## **Diabetes Department**

Ch'ee'la xwii-t'i (hello, everyone)! The Diabetes Department has gone through a lot of changes and growth in the last year and there are more exciting services to come! We wanted to share the department's goals and focus with the membership. The department is composed of four quadrants: the Recreation Center, the Fitness Center, Healthy Traditions and the Diabetes Program that provides medically focused support to diabetics and prediabetics. We believe that social connection (recreation), physical health (physical self-care and fitness), access to traditional foods and caretaking of natural resources and knowledge (nutrition), and support services to increase success in managing a diagnosis (medical response) are the pathways to intervening, preventing and supporting the management of diabetes in our community.



## **FITNESS CLASSES**



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We also believe that systems change, meaning reviewing and improving our food systems and support services, is essential in turning around the narrative about type 2 diabetes.

Currently, goals we are tracking internally are:

- Enhance fitness services to include prediabetes intervention throughout the 11county service area
- Provide services that intervene when individuals are pre-diabetic or have uncontrolled diabetes
- Provide prevention-based programming across the lifespan with a critical focus on elders, youth and pre-diabetic adults.

Check out our page next month to meet the team!