

2023



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YEAR IN REVIEW

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ABOUT NCUIH

Mission

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is a national 501(c)(3) organization devoted to the support and development of quality, accessible, and culturally competent health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) living in urban settings.

Vision

NCUIH envisions a nation where comprehensive, culturally competent personal and public health services are available and accessible to AI/ANs living in urban communities throughout the United States.

Our Impact

NCUIH is at the forefront of protecting and advocating for Indian health to ensure the sustainability of Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs). Because of NCUIH's deep collaborative relationships with UIOs, our team is strategically positioned to advocate for health equity for the AI/AN in urban settings. NCUIH regularly works with federal agencies, policymakers, and the general public to provide critically needed information on health disparities and needs among AI/ANs in urban areas. The work of NCUIH, Urban Indian leaders, and Tribal leaders this past year has resulted in securing stable funding for the Indian Health Service with advance appropriations for the first time ever, the largest increase in funding for Urban Indian Health, and increased awareness among the federal government of the need for traditional healing services.

NCUIH's critical work accomplishes unmet needs

- ▶ Providing UIO policy expertise and support to decision-makers, stakeholders, technical advisors and partners to educate on the plight of UIOs and elevate the health needs of AI/AN
- ▶ Conducting state-of-art trainings and technical assistance specific to the needs of UIOs and Indian health providers
- ▶ Creates awareness of the large AI/AN population that lives in urban settings and their unmet needs to further health equity
- ▶ Strengthen Congress, Agencies and the White House's understanding of UIOs and the health needs of AI/AN in urban areas
- ▶ Provide technical assistance to Tribal leaders and organizations on how to incorporate UIO issues into their advocacy and fully realize the trust and treaty obligation
- ▶ Develops relevant and impactful research that decisionmakers need to develop policy and law with all of Indian Country in mind
- ▶ Develops and mentors Native youth in college on our Youth Council to develop the next seven generations of leaders
- ▶ Creates culturally competent public health materials, videos, podcasts and social media to reach our audiences with various modalities
- ▶ Establishing connections between UIOs and universities, research centers, media, foundations, corporations and donors



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HIGHLIGHTS



332 HOURS

Total Hours of Technical Assistance



\$1.6 M+

Total Grant Funding Given to UIOs



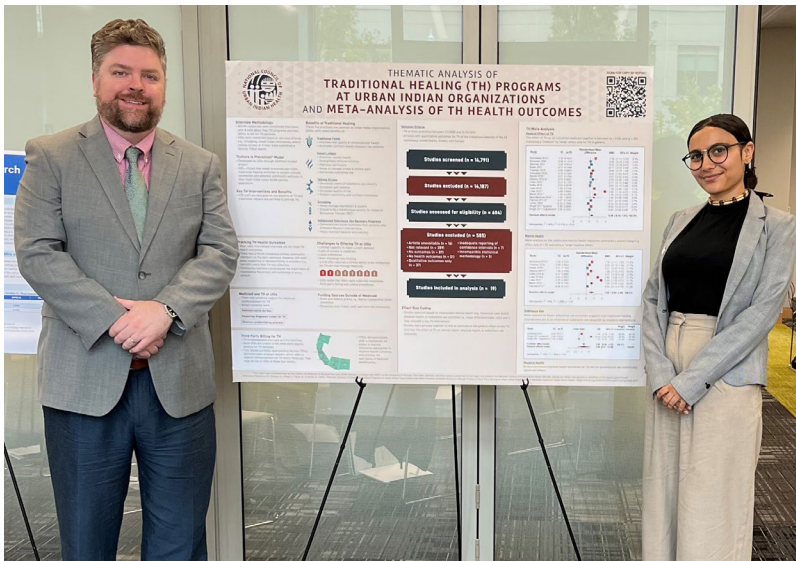
ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

First ever enactment of Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service

Why This Matters

Indian health facilities will no longer shutdown due to government budget disruptions, which will save lives.

