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ANNUAL REPORT

























NCUIH

NATIONAL COUNCIL of URBAN INDIAN HEALTH























ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF URBAN INDIAN HEALTH

Mission

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

Vision

NCUIH envisions a nation where comprehensive, culturally competent personal and public health services are available and accessible to AI/AN people 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) for Native patients. Because of NCUIH's deep collaborative relationships with UIOs, our team is strategically positioned to advocate for health equity for AI/AN people 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/AN people in urban areas.

How 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 people
- Conducting state-of-the-art trainings and technical assistance specific to the needs of UIOs and Indian Health Care Providers across the country
- ▶ Creates awareness of the large AI/AN population that lives in urban settings and their unmet needs to further health equity for generations to come
- ▶ Strengthen Congress, Agencies, and the White House's understanding of UIOs and the health needs of AI/AN people 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 through our internships, fellowships and 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



HIGHLIGHTS

AWARDS

The Indian Health Service's Director's Award Committee honored the National Council of Urban Indian Health's (NCUIH) CEO, Francys Crevier J.D. (Algonquin) and the Helena Indian Alliance with the 2022 Director's Special Recognition Award in Urban Leadership.





HISTORIC WIN FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

NCUIH Celebrates Approval of Medicaid Coverage for Traditional Healing Services

On October 16, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved Medicaid coverage for Traditional Healing services provided by IHS facilities, Tribal Facilities, and UIOs in four states: California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oregon.

"This approval is a testament to the tireless advocacy of Tribal leaders, Urban Indian Organizations, and our partners," said Francys Crevier, J.D. (Algonquin), CEO of NCUIH. "It marks a historic milestone in our ongoing efforts to ensure that American Indian and Alaska Native people in urban areas have access to culturally appropriate, holistic care that honors our Traditional Healing practices".

"As we've long advocated, the ability to provide and be reimbursed for culturally relevant services offers a greater opportunity to deliver whole-person care," Crevier added. "This CMS approval is a crucial step towards health equity and honoring the rich traditions of our diverse Native communities, including those in urban areas".

- NCUIH CEO. Francys Crevier (Algonauin)

NCUIH published reports on Traditional Healing and Traditional Foods in 2024 highlighting the need for increased resources to support these services for Native people.

FEATURED REPORTS AND RESOURCES



Traditional Healing Report



Traditional Foods Report



Investing in Wellness Toolkit



Hope for Life Flyer



Voter Registration Campaign



Policy Priorities 2024



Technical Assistance Overview



Traditional Foods Infographic

EVENTS

NCUIH events offer a dynamic platform for engaging with key issues impacting Urban Native communities across the nation. These virtual gatherings cover a wide array of topics, from health and wellness to policy advocacy and cultural preservation. They serve as a space for dialogue, education, and collaboration, bringing together experts, community leaders, and stakeholders to drive positive change and amplify the voices of Native people in urban settings.





TOP EVENTS



1. Building Trust, Enhancing Care: Cultural Humility in Health Care | This event explored the importance of cultural humility in building trust and improving care for Urban Native communities.



2. Culturally Inclusive Health Care: Honoring Traditions for a Healthier Tomorrow | This session focused on integrating cultural traditions into health care practices to promote better health outcomes for Urban Native populations.



3. Integrated Health Care Through an Indigenous Approach | Participants learned about holistic, Indigenous-driven health care models that support comprehensive well-being in Urban Native communities.



4. Data Sharing and Data Use from an Urban Indian Perspective | This event discussed best practices and challenges of data sharing in Urban Indian health care, emphasizing the protection and ethical use of data.



5. Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Prevention: SOAR for Native Communities | This session addressed prevention strategies for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis, highlighting the SOAR framework for Native communities.



6. Introduction to Holistic Forms of Healing | An overview of traditional and holistic healing practices, emphasizing their relevance in modern health care for Urban Native populations.



7. Prevention Perspectives: Substance Misuse and Overdose Among Urban Native Populations
This session examined strategies to prevent substance misuse and overdose, focusing on the unique challenges faced by Urban Native populations.



