



Indigenous Women Rising

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The background features a light teal color with a large, faint, circular graphic in the center. This graphic depicts a globe with a hand cupping it from below. The corners of the image are decorated with teal geometric shapes that resemble stepped corners or stairs, outlined in white.

OUR MISSION:

Indigenous Women Rising is committed to honoring Native & Indigenous People's inherent right to equitable and culturally safe health options through accessible health education, resources and advocacy.

Organizational Overview

Shaine Ansera, Administrative Director
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Pueblo of Laguna, Hopi, Maidu

Community Engagement Manager
Leigh Anne "Cookie" Lorenzo
Pueblo of Laguna, Maidu

Abortion Fund

What our relatives say:

“The processes was handled perfectly and in a timely manner. Which I appreciate because not many funding programs have got back at me the way Indigenous Women Rising did. I loved that you guys help Indigenous women through pregnancy or through abortion without being judgemental.”



- Abortion is normal
- Our people deserve accessible and free abortion care
- Roe v. Wade never served Indigenous people anyway
- We must destigmatize it in our own communities

Emergence Fund

What our relatives say:

“[Our son] was brought into this world with sage and cedar aromas, surrounded and caught by Native women. He is our blessing. I recognize our privilege to live in a city and in a state that has allowed IWR to bring my son into this world already rooted in his traditions. He and all the other IWR babies are the continuation of our culture. IWR is doing their part to ensure the strength of our culture is embedded in the women (and families) they serve. I am eternally grateful for their support.”



- Midwifery care is not adequately compensated by Medicaid
- Our people deserve traditional birthing methods
- Cost should never be a barrier

Community Care

What our relatives say:

I love [the menstrual products] so far. It's nice to get a break from wearing disposable products. I hope to be able to purchase more reusable underwear and pads. I haven't tried the cup yet but will next month. I also love the note and stickers included. Waewaenen (thank you) for sending and doing this work!



- Period products are expensive, even on reservations
- Our options are limited
- Being eco-friendly is tradish!
- Cost should never be a barrier

Where does our money come from?

- We rely on donations from the community
- We receive foundational grants
- We do not take on federal or state grants
- We are a 501(c)(3) private foundation (EIN 85 -3336543) - we are working with University of California, Irvine School of Law to become a public charity

How do we spend our money?

- Abortion fund: \$40,000 monthly budget
 - An increase from \$20,000 in 2022
- Emergence Fund: \$15,000 monthly budget
 - This will increase in 2024!
- Community Engagement: \$30,000 annually
 - Includes tabling and period/menstrual health supplies
 - This will also increase in 2024!

What we proudly provide for our staff:

- Benefit coverage: fully funded medical, dental, and vision benefits for staff, 75% for partners, spouses & dependents
- Retirement benefits, including a 5% match for 401(k) plans
- Unlimited paid time off (PTO) and flexible work schedules
- Quarterly self-care stipends
- Funding for technology needs, which staff are able to keep when leaving the organization

Abortion Fund

Jonnette Paddy, Abortion Fund Director
Diné

Timeline of IWR 's Abortion Fund

Abortion Fund is created

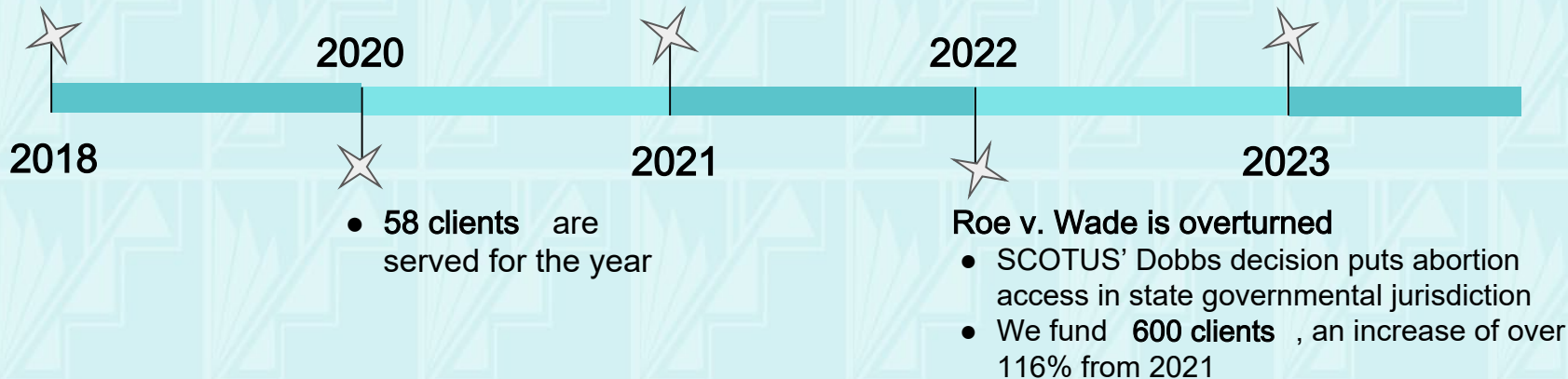
- The first programmatic service offered by IWR
- Pledges are \$50

