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## NAVAJO DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHOWS UP FOR NORTHERN NAVAJO FAIR

The Navajo Division for Children and Family Services (NDCFS) programs greeted the public and provided community outreach on the first day of the 112<sup>th</sup> Northern Navajo Fair in Shiprock, N.M. The theme for the fair this year is, "Families Are Our Strength. K'é Bee Nihidziil," which aligns with the mission and vision of the NDCFS.

The Division's Arizona Long Term Care Services (ALTCS), Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Their Families (NTCCF), and Department of Self-Reliance (DSR) were at the annual Elder Fest on Thursday, October 2. The Division's Office of the Executive Director donated prizes for some of the various contests that the elders enjoyed. The ALTCS sponsored a dance-off to "The Twist," which got the elders moving and twisting to win a prize of \$100.

The Division's Department for Child Care and Development (DCCD), Department of Family Services (DFS), Financial Assistance Unit (FAU), and NTCCF celebrated Youth Day the same day with hundreds of young children who visited the many resource booths.

The annual fair gives staff the opportunity to connect with the community and partners and provide information on their programs and services in a fun and festive environment. Elder Fest and Youth Day target key demographics that the NDCFS provides services for.

The NDCFS continues to carry the message forward from the Diné Action Plan to defeat the modern-day monsters of suicide, substance use disorder, violence, and missing and murdered Diné relatives. These types of events give the NDCFS the opportunity to do so while encouraging families to stay safe as they spend time together at the different activities.











































































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