Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Wellness Center Earns National Certification for Advancing Native Health and Wellness

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The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Wellness Center has made history as the first American Indian and first Oklahoma facility to be certified by the Medical Fitness Association. This national certification represents the highest standard for medical fitness centers, recognizing organizations that meet rigorous criteria in safety, professional oversight, and evidence-based wellness programming. Certified facilities must demonstrate active medical supervision, individualized health screenings, and programs that prevent disease and promote therapeutic lifestyles. For the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, this certification affirms a long-standing commitment to helping Native patients build healthier, stronger lives through integrative care that blends clinical medicine, behavioral health, and culturally grounded fitness initiatives like Med Fit.

This recognition comes as the Clinic continues to draw national attention for its leadership in urban Native health. In June 2025, Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. visited the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic to learn more about its innovative programs addressing food insecurity, chronic disease prevention, and the social drivers of health. During the visit, Chief Executive Officer Robyn Sunday Allen (Cherokee) highlighted how the Clinic's integrated model—combining medical, behavioral, pharmacy, and wellness services under one roof—serves as a roadmap for improving Native health outcomes in urban settings.

The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic's recent achievements reflect the transformative potential of

Native-led health programs when given the flexibility and resources to innovate. By achieving Medical Fitness Facility Certification, the Clinic has demonstrated not only operational excellence but also a deep commitment to culturally informed care that empowers Native communities to thrive. The National Council of Urban Indian Health proudly recognizes this milestone as a defining moment in the ongoing story of urban Native health leadership, wellness, and resilience in Indian Country.