8. Understanding Trauma and Decolonizing Trauma | A deep dive into how trauma impacts Native communities and the importance of decolonizing trauma-informed care for effective healing.



9. Culturally Responsive Care for Sexual Assault Survivors | This event highlighted the need for culturally sensitive health care approaches when supporting Native survivors of sexual assault.



10. NCUIH 2024 Urban Indian Health Policy Preview | A preview of the key policy issues and advocacy strategies that will shape Urban Indian health priorities in 2024.



11. Paths to Vaccine Equity: Mobile Vaccine Clinics | This session explored the role of mobile vaccine clinics in promoting vaccine equity for Urban Native communities.



12. Policy Webinar: Medicaid Unwinding for Urban Indian Organizations | This webinar provided an in-depth look at how changes in Medicaid policies will affect Urban Indian Organizations and their health care delivery.

POLICY

To achieve our mission and vision, NCUIH works to ensure that federal legislators and policymakers fulfill the federal government's trust obligation to provide health care services to AI/AN people 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 health care challenges experienced by AI/AN people living in urban areas.

HIGHLIGHTS







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Advisory Committee and Federal Agency Meetings with UIO Advocacy



Comments and Letters to Federal Agencies







Advance Appropriations

Maintained Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service for Fiscal Year 2024





Over 20%

Increase Proposed by Congress for Indian Health Service funding in Fiscal Year 2025









NCUIH VP Meredith Raimondi presented at the National Congress of American Indians Prep Briefing ahead of the 2023 White House Tribal Nations Summit.



NCUIH CEO Francys Crevier (Algonquin) attended the White House Convening on Native American Voting Rights with Indian Country leaders including Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Band of Ojibwe).



NCUIH attended the White House Celebration to commemorate 30 years of the Violence Against Women Act.



NCUIH, Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake, National Urban Indian Family Coalition, and Kansas City Indian Center at the Democracy is Indigenous Mid-Year Gathering to discuss initiatives to improve civic engagement in Native

HILL DAY

Hill Day is a critical component of NCUIH's advocacy efforts, providing UIO leaders and representatives a unique opportunity to meet with their Congressional delegates and discuss the most pressing issues facing Urban Native populations.











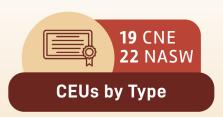


TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH CENTER (TARC)

As part of its core mission, NCUIH is devoted to providing technical assistance (TA) for Urban Indian Organizations. TA is a term used in public health to describe topic-specific guidance tailored based on needs and coupled with innovative technology to facilitate capacity building of organizations. NCUIH strongly believes that providing customized and culturally sound knowledge and tools is essential to advance our community in the optimal direction.







BUTTE NATIVE WELLNESS CENTER ON SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



KANSAS CITY INDIAN CENTER ON SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE





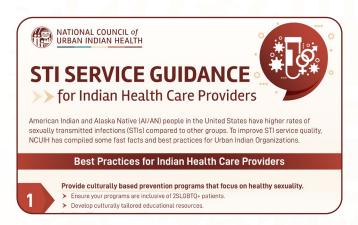
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL SUMMIT





NCUIH Staff Zoë Harris (Mashpee Wampanoag), Alyssa Longee (Assiniboine/Sioux – Fort Peck), and Evey Maho (Diné) attended the NACCHO IPC Summit in Chicago. In addition to sharing information about NCUIH as exhibitors, the team also presented, in collaboration with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), "Inquiry and Insight: Exploring Indigenous Perspectives on IPC." The presentation included a brief history of American Indian and Alaska Native health and discussed the accomplishments of NCUIH and NIHB through the CDC's Project Firstline National Collaborative.

