Serving Native Community Across New York City: The Work of the New York Indian Council

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The New York Indian Council, Inc. (NYIC) is an Indian Health Service (IHS)-funded Urban Indian Organization (UIO) providing comprehensive, culturally grounded healthcare services to Native individuals and families throughout New York City. Serving community members across all five boroughs, NYIC ensures that Native people living in urban settings have access to coordinated care rooted in respect and cultural understanding.

Through health promotion and disease prevention programs, immunization clinics, behavioral health services, and dental referrals, NYIC works to address the full spectrum of community health needs. Their Wellness Case Managers provide one-on-one support to help individuals navigate insurance enrollment, schedule appointments, and connect with trusted providers.

In February, NCUIH CEO, Francys Crevier (Algonquin), visited the NYIC to see firsthand how they are delivering culturally grounded health services to Native communities in New York City. The visit reinforced the strength of Urban Indian Organizations nationwide and NCUIH's commitment to elevating and supporting their work.

As one of 41 IHS-funded Urban Indian Organizations nationwide, NYIC plays an essential role in fulfilling the federal government's trust responsibility to provide healthcare to American Indian and Alaska Native people living off Tribal lands. Urban Indian Organizations like NYIC help bridge gaps in access for the more than 70% of Native people who reside in urban areas.

By combining culturally grounded care with practical navigation support, NYIC strengthens health access and stability for Native people across New York City.

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