

Biography of Nancy R. Martine-Alonzo

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Nancy R. Martine-Alonzo is a member of the Ramah Band of Navajo Tribe, part Yaqui and Spanish heritage born and raised on the Ramah Band of Navajo Tribe reservation in Pine Hill, New Mexico, and currently elected as the Ramah Navajo Chapter Secretary/Treasurer for a four year term 2013-2017. She recently retired with thirty seven years of public services as an educator with BIA 638 tribal schools, state public schools, BIE schools, state and tribal governments. She served sixteen years as director and assistant secretary of Indian Education with New Mexico state public education to serve as the liaison for the twenty-two indigenous nations, pueblos and tribes.

Concurrently she has served nineteen years as a tribal elected official for the Ramah Navajo Chapter. She is currently the Executive Director for the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Inc., (AAIHB) a consortium of six tribes in New Mexico and Southern Colorado for Audiology and HIV/AIDS Prevention programs. In 2007, AAIHB services expanded to include an Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC) which serves twenty seven (27) tribes in the southwest region to provide health-related research, surveillance and training to improve the quality of life of American Indians; and to provide accurate and timely health data to member tribes.

She has a bachelor degree, two master degrees, an education specialist certificate and education doctorate candidate all in the field of education and organizational administration. She holds a lifetime K-8 teaching certification and K-12 administration certification. She serves on numerous local and national education and health task force, advisory council and served over twenty years as a member and President of the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. She is the parent of seven children, and fourteen grandchildren.

Other experiences covers post- secondary instructor, proposal writer, bilingual speaker in Navajo and English, served on federal, state and tribal government services on committees and councils. She currently represents her tribe in the Supreme Court case, *Salazar v. Ramah Chapter*. She has vast experience in the implementation of Public Law 93-638 and other American Indian related programs and services.