NCUIH Unveils Groundbreaking Urban Indian Health Traditional Healing Report



NCUIH Health Policy Statistician, Isaiah O'Rear & Research Associate, Nahla Holland (Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation) with a poster presentation for the report: "Recent Trends in Third-Party Billing at Urban Indian Organizations: Thematic Analysis of Traditional Healing Programs at Urban Indian Organizations and Meta-Analysis of Health Outcomes."

Why This Matters

This report will help federal policy makers understand why traditional healing is an important service for Indian healthcare providers and demonstrates support for expanding services for traditional healing.



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AWARDS

NCUIH CEO Receives Significant Contribution in Indian Law Award



NCUIH CEO Francys Crevier (Algonquin) received the "Significant Contribution in Indian Law" for the 2022 Native American Bar Association of D.C. Annual Awards. Ms. Crevier was recognized for her outstanding advocacy for urban Indian health during the COVID-19 pandemic and continued support for improving health outcomes for all Native people.

Indian Health Care Warrior Award for Advance Appropriations

In honor of the historic passage of advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service, NCUIH was honored by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) for its herculean efforts.



NCUIH Honored at NCAI Mid-Year Convention in Washington, DC



NCUIH Honored at NIHB Conference in Anchorage, AK



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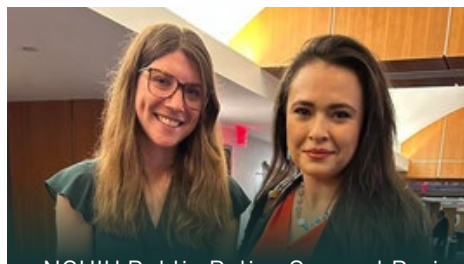
To achieve our mission and vision, NCUIH works to ensure that federal legislators and policymakers fulfill the federal government's trust obligation to provide healthcare services to AI/AN no matter where they live. Our goal is to advocate for positive change by increasing federal law and policymakers' awareness and understanding of the health and healthcare challenges experienced by AI/AN living in urban areas.

NCUIH works with our member UIOs on an annual basis to identify their top policy priorities and needs, as well as creates and implements a policy and advocacy strategy to address these priorities. Additionally, the Policy division regularly provides technical assistance and support to our member organizations on federal advocacy and educational opportunities, such as submitting formal comments to federal agencies, responding to requests for legislative input, and participating in formal and informal discussions with policymakers and stakeholders.

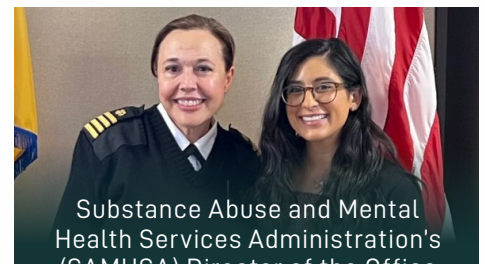
Highlights



NCUIH Board Member Maureen Rosette (Chippewa Cree Nation) testified before Congress on "Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Healthcare Delivery in Tribal Communities."



NCUIH Public Policy Counsel Rori Collins (Nenana Native Village (Tanana Athabascan)) and Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs for the White House Domestic Policy Council Elizabeth Reese (Pueblo of Nambé).



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Director of the Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, CAPT Karen Hearod (Choctaw), and NCUIH's Federal Relations Manager, Alexandra Payan, at SAMHSA's American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Expert Panel Discussion.



NCUIH Capitol Hill Advocacy Day: Over 22 offices were visited!

