

# 2022-2023 National Urban Indian Youth Advisory Council Members Announced

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**Washington, D.C. (October 11, 2022)** – The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) proudly announces the 2022 cohort of National Urban Indian Youth and Young Adult Advisory Council Members (Youth Council). The 2022 – 2023 class of NCUIH Youth Council members are: **Elinor Ascher** (Muscogee Creek), **Ella Weber** (Three Affiliated Tribes), **Gianni Lacey-Howard** (Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation), **Jada Allen** (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina), and **Lauren Wendelle Yowelunh McLester-Davis** (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin).

### Meet the 2021-2022 Youth Council



Elinor Ascher  
Muscogee Creek  
Stuart Park, SD



Ella Weber  
Three Affiliated Tribes  
Crookston, MN



Gianni Lacey-Howard  
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation  
Billings, MT



Jada Allen  
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina  
Lumberton, NC



Lauren Wendelle Yowelunh McLester-Davis  
Oneida Nation of Wisconsin  
New Orleans, LA

### About the Youth Council

The NCUIH Youth Council (Youth Council) was created to uplift our Native youth and young adults and make sure they have a seat at the table to advocate for better access to prevention and recovery services to address the challenges facing American Indian and Alaska Natives living in urban areas. The Youth Council consists of 5 young adults, between the ages of 18 to 24, who will be working over a 12-month period to advance prevention and awareness of youth suicide, substance misuse, and mental health challenges faced by urban American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth and young adults. Since 2018, the NCUIH partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has created opportunities for Native young adults to share, learn, and advocate for initiatives to address suicide and substance misuse in AI/AN communities, while providing a leadership experience to assist and support their professional development.

Learn more about the Youth Council [here](#) or contact Molly Siegal, at [msiegel@ncuih.org](mailto:msiegel@ncuih.org).

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### About NCUIH

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is the national non-profit organization devoted to the support and development of quality, accessible, and culturally competent health and public health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) living in urban areas. NCUIH is the only national representative of the 41 Title V Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) under the Indian Health Service (IHS) in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). NCUIH strives to improve the health of the over 70% of the AI/AN population that lives in urban areas, supported by quality, accessible health care centers.