

PUEBLOS WE SERVE

Acoma
Cochiti
Isleta
Jemez
Kewa
Laguna
Nambe
Ohkay Owingeh
Picuris
Pojoaque
San Felipe
San Ildefonso
Sandia
Santa Ana
Santa Clara
Taos
Tesuque
Zia
Zuni

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

All 19 Pueblos and
Mescalero Apache Nation

ABOUT NMLA

The Native American Program is part of New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. (NMLA), a statewide law firm that provides free legal services, including advocacy and legal representation, to low-income individuals and families to help them achieve safer, more stable, and healthier outcomes.

NMLA operates a statewide intake line (1-833-545-4357) where low-income individuals from anywhere in the state can apply for legal assistance.

NMLA also operates a website (www.nmlegalaid.org) that provides free information and resources on a variety of civil legal issues including public benefits, housing, domestic violence, family law, and tribal law and tribal court matters.

NMLA has 11 offices throughout the state, including NAP's Santa Ana office.

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ABOUT US

NAP provides free legal services to low-income Native Americans residing on or near the 19 Pueblos or Mescalero Apache Nation.

For over 50 years, the Native American Program ("NAP") has been providing legal assistance to individuals living on or near the Pueblos in New Mexico. In 2003, NAP began outreach to the Mescalero Apache Nation.

NAP is located on Santa Ana Pueblo lands and is staffed by a Secretary (Annette Trancosa, *San Felipe*), two Paralegals (Janel Riley, *Laguna*, & Jennifer Vandermey, *Laguna*), three Staff Attorneys (Cassie Fleming, Megan Horning, & Jonathan Hupp), a Litigation Managing Attorney (Adelina Gomez, *Isleta*), and a Director (Cina Littlebird, *Laguna*).



WHAT WE DO

NAP seeks to protect and preserve individual rights in tribal court and advance Indian sovereignty through legal assistance, community education, and technical assistance.

NAP can assist individuals on a variety of legal issues that impact tribal law and Indian sovereignty including:

Family Matters: abuse and neglect, dependency, child custody and support, minor and adult guardianship, protection orders.

Criminal Law: includes denial of rights under the Indian Civil Rights Act, particularly protection of right to due process.

Estate Planning: wills, powers of attorney, advance health care directives, probate.

Public Benefits: obtaining and retaining government benefits.

Consumer Law: vehicle repossession, debt collection, unfair practices, warranties.

Other Matters that involve tribal court jurisdiction and tribal customs and traditions, including **Indian Housing and Tribal Employment**.

HOW WE CAN HELP

NAP may provide legal advice, brief services, and /or direct representation.

Legal advice may include advising a client about legal rights and procedures to advocate for themselves.

Brief service may include preparing legal documents and forms that individuals can use to file on their own and represent themselves in court.

Direct representation may include negotiating a settlement or representing a client in court.

WHO CAN USE OUR SERVICES

Native Americans living on or near the 19 Pueblos and the Mescalero Apache Reservation are eligible for NAP services. To qualify for services, your income must fall within the federal poverty guidelines.

Individuals are encouraged to call the NAP office to apply for legal services. NAP staff will conduct an intake to determine financial eligibility, identify if the issue is in a legal field in which we practice, and whether legal assistance will help the client preserve their individual rights, tribal sovereignty, and/or family and economic stability. NAP cannot accept all cases.