



Program Description

Fall 2022

Gowa: Teachable Moments for Apache Children is a comprehensive, community-based, and sustainable program that aims to promote young children's early literacy on the San Carlos Apache tribal lands. We use research-based components to help parents, grandparents, and other caregivers expand their use of five early literacy practices (reading, talking, writing, singing, and playing) with the 0-6-year-old children they care for. An ecological approach has guided the development of coordinated program components that address the multiple contexts where young children develop. The program content and evaluation plan have been developed in partnership with an advisory board of local stakeholders and community members. This program builds on the strengths and relationships of local Cooperative Extension and Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Programs. You can learn more about this program by watching the video found here: <https://youtu.be/hyCH7qv-C2o>

Visit our program website: <https://extension.arizona.edu/gowa>

News

New Resource!

Working with Apache Language Preservation, we developed a video to teach young children and their parents or caregivers to count in Apache. This video features Bernadette Talkalai, an Apache Teacher for Early Childhood Teachers at Apache Language Preservation. It can be used by parents, grandparents, or other caregivers at home or early childhood teachers in their classrooms or centers.



Watch and share the video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovlZJaaOcN0&feature=youtu.be>

New Workshop for Early Childhood Professionals!

Creating Engaging Videos for Early Literacy Programs Using a Smartphone

Short videos are a great way to engage families with young children. They can be used during programs or posted on social media. During this workshop held in July 2022, participants received hands-on instruction on how to capture high-quality audio and video using a smartphone, edit videos, find free graphics and music to be used in videos, and navigate copyright issues. Participants left with a better understanding of how to create high-quality videos that will reach their target audience. We plan to offer this workshop again in early 2023.



View handouts from the workshop:

<https://extension.arizona.edu/creating-engaging-videos-using-smartphone>

Upcoming Events

Chris Carlson will offer several drop-in literacy events and multi-session programs for parents, grandparents, and other caregivers as well as early childhood professionals this fall and winter. Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming programming.

<https://extension.arizona.edu/gowa>



Staff Spotlight

Chris Carlson completed a Master of Education degree with a concentration in Trauma and Resiliency in June 2022. Congratulations Chris!



Recent Presentations

Our team was honored to be selected to present at the virtual First Things First Early Childhood Summit & Tribal Connections Event in August. We also presented at the annual UArizona Cooperative Extension conference in Tucson.



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