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"We Will be Known Forever by the Tracks We Leave"  
A Talking Circle on Emergency Preparedness  
(Session 2 of 2)

October 13, 2021

3:30-4:30 p.m. EST

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# ABOUT NCUIH

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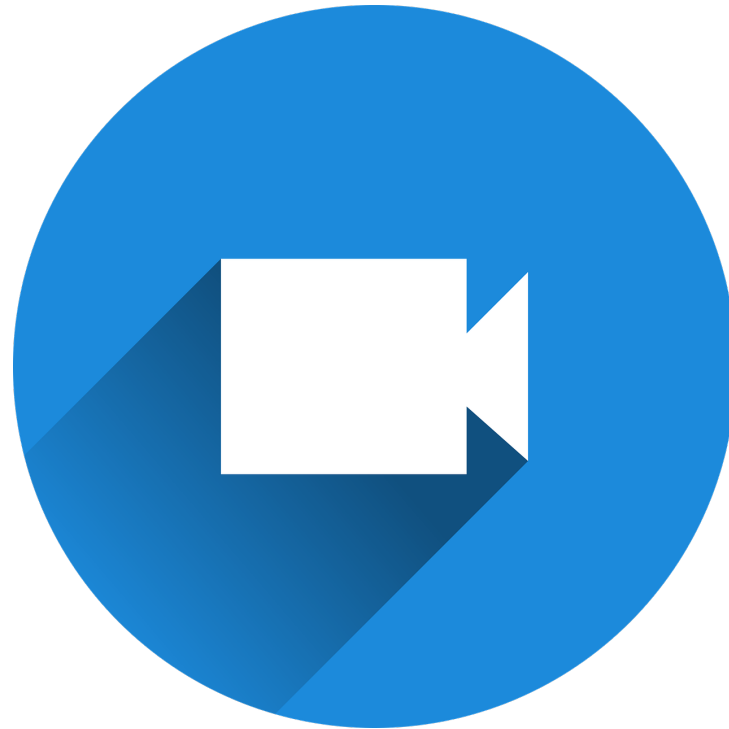
The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is the national non-profit organization devoted to the support and development of quality, accessible, and culturally-competent health and public health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) living in urban areas.

NCUIH is the only national representative of the 41 Title V Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) under the Indian Health Service (IHS) in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). NCUIH strives to improve the health of the over 70% of the AI/AN population that lives in urban areas, supported by quality, accessible health care centers.



# Audio & Video Recording

Please note that this session will be recorded for educational and quality improvement purposes.



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# Guidelines

- Open dialogue
- Positive
- Focus on Urban Health Care Settings and Emergency Preparedness





# COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response and Vaccine Implementation Planning in UIOs



# Agenda

- NCUIH Project Team
- COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response and Implementation Planning in UIOs Overview
- Support for Healthcare Centers
- Protecting Our Future through Vaccination Planning and Emergency Preparedness/Response Storytellers
- Q&A Session



# NCUIH Project Team



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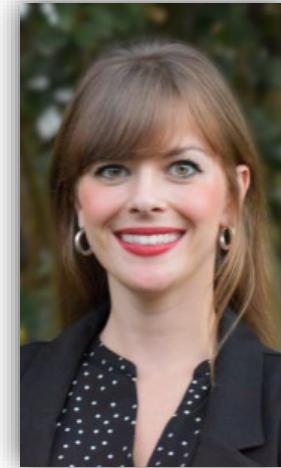
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# Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs)

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# COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response and Vaccine Implementation Planning in UIOs

## *Project Description*

“This project will develop the capacity of Urban Indian Organizations in COVID-19 preparedness, response and vaccine dissemination. Through COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Urban Indian Health Programs, NCUIH will work closely with up to 41 Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) to address public health priorities related to COVID-19 by supporting UIO public health emergency response and vaccine implementation planning...”



