<u>TARC Director presents at National Indian</u> <u>Health Board Public Health Summit</u>

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The National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 7th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit is going on this week in Atlanta, GA with the theme of "Achieving Health Equity: Re-envisioning Tribal Public Health for Seven Generations". The conference has thus far featured sessions on public health law and policy, culturally appropriate best practices, advocacy, and presentations from federal agency partners. Two of our urban programs (Native American Rehabilitative Association of the North West and Indian Health Board of Minneapolis) were featured during the Special Diabetes Programs for Indians (SDPI) poster session, as well.

As part of the Suicide and Substance Abuse Prevention Institute Pre-Summit Institute, Technical Assistance and Research Center (TARC) Director, Dr. Kimberly Fowler, presented on the "American Indian and Alaska Native Hope for Life (Suicide Prevention Awareness) Day Toolkit", as a tool to support the National American Indian Alaska Native Hope for Life Day in changing the conversation around suicide prevention in Native and tribal communities.

Communication and engagement strategies were shared with attendees, as well as discussions on related needs and ideas for the continuation of the momentum around the Day's activities. The powerpoint presentation will be shared on NIHB's website following the Summit activities.