



# STRIVING FOR ZERO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

## INFUSING CULTURE INTO SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS

### ENTRY TITLE: NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE BEARERS

#### *Tehama County*

On September 23, 2023, Tehama County Health Services Agency partnered with local tribal services, Office of Education partners, the Tehama County Arts Council, and Native American community members to put on our first ever Native American Cultural Celebration. The Celebration included drumming, dancing, storytelling, traditional games, handmade crafts, and Indian tacos. This event was sponsored by a generous grant from Upstate California Creative Corps through the California Arts Council. With their funding, we were able to honor every dancer and drummer who made our event amazing.

This event brought a message of hope to an audience of over 1500 community members. Native folks showed up, and you could see the pride in their eyes. Additionally, we disseminated suicide prevention materials and gun lock safes. Suicide prevention takes a village, and our village rocks!



SCAN ME TO PLAY  
SHORT EVENT VIDEO!

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