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Navajo Division for Children and Family Services takes part in Western Navajo Fair

The Navajo Division for Children and Family Services (NDCFS) participated in Kids' Day and Elder Fest at the Western Navajo Fair on Thursday, October 16, 2025, in Tuba City, Ariz.

The day was filled with laughter and fun for the participants. The Division's Department for Child Care and Development (DCCD), Department of Family Services (DFS), Department of Self-Reliance (DSR), Financial Assistance Unit (FAU), and Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Their Families (NTCCF) interacted with hundreds of school-age children at the Kids' Day tent. Young performers had the opportunity to share their talents and cultural performances with their peers at Kids' Day while resources provided information tables.

At the Elder Fest, participants took part in various activities that got them moving and dancing. The Arizona Long Term Care Services (ALTCS), NTCCF, and DFS also set up resource tables for elders to visit. The NDCFS hosted a giveaway of sheepherder specials and "masani" bowls.

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The ALTCS hosted The Twist Dance Contest with a grand prize of \$100 for the best male and female dancers.



NDCFS Executive Director Thomas Cody thanked the elders for coming from near and far. “The elders are our language and wisdom holders and we appreciate them for that,” he said. He encouraged them to be safe and enjoy the fair.

Cody and Developmental Disabilities Program Manager Freida White also visited the Exceptional Rodeo. The exceptional rodeo is a special event where children and adults with disabilities get the chance to partake in activities that are specially designed for them to enjoy.



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The three events for the youth, elders, and people with disabilities focus on populations that the Division provides services and resources for. The fair allows for the programs and services to connect with the community and partners to provide information and education on key areas of importance, including prevention of suicide, substance abuse and violence.



The theme for the Western Navajo Fair, known as the grand finale of Navajo fair season, was, “Strength in Tradition, Unity in Community.” The Division has a message of, “Culture is Healing,” which is emphasized with the theme. The Division encourages all fair go-ers to be safe as they enjoy the last fair of the season.

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