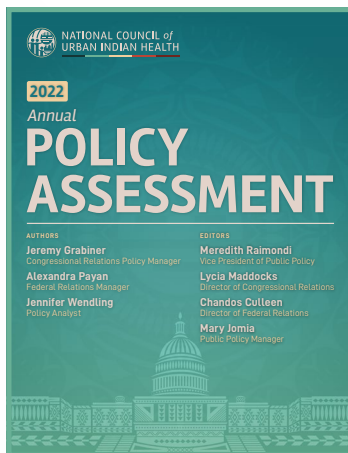
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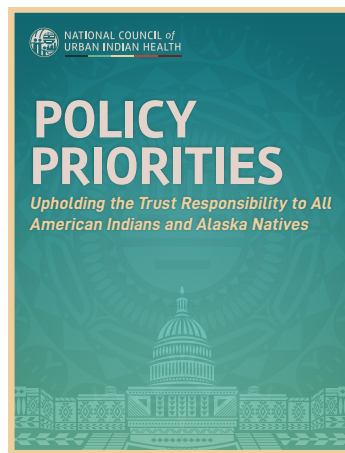


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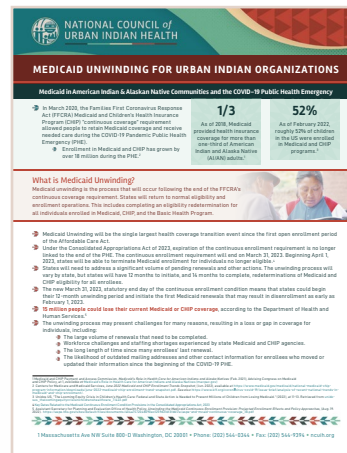
Resources



Policy Assessment



Policy Priorities



Medicaid Unwinding for Urban Indian Organizations



Impact of Medicaid on Health Care for American Indians and Alaska Natives

4

Congressional Hearings

14

Bills Endorsed by NCUH

70+

Capitol Hill Meetings

24

Letters to Congress



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Comments and Letters to Federal Agencies

17

Advocacy at Urban Confers and Tribal Consultations

375+

Advisory Committee and federal agency meetings with UIO advocacy

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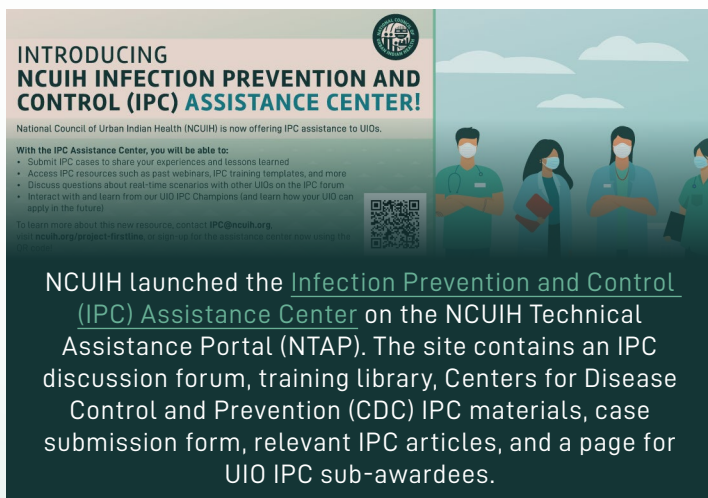
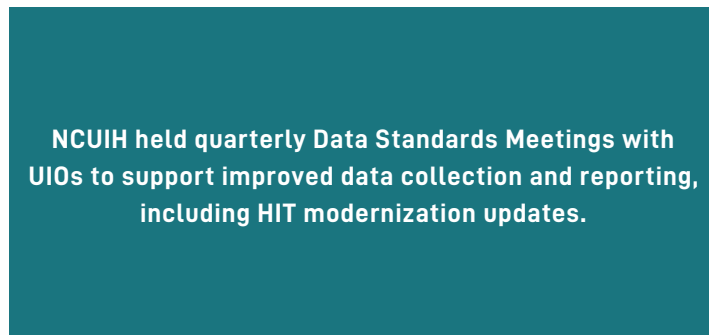
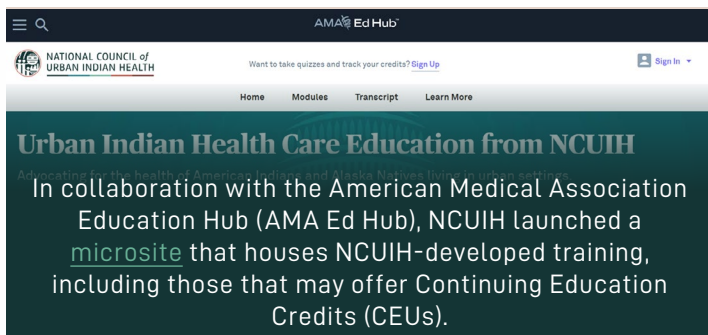
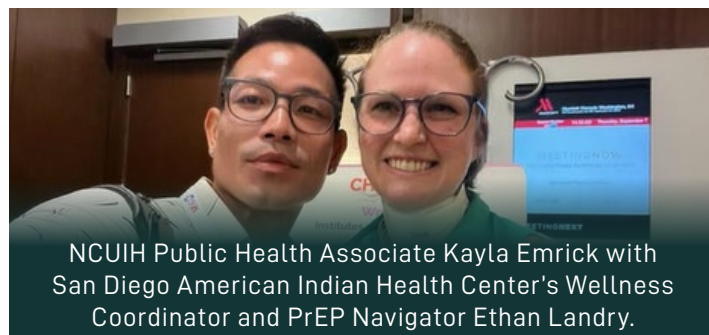
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH CENTER (TARC)

