

National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP)

Mission: NCHHSTP is committed to a future free of HIV, viral hepatitis, STDs, and TB. The Center addresses some of the nation's most prevalent infectious diseases with the goals to reduce incidence of infection, morbidity and mortality, and health disparities.



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Center Organizational Chart

<https://www.cdc.gov/about/organization/cio-orgcharts/nchhstp.html>
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/default.htm>

Priority Areas and Activities

CDC/Division of TB Elimination (DTBE) funds 61 state, local, and territorial health departments (CDC-RFA-PS20-2001) to find and treat cases of TB disease, and to identify, evaluate, and treat close contacts who may be infected to prevent them from developing TB disease. The cooperative agreement encourages grantees to collaborate with partners and organizations that are not directly funded by CDC, including Indian Health Services and tribal health departments, and to identify strategies and activities for communities disproportionately affected by TB, including American Indians and Native Americans.

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day | Awareness Days | Resource Library | HIV/AIDS | CDC
<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/nnhaad.html>

Responses to HIV outbreaks among Native Americans- Spotlight: Minneapolis, Minnesota | CDR Stories from the Field | Policy, Planning, and Strategic Communication | HIV | (cdc.gov)
<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/policies/cdr/spotlights/minnesota.html>

American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) Sexual Health Convening: On June 6 and 7, 2023, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in partnership with CDC, brought together public health representatives at the federal, state, local, and tribal level from across the country to discuss the extreme disparities in sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates in American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) communities.
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/healthdisparities/americanindians.html>

Center Level Assistance Services and Programs

CDC/DTBE provides on-site epidemiologic and programmatic assistance at the request of state and local health departments to assist with large or complex outbreaks, including those involving American Indian/Native American populations.

CDC's Prevention Communication Branch in the Division of HIV Prevention (DHP) conducts the national HIV campaign, Let's Stop HIV Together. The campaign regularly convenes community listening sessions with the priority populations that we most need to reach and engage, including AI/AN people. The purpose of these sessions is to gain more in-depth knowledge of these groups' lived experiences as well as barriers and facilitators to HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and stigma reduction. These sessions assist the branch in the development of new campaign materials and outreach strategies. Based on the listening sessions, we develop creative assets for the campaign that include this population, including for social media. As our campaign uses real people, this involves conducting photo (and in the future, video) shoots with AI/AN participants, allowing us to represent this population. Finally, each year we observe National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and post about it on our social media channels and also provide a social media toolkit for partners.

In 2023, CDC/DHP conducted trainings and individual technical assistance sessions with the Indigenous People Task Force, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. Alaska Tribal Health Consortium, United Tribes technical College, Native American Community Clinic, Alaska Department of Health, Alaska AIDS Education Training Center, etc. Here are the training and technical assistance activities provided for Native American communities from HPCDB over the past fiscal year:

Training Activities

The following trainings were provided to the agencies noted below:

Requestor Agency Name	Training Course Name	Date
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Indigenous Peoples Task Force	PROMISE for HIP [In-Person]	5/9/2023
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Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.	HIV Testing in Nonclinical Settings [In-Person]	9/19/2023
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Additionally, our National HIV Classroom Learning Center (NHCLC) worked directly with members of the Native American community to adapt the Sister to Sister: Take Control of Your Health intervention to their community. A summary of that work is provided below.

Adaptation of the Sister to Sister: Take Control of Your Health intervention for Native American communities

The Sister to Sister: Take Control of Your Health (S2S) intervention has been culturally adapted for Native American women.

April 2023:

Alaska Department of Health identified the need to provide technical assistance to Alaskan clinicians on PrEP(pre-exposure prophylaxis) and PEP(post-exposure prophylaxis). The CDC-funded Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) provider, the City & Council of San Francisco Department of Health.

In 2023, CDC conducted an Epi-Aid to the Great Plains Tribal Leaders' Health Board in response to an outbreak of syphilis and congenital syphilis. The Epi-Aid enhanced understanding of the syphilis outbreak in the Great Plains Area, facilitated communication and collaboration among key partners, advocated for tribal data equity, identified potential avenues for enhancing local syphilis prevention and control, and furthered primary and secondary prevention efforts for persons with syphilis or at risk of syphilis, including women of reproductive age, through disease intervention activities.

Budget Updates

Total Number of Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Tribes, TECs, or THOs for FY 22.

