Community Directed Diabetes Program are a central part of the fight against type 2 diabetes in many native communities. These programs, funded by the IHS Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI), provide diabetes prevention and management services that address the needs of their communities, and oftentimes use innovative ways to encourage healthier eating, physical activity, and lifestyle habits in their communities. In this presentation we will review some of the nutrition related activities offered by Tucson Area SDPI diabetes programs, most specifically, those from the Tohono O’odham Nation.

Learning Objectives:
1) Discuss the diabetes program in the Tucson area
2) Describe successful nutrition related activities of these programs, specifically those at the Tohono O’odham Nation diabetes program
3) Identify resources available to all diabetes programs
4) Discuss how to implement these tools in various settings

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