

**INDIAN HEALTH CARE RESOURCE CENTER  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE DESCRIPTION**

POSITION: **Elder Storyteller**

REPORTS TO: Volunteer Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: Volunteer Administration

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

**SERVICE SUMMARY**

Primary responsibilities include assembling all children in the clinic waiting room and telling them American Indian related stories regarding culture, nature or animals.

**ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Try to involve all of the children in the clinic in the storytelling process
2. Subject matter for stories should include one or all of the following:
  - Educational content
  - Moral value for children
  - Relevancy to Indian Culture, Nature and/or Animals
3. Stories should hold the attention of the children in order to make their visit to the clinic more pleasant

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

1. Ability to tell a well-crafted and interesting story
2. Ability to be flexible, spontaneous and patient
3. Skilled in leadership abilities with children
4. Ability to empathize with a child's fear on being in a clinic setting

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

1. Story telling experience
2. Knowledge of Native American culture and nature

**PHYSICAL EFFORT**

Much of the storyteller volunteer position is sedentary.