As part of its core mission, NCUIH is devoted to providing Technical Assistance (TA) for our member programs across Indian Country. Technical Assistance is a term used in Public Health to describe topic-specific guidance tailored based on needs and coupled with the use of innovative technology to facilitate capacity building of organizations. NCUIH strongly believes that providing customized and culturally sound capacity building and knowledge tools is essential to foster and trigger changes necessary to advance our community in the optimal direction.

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**NCUIH AWARDED
9 UIO IPC CHAMPIONS**

9 UIO IPC Champions to support their enhancement and/or development of their IPC trainings and programs



NCUIH AWARDED 2 UIOs

2 UIOs to support increasing their Sexually Transmitted Infections service capacity.



NCUIH AWARDED 1 UIO

1 UIO with CDC eCR program funding, and additional funds were awarded in September 2023



IPC Fellows

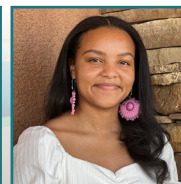
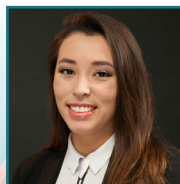
NCUIH hosted two IPC fellows (Dalayah Killsback (Northern Cheyenne Nation) and Breanna Wheeler (Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community). This opportunity aimed to provide Indigenous college students with the opportunity to increase their work being done in urban Native public health, particularly around IPC.



Youth Council Members



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"Our Relatives Go Everywhere"
Key Learnings and Recommendations
from the American Indian (AI) and Alaska
Native (AN) Sexual Health Convening

NACCHO
National Association of County & City Health Officials

NCUIH's Director of TARC, Evey Maho (Diné), and Public Health Program Manager, Mattie Curry (Blackfeet), represented UIOs at a meeting in Tulsa, OK, hosted by the National Association of County and City Health Officials to provide UIO perspectives when discussing AI/AN STI treatment and prevention.

In May 2023, NCUIH's Director of Research & Public Health Thomas Langan, Public Health Program Manager Mattie Curry (Blackfeet), and Research Associate Nahla Holland (Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation) represented UIOs at the CDC-hosted annual Maternal Mortality Review Information Application User Meeting to provide guidance, knowledge, and considerations for UIOs during meeting discussions.



ncoa
national council on aging

Supported the National Vaccine Uptake Initiative by reviewing applications and serving on advisory board to disseminate COVID-19 vaccines to elders and people living with disabilities in partnership with the National Council on Aging (NCOA)



Be A Good Relative Campaign

In collaboration with GoodHealth TV, NCUIH aired 12-month of videos on promoting vaccinations such as flu, COVID-19, etc.

