

## Shannon Oliver Internship

During my three months with the Indian Health Services I was stationed in Gallup, NM and was allowed to participate in a multitude of Environmental Health activities/projects. Routine duties included assisting Field Sanitarians with daily activities such as seatbelt/car seat surveys, institutional inspections of Head Start (day care/preschool) facilities, Senior Citizen Centers, and Group Homes, Food Handler's Safety Trainings, attend meetings with various entities such as the EPI Response Team and the Injury Prevention Committee, and other such ongoing Environmental Health related services.

In addition to these normal activities I personally administered several hundred Rabies vaccinations during the yearly vaccination clinics that take place each June, accompanied the District Sanitarian (boss-man) and the Service Unit Sanitarian (boss-woman) on an investigation of a Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever case, and completed a Major Project to compile and analyze relative cost data with regards to specific injuries. One exceptionally rare, and fatal, case of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome occurred during my time here in Gallup and I was able to accompany the SU Sanitarian on her 'Environmental Assessment of the Home Site', as well as personally administer the 'Personal Questionnaire' to the victim's spouse.



*- Administering rabies vaccination*



*- Checking holding temp in Senior Center Kitchen*

For any questions regarding application process, my experiences/opinions of the IHS, or any other questions regarding my internship, feel free to contact me via email at [shannon.oliver@hotmail.com](mailto:shannon.oliver@hotmail.com)