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## Standing Committees

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### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the elected officers of the Council and work on behalf of the Council in certain matters, such as grant proposals, staff evaluations, and Council work that must take place during the summer months.

### Grievance Committee

The Grievance Committee deals with any conflicts or concerns that cannot be resolved in general Council meetings.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee meets to make nominations for Council officers.

### Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is responsible for helping the Council be responsive to the needs of members and to recruit and train new Council members, especially from under-represented groups such as youth and senior citizens.

### Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations (or PR) Committee works to increase the exposure of the Council and its activities to the general public. This Committee is also responsible for utilizing the newspaper, radio station, the World-Wide-Web, and other media to promote Council events in an appropriate way.

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## Project Committees

*Project Committees come into existence as they are needed by the Council in accordance with priorities identified in our Plan. Some committees are also created to meet the needs of funds awarded to the Council. Members of each committee are appointed by the Council Chair.*

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### Child Care Committee

The Child Care Committee seeks to increase the availability of quality child care in our county. Through partnerships with the regional child care training & technical assistance program, the child care food program, and experienced area professionals, this committee has helped bring needed educational and training opportunities to child care providers county-wide. This committee also helped bring Early Head Start to our region.

### Healthier Communities Committee

The Healthier Communities Committee plans and carries out activities funded by a Healthier Communities fundign contract. This money has been used to provide workshops, seminars, and information to educate young parents about how better to raise their chilren and fulfill their parenting role, among other Council needs.

### Substance Abuse Core Team

The Council was awarded funds to improve health through community systems change which brought the Substance Abuse Core Team into existence. This group is studying valuable community change methods to "break the cycle" of substance abuse, the most pressing helath problem in our county. This group seeks to reduce the prevalence of substance abuse by helping the community systems that work with substance abusers work better.

### Teen Pregnancy Committee

The Teen Pregnancy Committee works toward preventing pregnancy among teens and bringing needed services to pregnant and parenting teens in our county. This committee was instrumental in bringing the GRADS program to Tucumcari Schools, which encourages pregnant and parenting teens to complete high school while meeting the needs of their children and preparing for a hopeful future. This committee is also studying the Community Systems Change process and how it can be applied to teen pregnancy prevention.

### ASAP Steering Committee

This committee was created to fill the need for an advisory board for the ASAP Coalition as required by its funding sources. The ASAP Coalition was created in 1995 with alcohol and substance abuse prevention moneys and has provided powerful school-based and community programs to prevent substance abuse. The ASAP Coalition continues to provide family strengthening programs throughout the area and a youth center in Tucumcari that involves pre-teens and teens in worthwhile activities that help keep them from using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.