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Key Events



Hours of Continuing
Education Units Offered



Events

PEER-TO-PEER SOLUTIONS CENTER:
Chaha'oh/Gathering of People

December 15, 2022 | 2-3 p.m. EST

OBJECTIVES:

NCUIH held the Peer-to-Peer Solutions Center event Chaha'oh/Gathering of People focused on ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING SERIES
NURTURING THE THREE SISTERS:
COMMUNITY, CULTURE, CONNECTION IN URBAN INDIAN HIV CARE

Rooted in Resilience: Urban Indian

NCUIH produced a Community of Learning series titled "Nurturing the Three Sisters: Community, Culture, Connection in Urban Indian HIV Care" that focused on harm reduction, 2SLGBTQ+ affirming HIV services, and holistic wellness programming at UIOs.

Board Authority & Composition (HBSA)

- ✓ Outline board authority and composition with Executive HRSA requirements
- ✓ HRSA Chapter 10 & 20 Board Authority & Composition
- ✓ The governing Board of a health center operated by Indian tribes, tribal groups, or Indian organizations under the Indian Self-Determination Act or related legislation must be composed of representatives of the community it serves.
- ✓ Section 1000.10(b)(1) of the regulation

NCUIH hosted its first in-person training session for UIO Board of Directors since 2020, titled "Board of Director Essentials: Advancing Leadership on the Road Ahead."

HARVESTING HOPE:
Strengthening HIV Services in Urban Indian Communities

UIO Listening Session
August 23, 2023
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

NCUIH hosted a Listening Session with IHS to hear from UIOs on current HIV needs within their urban AI/AN communities.

NCUIH hosted 2 Community of Learning series (6 trainings total) titled "Weaving Resilience into IPC for UIOs" and "IPC for Distinctive UIO Care Settings." The May and June trainings piloted and offered Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) for attendees (CMEs and CNEs).

ENHANCING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH COMMUNICATION IN URBAN INDIAN CARE SETTINGS

Mattee Jim (Diné)
HIV Prevention Program Supervisor

NCUIH hosted a Community of Learning training series titled, "Standing Together to Address Urban Indian STI Disparities," which focused on providing UIOs with resources for increasing their capacity for providing STI services at their health organization.

ONE IS TOO MANY
Together We Can Prevent American Indian and Alaska Native Maternal Deaths

Please join us for a virtual dialogue

NCUIH hosted a virtual dialogue to ascertain interest and capacity for UIO involvement in Maternal Mortality Review Committees.

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING
JOURNEY TO HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Nov. 10, 2022, Dec. 14, 2022, and Jan. 11, 2023
2-3 p.m. EST

NCUIH hosted a Community of Learning series for vaccine equity, "Journey to Healthy Communities."

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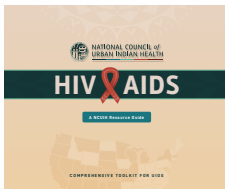
Knowledge Resource Center (KRC)

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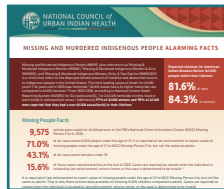
POSTS

NCUIH developed 11 article one pagers to share information locked behind paywalls to KRC users.

Resources



HIV/AIDS Resource Guide



Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Alarming Facts



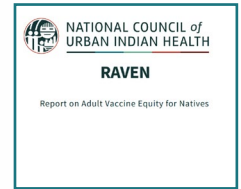
Resources Related to Missing & Murdered Indigenous People