- OT18-1802:
 - Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Local Health Departments for Decreasing Syphilis. FY22 funding: \$450,000
 - In partnership with NACCHO, the goal of this project is to fund local jurisdictions to examine their local syphilis burden and implement a community engagement process that leads to the development of a plan to reduce syphilis burden in their jurisdiction. Funded partners include Whiteriver Service Unit, IHS; Winslow Indian Health Care Center, AZ; and Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, AZ.
 - Minority HIV/AIDS Fund (MHAF) for AI/AN Activities. FY22 funding: \$1,383,000
 - Indian Country Syphilis Regional Partnership Summits: The Planning Committee will convene three regional summits which will be planned, organized, and moderated in collaboration with tribal health board and/or Epi Center counterparts in each region.
 - Indian Country Congenital Syphilis Task Force: National AI/AN Congenital Syphilis Taskforce will convene monthly for 10 months to address the unique barriers and follow up to care and provide technical support and advocacy based on the input of its membership. These will be monthly meetings with administrative support for coordination.
 - Cultural Humility Training and Review of Materials: CDC supports cultural humility training development. Through this project, health boards and Urban Indian Health Organizations will provide technical assistance/capacity building assistance to Prevention Training Centers (PTCs) on cultural humility, the trauma lens needed to work with the AI/AN communities, and review of other materials for updates to work with AI/AN communities.

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- CDC-RFA-CK20-2003: Improving Clinical and Public Health Outcomes through National Partnerships to Prevent and Control Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Disease Threats: Improving STI Clinic Services to AI/AN through Partnerships with Urban Indian Organizations (UIO)
- CDC-RFA-TO-23-0001: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country: Enhancing Disease Intervention Capacity in Indian Country

For each FY 23 Funding Activity with Tribes, TECs, THOs Complete the Following Information. Please be sure to provide updates for each funding activity including CDC RFA Award Number, Award Title, Award Amount, Funding Period, and Brief Description)

CDC-RFA-CK20-2003: Improving Clinical and Public Health Outcomes through National Partnerships to Prevent and Control Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Disease Threats: Improving STI Clinic Services to AI/AN through Partnerships with Urban Indian Organizations (UIO). In partnership with the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH), the goal of this project is to assess current sexual health service provision within UIOs and add, enhance, or improve STI clinical services for AI/AN patients served by UIOs. Lessons learned will be shared broadly with other American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) organizations, relevant health care clinics, and local programs throughout the US with a focus on Indian Health Service (IHS) program areas.

- FY23 Funding: \$300,000
- Funding period: 3 years (September 30, 2022 - September 29, 2025)

CDC-RFA-TO-23-0001: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services in Indian Country: Enhancing Disease Intervention Capacity in Indian Country. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB) and Chickasaw Nation (Chickasaw) were funded to expand disease intervention (DI) capacity to support jurisdictional STI prevention and response. Funded partners will use new or existing personnel to develop and sustain disease intervention capacity within tribal entities to respond to emerging public health threats through a syndemic lens.

- FY23 Funding: \$900,000 (\$300,000 to each funded entity)
- Funding period: 1 year (August 31, 2023-August 30, 2024)

Health Equity Updates

Does your CIO's Health Equity initiative include activities or metrics that specifically address AI/AN, Tribes, TECs, or THOs? (Yes/No) If yes, provide metric and/or describe activities (please be sure to include supporting links).

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Is your CIO currently collecting, receiving, or producing health equity data that includes AI/AN information? (Yes/No). If yes, describe the data being collected, received, or produced (please be sure to include supporting links).

DHP collects the following data that includes AI/AN information: HIV incidence, HIV diagnoses, linkage to care, PrEP coverage, and social determinants of health. The reports for this data can be found here <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/hiv-surveillance.html>

Tribal Data Updates

Please Provide a Brief Description of any Efforts to help Tribes/TECs/THOs Build or Improve Data Infrastructure.

- DTBE has Cooperative Agreements with U.S. States and other jurisdictions. All of our efforts to build or improve data infrastructure occurs with these jurisdictions; each jurisdictional health department works with the Tribes/TECs/THOs in their geographic areas.

Please Provide a Brief Description of any Efforts to help Tribes/TECs/THOs to Collect, Acquire, or Improve data. (Please be sure to include supporting links and references).

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- Training materials for reporting to the National TB Surveillance System are available to Tribes/TECs/THOs, including the Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (RVCT) instruction manual (which helps with collection and data quality), are publicly available online. Additional training materials are available to public health partners through an External SharePoint site.

Please Provide a Brief Description of any Efforts to help Tribes/TECs/THOs Enhance their Ability to Manage, Analyze, Interpret, or Disseminate data. (Include training or technical assistance tools and resource links.)

- Through the National TB Surveillance System, CDC collects data on American Indian/Alaska Native race, but we don't have any information on tribal affiliation. The report for tuberculosis cases includes several variables analyzed by race/ethnicity, and additional information, as well as National TB Surveillance System public datasets, are publicly available through OTIS and AtlasPlus.
- CDC's Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP) provided sexually transmitted infection (STI) data to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). The data included information on county, race, ethnicity, age, and sex for the years 2017 to 2021 for the state of Alaska. As finalized STI data becomes available, DSTDP plans to provide data to the ANTHC until MMWR Year 2024.