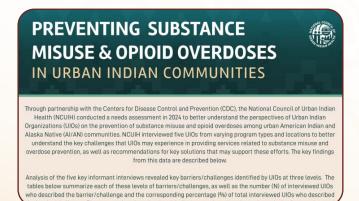
ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND RESOURCES

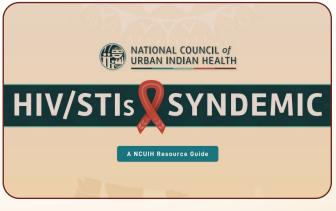


STI Service Guidance for Indian Health Care Providers



Infection Prevention and Control Transportation Checklist

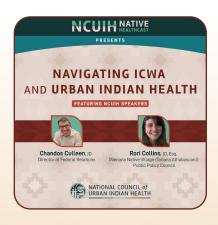




COMMUNICATIONS

NCUIH Native HealthCast







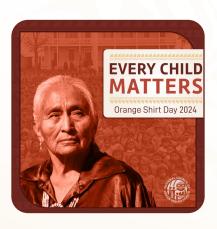
FEATURED CAMPAIGNS







NCUIH Hill Day 2024: NCUIH amplifies
Urban Indian health priorities during Hill
Day, advocating for vital policy changes and
increased federal support for Urban Indian
Organizations.



MMIP Awareness Day 2024: NCUIH raises awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), advocating for justice, safety, and systemic changes to protect Native communities and address the ongoing crisis.



Pride Month 2024: NCUIH celebrates
Pride Month, highlighting the
importance of inclusivity and support
for Native LGBTQ+ and two-spirit
individuals.



Orange Shirt Day 2024: NCUIH stands in solidarity with survivors of Indian boarding schools and advocating for healing and awareness of the historical trauma still impacting Native families.

Indigenous Peoples' Day 2024: NCUIH promotes recognition and respect for Native cultures and communities, while advocating for improved health care access and equity in urban settings.

Native American Heritage Day 2023: NCUIH celebrates uplifting the rich cultural heritage of Native peoples while promoting health equity and policy advancements for urban Native communities.

SUSTAINING TRADITIONS 18 Sponsors 18 Sponsors 10 SUSTAINING SUS



The 2024 NCUIH Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., was a sold-out gathering of UIO leaders, health care providers, and advocates, focused on the theme "Sustaining Traditions." The event featured insightful discussions and workshops that explored innovative strategies to improve health equity for Urban Native communities. By blending cultural knowledge with contemporary health solutions, the conference empowered participants to foster meaningful change in their communities and continue advocating for the well-being of Urban Indian populations.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Culturally Grounded Health Care Initiatives for Urban Native Americans: Integrating Findings from the Culture is Prevention Project (Native American Health Center)

Indian Health Service Division of Behavioral Health Listening Session

Exploring the Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) Process (Oklahoma City Indian Clinic)

Unveiling Strategies into Behavioral Health Financing: A Collaborative Review

URBAN INDIAN HEALTH











Not Pictured: Tribal Leader Impact Award Councilman Andy Joseph Jr. (Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation)

CONGRESSIONAL CHAMPIONS



Representative Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25)



Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)



Representative Don Bacon (R-NE-02)



Senator Ben Ray Luján (D-NM)

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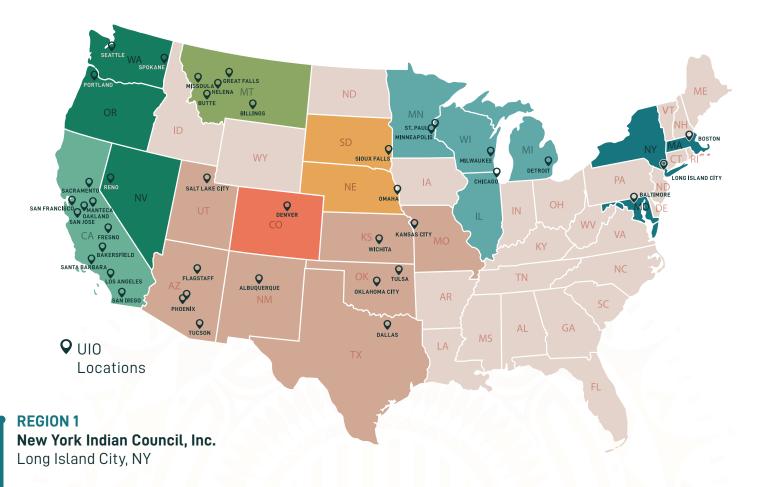
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San Jose, CA

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Oakland, CA

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(SNAHC)

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NATIVE HEALTH

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