The Benefits of Traditional Healing



Indigenous Infection Prevention and Control "Lead by Example" Graphic

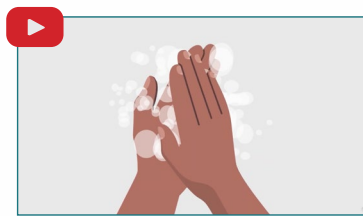


Report on Adult Vaccine for Natives

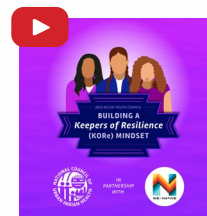
Videos



NCUIH Who We Are



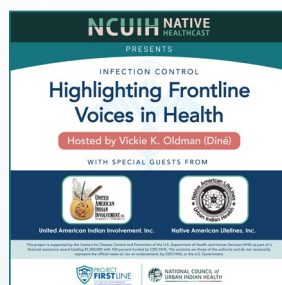
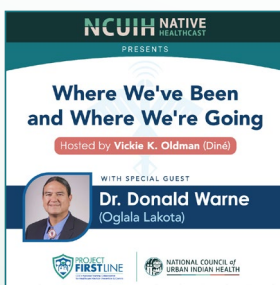
Hand Washing PSA for Healthcare Frontline Workers



NCUIH's Youth Council Keepers of Resilience (KORe) video project in partnership with We R Native (over 3500 impressions).

NCUIH Native Healthcast

NCUIH released three new podcasts this year all available on our [website](#).



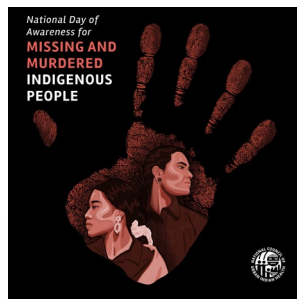
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PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Highlights



Celebrating 25 years of health leadership, NCUIH is proud to present its limited edition 25th Anniversary Blanket designed by Sean Morgan (Shawnee), Senior Graphic Design Manager! The design is a beautiful amalgamation of regional art styles, health symbols, a water motif pattern, and ribbon work-inspired sections.

Media Mentions



The Washington Post



Collaborative Partners



Civil Rights/
Health Equity
Working Group on
the Unwinding of
Medicaid



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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HONORING OUR ANCESTORS
AND PREPARING FOR THE
NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS:

NCUIH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF HEALTH LEADERSHIP

HYBRID

May 15-18, 2023 Washington, D.C. + Virtual



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Awards

Indian Health Care Warrior Award For Advance Appropriations

Tribal Partners

- ▶ Stacy A. Bohlen (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), CEO of the National Indian Health Board
- ▶ Larry Wright Jr. (Ponca Tribe of Nebraska), Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians

Members of Congress

- ▶ Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- ▶ Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
- ▶ Representative Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk Nation) (D-KS)
- ▶ Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN)
- ▶ Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
- ▶ Representative Tom Cole (Chickasaw Nation) (R-OK)
- ▶ Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- ▶ Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)
- ▶ Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

Federal Advocates

- ▶ Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
 - ▶ Shalanda Young, Director of OMB
 - ▶ Topher Spiro, OMB Associate Director of Health
 - ▶ Elizabeth Carr (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Tribal Advisor to Director of OMB
- ▶ Daron Carriero (Chickasaw Nation), Former Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs for the White House Domestic Policy Council
- ▶ Tracy Goodluck (Oneida Nation), Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

Ally

- ▶ Darren Benjamin, Relation Strategy LLC



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Awards CONTINUED

Native Veterans Health Ally Award

- ▶ Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- ▶ Councilman Nickolaus Lewis (Lummi Nation), Member of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs
- ▶ Chief William Smith (Valdez Native Tribe), Member of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs



Urban Indian Health Awards

UIO Staff Member of the Year

- ▶ Susan Levy, Communications Coordinator, Volunteers and Community Involvement at NATIVE HEALTH



Local Urban Indian Leadership Award

- ▶ Manuel "Angel" Galvez (Tarasco and Purépecha), Chief Executive Officer for the Bakersfield American Indian Health Center, Inc.

