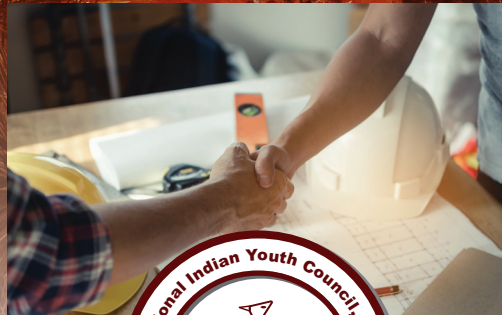
### Services

**Self-Service:** job search, labor market information, and more

**Career Services:** orientation to program services, eligibility certification, workshops, coaching, development, referrals and placement

**Intensive Services:** skills assessment, individual employment plan, individual and career counseling, case management, career exploration, and supportive services

**Training Services:** occupational skills training and upgrading/retraining



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### Three Locations to Serve You

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

#### Albuquerque

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## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Employment and Training Program

*Connecting urban Native  
job seekers with training,  
opportunities, and career  
pathways*



## Eligibility Requirements

Individuals applying for training and intensive services must meet all of the following requirements for participation, and provide documentation for verification:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must live off-reservation
- Must provide proof of Native American ancestry
- Must be unemployed, underemployed, or economically disadvantaged
- If a male born after 1960, must be registered with the U.S. Selective Service
- For classroom training, once enrolled, must provide current class schedule, financial needs analysis, placement testing scores, and official transcripts

## Programs

The following programs are offered to qualified participants:

### Classroom Training

Participants must attend classes at an accredited post-secondary institution leading to either a career-related certificate, credential, or degree.

### Work Experience

Short-term employment opportunities designed to provide job experience while acquiring positive work habits and skills.

### Our Partners

NIYC maintains a vast and growing network of partnering organizations that can provide work experiences in a wide variety of employment sectors.



# Profiles in perseverance



## Valencia Zah

Dine' Nation

"Ya'at'eeh my name is Val Zah. I am originally from Red Lake, AZ, near Crystal, NM. My maternal clan is Todich'ii'nii (Bitter Water) and paternal clan is Tabaaha (Water's Edge). I am a previous NIYC recipient early on in my educational journey and utilized the program. I was attending TVI (currently CNM) at the time and worked using my trade skills (cosmetologist) while I was completing my prerequisites. NIYC's mission helped me achieve personal, economic self-sufficiency in achieving my educational goals at the time.

Years later, upon completion of my Masters in Social Work, I have arrived full circle. At this time, I am helping others to maximize their gifts and achieve a balanced life for themselves; in Dine' we call it "lina baa hozho". It is ultimately having compassion and treating clients with dignity while assisting them in reaching their goals for desired change by utilizing an empowering strengths-based perspective. I constantly learn from my clients who identify with their own journeys; they invite me to witness their self determination of making a difference in their lives with my assisted guidance in navigating their challenges. I encourage you all to reach high for your goals and don't take "no" as an answer, but instead ask questions until you get the answer you are satisfied with. Thank you to NIYC for its beneficial support which aided me at the beginning of my educational journey."



## Christopher Tsosie

Dine' Nation

"I was laid off from my job at Macy's that I had for almost 10 years. The 'I don't know' feeling of what to do and how to start all over again scared me. Then I heard about the NIYC and WIOA program ... NIYC sent me to a worksite where I was able to build on more skills, learn about a different work environment, and get paid for doing it. Eventually that opened the door to a new career...I can proudly say I am about to have my two-year employment anniversary at Sandia Resort and Casino. NIYC gave me the pieces of the puzzle -- it was just up to me to put it together. Thank you NIYC!!"

