

INSIGHTS AND STRATEGIES FOR  
**STI & HIV**  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

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The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is a 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 a national organization advocating for the 41 Title V Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) under the Indian Health Service (IHS) in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)



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# AGENDA

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 pm-1:05 pm EDT (5 min)	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Divya Nanduri
1:05 pm-1:20 pm EDT (15 min)	Insights and Strategies for STI and Prevention and Treatment	Divya Nanduri
1:20 pm-1:55 pm EDT (35 min)	Engage & Empower: Open Forum for Dialogue and Recommendations	Attendees Moderated by Divya Nanduri
1:55 pm-2:00 pm EDT (5 min)	Wrap Up and Closing Remarks	Divya Nanduri

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# Unveiling Urban Indian Health Challenges





*Navigating the Terrain:  
Challenges and  
Opportunities*



## Barriers/Challenges:

Insufficient STI  
treatment resources

Lack of funding for  
sexual health programs

Insufficient STI testing  
tools/resources







## Areas of Interest for Enhancing Services



Partner STI  
services



HIV  
Prevention  
Resources

## Service Offerings:

STI Screening/Testing: Hepatitis C HIV

Additional Testing Services

Clinical Management for Various STIs

Appointment Availability: Same-day or walk-in care

HIV Services: On-site screening, Free/sliding scale services





## Future Needs and Interests

Training Topics:  
Policy, funding,  
collaborations,  
cultural programs

Desired Resources:  
Testing guidelines,  
inclusive  
communication

## Conclusion

- UIOs face significant challenges in STI service provision. Interest exists in enhancing services, particularly in partner STI care and HIV prevention/treatment.





# Navigating the Urban Indian Health Landscape: *Understanding UIO's Role*

- Mission of NCUIH
- Purpose of UIOs
- Types of UIOs:
  - Full Ambulatory
  - Limited Ambulatory
  - Outreach and Referral
  - Residential or Outpatient Treatment Center

## Next Steps

- Understanding the background and scope of UIOs is crucial for addressing health care needs among urban AI/AN populations.





# Service Disparities: Comparing Offerings and Interests

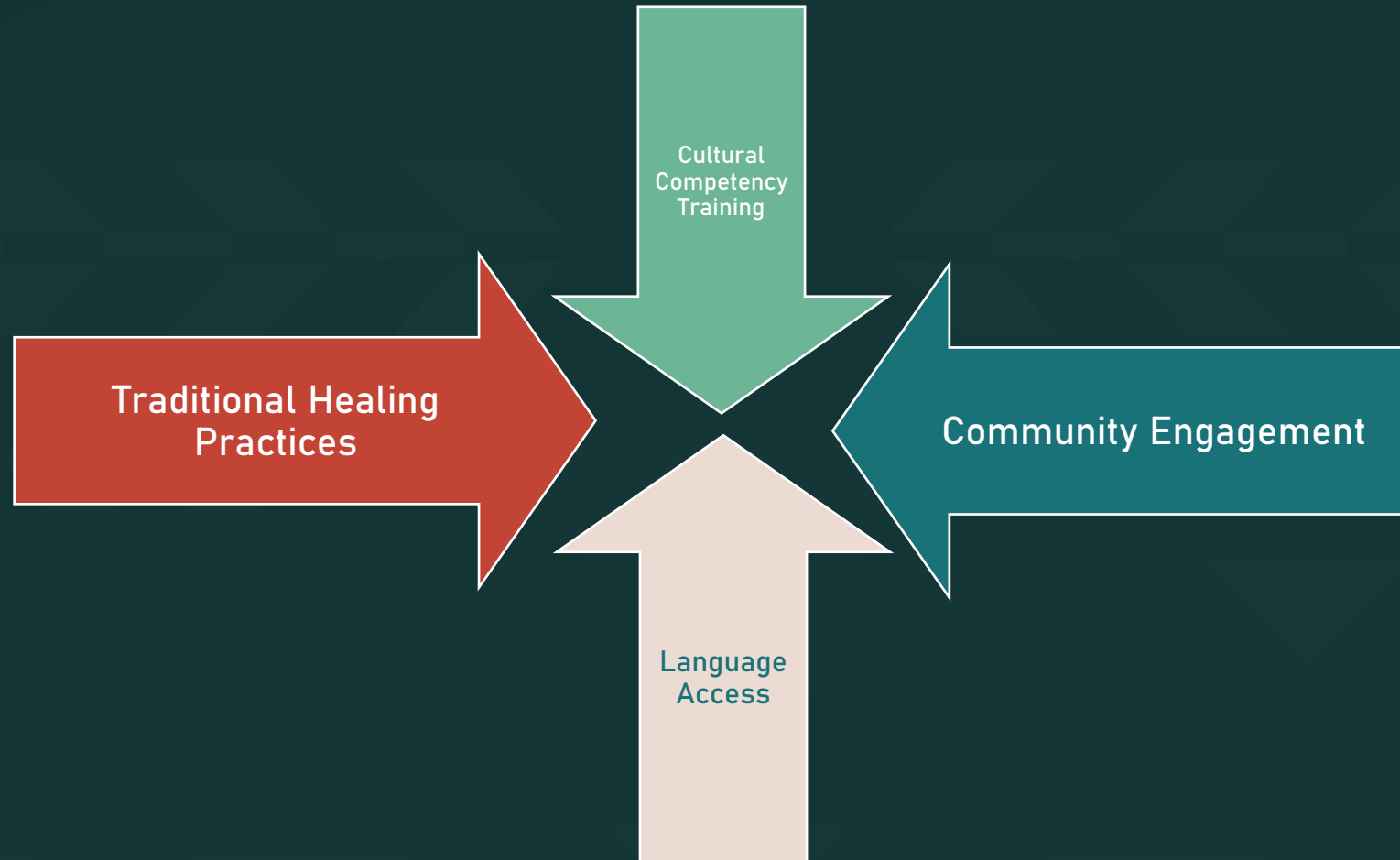
Service	Offered by UIO?	Interest in Improvement?
Chlamydia screening/testing	Yes	Yes
Chlamydia treatment	Yes	Yes
Gonorrhea screening/testing	Yes	Yes
Gonorrhea treatment	Yes	Yes
Syphilis screening/testing	Yes	Yes
Syphilis treatment	Yes	Yes
HIV screening/testing	Yes	Yes
HIV treatment	Yes	Yes
Patient sexual history data collection	Yes	Yes
STI data organization and reporting	Yes	Yes
Partner STI services	Yes	Yes