Rising Ally Award

- ▶ NoVo Foundation



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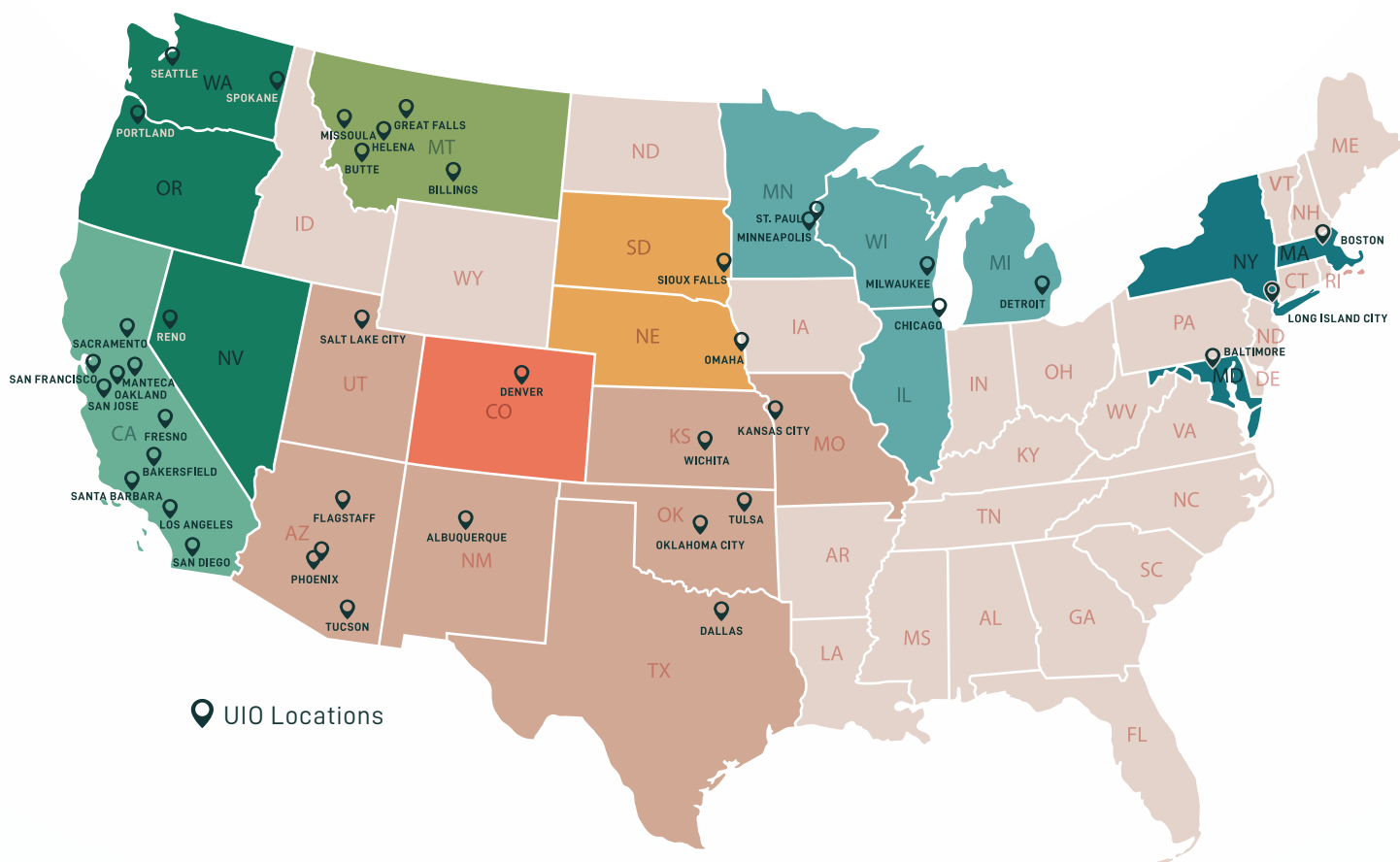


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UIOs BY NCUIH REGIONS



📍 UIO Locations

REGION 1

New York Indian Council, Inc.

