



Fall 2021

Program Description

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>

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

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Program Website Launched

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The Gowa: Teachable Moments for Apache Children program website launched earlier this year. Almost 400 people have already visited the website and almost 2,000 have viewed the early literacy videos we posted on the Gila County Cooperative Extension Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gilaextension/). These pages are among the most popular on the Cooperative Extension website for the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

Visit the website for early literacy handouts and short quick tip videos as well as a complete listing of upcoming virtual and in-person events for Apache families with young children and child care providers.

Presentation at the 2021 CYFAR Professional Development Event

In June, Dr. Speirs was invited to present our team's work during an annual professional development event hosted by our funder, USDA's CYFAR program. Dr. Speirs joined a panel of Cooperative Extension professionals to talk about forming meaningful partnerships with the communities where Extension programming is delivered.



Watch a recording of the presentation here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Imo2iHfPqy8>

Online Events for Families

Each month we invite Apache families with young children to drop in for half-hour literacy events. Parents, grandparents, children and other family members participate in hands-on activities that promote early literacy. Some of our recent events are listed below.

Sharing Stories

Families practiced telling stories and were reminded of the importance of stories as a way to connect with each other, pass on family history and culture, and help children prepare to read.

Rhyming Boxes

Families learned how to make a rhyming box and use it to talk about, sing, and play with words that rhyme. Participants talked about how rhyming words are fun for young children and can help them learn sounds and words.

Check out our website for a complete list of upcoming events!

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