# Cultural Compassion: Tailoring STI and HIV Services for AI/AN Communities

## *Culturally Competent Care*





# Access Amplified: Strategies for Enhanced Care Delivery

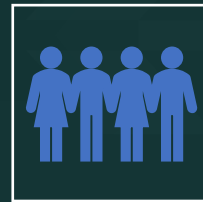
## *Expanding Access to Care*



Telehealth  
Services



Mobile Clinics



Culturally  
Tailored Outreach



Insurance  
Navigation





# Conclusions: Pathways to Improved STI and HIV Care

## *Advancing STI Care: Key Recommendations*



**Address Barriers:** Secure additional funding sources to expand resources for comprehensive STI services, including increased screening options and treatment accessibility.



**Enhance Collaboration:** Forge partnerships with local health departments and community-based organizations to share resources and expertise, leading to more coordinated and effective STI prevention and treatment efforts.



**Culturally Tailored Outreach:** Invest in outreach and education initiatives tailored to the urban Indian community to reduce stigma and improve health-seeking behaviors regarding STIs.



**Utilize Telehealth:** Implement telehealth platforms for STI consultations and follow-up appointments to improve access to care, particularly for individuals in remote or underserved areas.



**Data-driven Approach:** Prioritize data collection and evaluation mechanisms to monitor service utilization, patient outcomes, and satisfaction levels, enabling ongoing optimization of STI services.





# Engage & Empower: Open Forum for Dialogue

Empowering Solutions







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## One-On-One Technical Assistance Available

<https://ncuih.org/training/one-on-one/>

**The Technical Assistance and Research Center (TARC) provides individualized technical assistance, training, and support to member UIOs. Individual support includes:**

- Community and staff training
- Consultation on research/evaluation
- Consultation on program planning and implementation
- Documenting local best practices
- Grant application review
- Local partnership development
- Locating archival data to support community work
- Policies, procedures, and operational needs



# UPCOMING EVENTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- 4/9/2024: Building a Culture-Inclusive Workforce: Elders Bridging the Workforce Gap
- 4/11/2024: Introduction to Holistic Forms of Healing
- 4/17/2024: Overview of Current Issues in the 340B Program in Partnership with the Alliance to Save America's 340B Program
- 4/29-5/2/2024: NCUIH 2024 Annual Conference - Sustaining Traditions: Culture + Identity + Health
- NCUIH PhotoVoice Project – April 5 Deadline
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