

# **PRESS RELEASE: NCUIH President-Elect Walter Murillo Recognized as Health Equity Health Advocate of the Year by Families USA**

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## **The Native Health CEO was one of four awardees honored this year.**

WASHINGTON, DC (February 7, 2020) - Walter Murillo (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma), Chief Executive Officer at Native Health in Phoenix, Arizona, has been recognized as Health Equity Health Advocate of the Year by Families USA. Murillo was selected for his exemplary work championing for better health care in Arizona in his over 21 years at Native Health. Under his leadership, Native Health has long provided quality, culturally-competent health care for urban Indians.

“Walter truly understands what it means to be a health equity health advocate,” said **Frederick Isasi, Families USA’s executive director**. “He is working tirelessly in Arizona to ensure that his neighbors do not face barriers accessing quality health care because of who they are, where they live or how they identify.”

Murillo was honored on January 24, 2020 at an awards luncheon during the Families USA [2020 Health Action Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. Each year during its Health Action Conference, Families USA honors the efforts of state and community leaders in advancing social justice through health care advocacy. Awards are presented in recognition of the organization’s four focus areas: Health Equity, Health Care Value, Coverage and Consumer Experience.

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