Texas' SB8 passes

- The first piece of anti-abortion legislation implemented in 50+ years
- We fund 277 clients

January - August:

- Funded over 220 clients from 26 states, distributing over \$ 210k
- Average pledge is \$ 950



We fund both practical and procedural support

- **What is practical support funding (PSF)?**
 - Childcare, travel tickets ✈️ 🚗 🚌, lodging, gas 🛢️, food, cremation of remains, spiritual needs/ ceremony, aftercare products (heating pads, ibuprofen, etc.)
- **What about procedural funding?**
 - Currently, we are able to fund the full cost of the appointment(s) needed; this ranges from \$50 to \$16,000 per client, and clients may need anywhere from 1-4 appointments

Requirement to receive services:

We recognize the complex history of tribal enrollment so we accept a range of identification, including the following:

- Tribal ID, CIB, Per capita stub/card, ID from tribal college, trade school, etc., birth certificate with/from tribal hospital
- IHS/tribal clinic RX or paperwork
- Photo from/at cultural event
- Parental/Grandparental CIB with proof of relation

*This is not an all-inclusive list

Where do folks come from?

- 35+ federally/state recognized tribes
- as far as Canada, Bolivia, and Mexico.

Solidarity Funding

When able, we provide funding to the following communities:

- Black
- Undocumented
- Minors (18-)
- 3rd trimester pregnancies
- Unhoused

Tattoo Fundraiser for our Abortion Fund

Collaboration with
Native Voters Alliance
Nevada (NVAN) and
tattoo artists
throughout the
country and Canada



@rainflowertatu



@con_artist

Emergence Fund

Justin Lorenzo, Emergence Fund Director
Pueblo of Laguna, Hopi, Maidu



How the fund began

During 2020 COVID pandemic, we asked our community what they need support with.

What does the Emergence Fund have to offer?

→ Currently:

- ◆ Bridge the gap for midwifery & doula care
- ◆ Breastfeeding and chest feeding supplies
- ◆ Baby supplies - diapers, clothing, caps, stroller, car seat, baby bed, etc.
- ◆ Funding for traditional needs

→ What we aspire to offer:

- ◆ Specific regional referrals to clinics recommended by local Indigenous communities
- ◆ A larger budget!





Emergence Fund
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- Logo designed by Marcus Trujillo (Pueblo of Laguna) in partnership with vision from Justin Lorenzo



Community Engagement

Leigh Anne “Cookie” Lorenzo, Community Engagement Director
Pueblo of Laguna, Maidu

Tabling is one way we connect with communities throughout the country.

Where do we table?

- Pueblo feasts
- Powwows
- Farmers ' markets
- Pride events
- Health & resource fairs
- Conferences



What we distribute to our communities:

- Disposable menstrual products in bags for privacy
- Eco -friendly & reusable menstrual products
 - Reusable pads
 - Reusable period panties
 - Menstrual cups & discs
- “Snag Bags ” that contain condoms, lubricant samples, and directions on how to use condoms
- Face masks (KN 95), thanks in part to MaskBlocABQ
- Partner information and resources around topics like reproductive justice, puberty, consent, and LGBTQ+ health and justice



Communications & Media

Jennifer Lim, Communications & Media Director

Adequate representation of Indigenous communities and perspectives is important and necessary.



Full media and press can be found on our
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