

IHS awards New Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative Generation-Indigenous Awards to four Urban Indian Health Programs

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Indian Health Service (IHS) announced, on September 29, 2016, 42 Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) funding awards to Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations and IHS federal government programs together totaling more than \$7 million for one year. These IHS grants are being awarded to programs in states and communities across the country to increase and improve positive youth development, foster resiliency and promote family engagement among Native youth up to and including age 24 in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. These awards will provide more access to health services by growing the number of behavioral health providers who specialize in working with children, adolescents and families with the overall goal of preventing suicide and substance use.

Among the health programs chosen were 4 Urban Indian Health Programs: Bakersfield American Indian Health Project in Bakersfield, CA; Indian Health Board of Minneapolis in Minneapolis, MN; Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition in Omaha, NE; and Nevada Urban Indians in Reno, NV.

“On behalf of the National Council of Urban Indian Health, I congratulate these outstanding programs and their teams on this enormous success in providing outstanding methamphetamine and suicide prevention services to their communities.” said Executive Director Maurice “Mo” Smith.

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