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WASHINGTON - The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) in collaboration with the National Center on American Indians with Disabilities (NCAID) are conducting a comprehensive resource and needs assessment pilot project called "Native Communities Living United for Disability Equality" (NCLUDE). This first of its kind survey will examine the level of inclusion of urban AI/ANs living with disabilities in California, Oregon, and Washington. This assessment is meant to identify barriers to care and services, as well as opportunities to expand services, while increasing the knowledge base on this vulnerable population.

Urban AI/ANs living with disabilities face tremendous challenges to participate in their communities. Approximately 27 percent of nearly 5.4 million American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people living in the United States lives with a disability—a rate higher than any other demographic in the United States (2015 American Community Survey). There are roughly 1 million urban AI/ANs that live with disabilities, given that 71 percent of the AI/AN population lives in urban areas.

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