Long Island City, NY

Native American LifeLines of Baltimore

Baltimore, MD

Native American LifeLines of Boston

Roxbury, MA

REGION 2

American Indian Council on Alcoholism, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI

American Indian Health & Family Services

Detroit, MI

American Indian Health Service of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center

Milwaukee, WI

Indian Health Board of Minneapolis

Minneapolis, MN

Juel Fairbanks

St. Paul, MN

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UIOs BY NCUIH REGIONS

REGION 3

Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc.
Omaha, NE

South Dakota Urban Indian Health, Inc.
Sioux Falls, SD

REGION 4

Helena Indian Alliance-Leo Pocha Clinic
Helena, MT

Indian Family Health Clinic (IFHC)
Great Falls, MT

All Nations Health Center
Missoula, MT

Butte Native Wellness Center
Butte, MT

Billings Urban Indian Health & Wellness Center
Billings, MT

REGION 5

Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. (NARA)
Portland, OR

The NATIVE Project
Spokane, WA

Nevada Urban Indians, Inc.
Reno, NV

Seattle Indian Health Board
Seattle, WA

REGION 6

American Indian Health & Services, Inc.
Santa Barbara, CA

Bakersfield American Indian Health Project (BAIHP)
Bakersfield, CA

Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP)
Fresno, CA

Friendship House – Association of American Indians, Inc. of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
San Jose, CA

Native American Health Center
Oakland, CA

Sacramento Native American Health Center, Inc. (SNAHC)
Sacramento, CA

San Diego American Indian Health Center
San Diego, CA

Native Directions, Inc./Three Rivers Indian Lodge
Manteca, CA

United American Indian Involvement, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA

REGION 7

First Nations Community HealthSource
Albuquerque, NM

Hunter Health
Wichita, KS

Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa
Tulsa, OK

Kansas City Indian Center
Kansas City, MO

Native Americans for Community Action (NACA)
Flagstaff, AZ

NATIVE HEALTH
Phoenix, AZ

Native American Connections
Phoenix, AZ

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UIOs BY NCUIH REGIONS

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic

Oklahoma, OK

Tucson Indian Center

Tucson, AZ

Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City, UT

Texas Native Health

Dallas, TX

REGION 8

Denver Indian Health and Family Services

Denver, CO

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NCUIH BOARD OF DIRECTORS



REGION 1

Kerry Lessard

Board Member

(Descendant of Absentee Shawnee)

Executive Director

Native American Lifelines of Baltimore

REGION 2

VACANT



REGION 3

Michaela Seiber

Board Member

(Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate)

Chief Executive Officer

South Dakota Urban Indian Health



REGION 4

Todd Wilson

Board Member

(Crow)

Executive Director

Helena Indian Alliance-Leo Pocha Clinic



REGION 5

Maureen Rosette

Board Member

(Chippewa Cree)

Chief Operations Officer

N.A.T.I.V.E. Project



REGION 6A

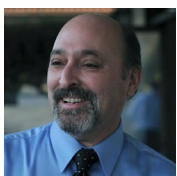
Sonya Tetnowski

Board President

(Makah Tribe)

Executive Director

Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley



REGION 6B

Scott Black

Board Member

(Descendant of Miami of Ohio and Mohican of Ohio)

Executive Director

American Indian Health Services



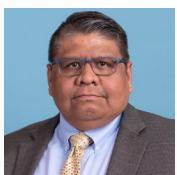
REGION 7A

Linda Son-Stone

Board Secretary

Executive Director

First Nations Community HealthSource



REGION 7B

Walter Murillo

Board President-Elect

(Choctaw)

Chief Executive Officer

Native Health Center



REGION 7C

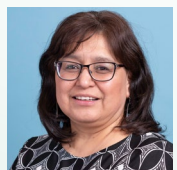
Robyn Sunday-Allen

Board Vice-President

(Cherokee)

Chief Executive Officer

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic



REGION 8

Adrienne Maddux

Board Treasurer

(Hopi)

Executive Director

Denver Indian Health and Family Services

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