# Activities

Talking  
Circles

- “We Will be Known Forever by the Tracks We Leave”: A Talking Circle on Vaccine Planning (Sept. 29)
- “We Will be Known Forever by the Tracks We Leave”: A Talking Circle on Emergency Preparedness (Oct. 13)

SME

- Technical Assistance
- Office Hours
- Training Webinars

Storytellers

- Sharing of policies, procedures, protocols, etc.
- Assist with trainings
- Ambassador for other health care centers

Assistance  
for UIOs

- Trainings/Webinars
- Office Hours
- Discussion Boards



# “We Will Be Known Forever by Tracks We Leave”

## *Talking Circles*

- *A Talking Circle on Vaccine Planning (Session 1 of 2)*
  - Sept, 29 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST
- *A Talking Circle on Emergency Preparedness (Session 2 of 2)*
  - Oct. 13 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST



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**WE WILL BE KNOWN FOREVER  
BY THE TRACKS WE LEAVE**

*A Talking Circle on Vaccine Planning*

**September 29, 2021**  
3:30-4:30 p.m. EST



Learn more: [ncuih.org/emergencyplanning](https://ncuih.org/emergencyplanning)



# Support for the Health Care Centers

*Provided by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)*

- Office hours provided by SMEs
- One-on-one technical assistance
  - Email
  - Virtual meetings
- Training/webinars
- Assistance provided on:
  - Review, comment and finalize plans on the UIO emergency preparedness/response and/or vaccine plans
  - Provide training to staff to successfully implement plan developed, with support of SME



# Subject Matter Experts

- Topics
  - Emergency Preparedness/Response
  - Vaccination/Immunization Planning
    - **What is the difference?**
- *Goal: To provide accessible, accurate, actionable and current information that is culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate.*



# Subject Matter Experts



## **Leila A. Ladnier, BSN, RN**

- Mother of six wonderful daughters of Creek and Cherokee lineage and six perfect grand babies, two of which are of Navajo descent
- Nurse for 11 years
- Artist/art teacher
- Great passion to serve and educate - believe these are a nurses' fundamental gifts
- Energy and compassion to the native communities - current and future generations will prosper.



# Subject Matter Experts



## Lynda Zambrano

- Executive Director of the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) and the National Tribal Emergency Management Council
- Adjunct professor at Pierce College, Centers of Excellence for Homeland Security
- Career in law enforcement 20 years ago, working with Federal, State, Local and Tribal governments
- Director for several Tribal Nations, which has given her a unique perspective to bring together many different disciplines to work together in emergency management
- Proud wife of Richard Zambrano, whom is a member of the Snoqualmie Tribe and previous Tribal Councilman
- Mother of three biological children and 11 step-children



# Subject Matter Experts

*What will they do for you?*

- Technical Assistance
  - One-on-one
  - Group webinars
  - Trainings to train health care staff
- Review, edits and guidance
  - Meet local, state, and federal guidelines and standards
  - Customized for health care center
    - Templates
    - Policies and procedures
    - SOPs
- SharePoint access
  - Sharing documents
  - Discussion boards



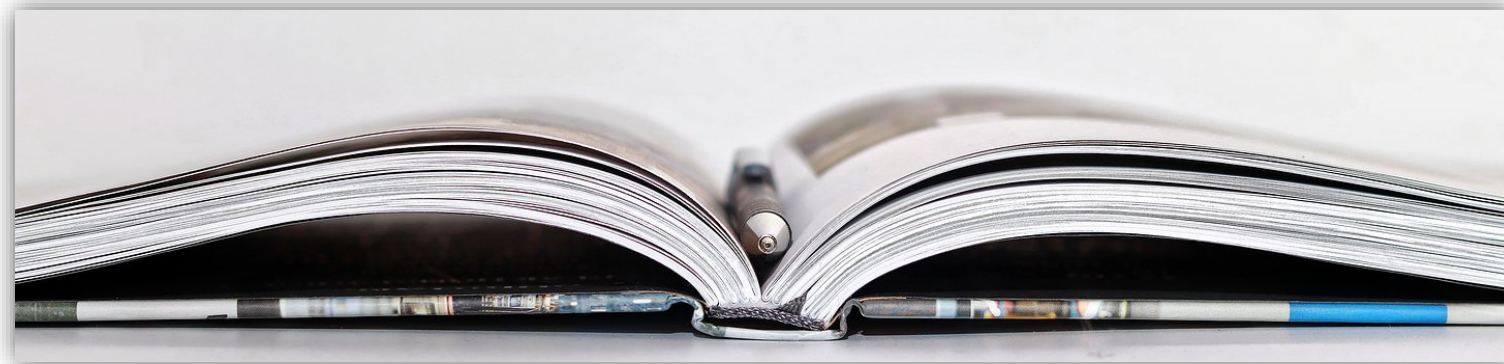


# Protecting Our Future through Vaccination Planning and Emergency Preparedness/Response



# Who are Storytellers?

- Federally funded, Title V UIOs and individuals
- Supporting other organizations through knowledge, experience and resources to assist others to maneuver through adult vaccinations, such as influenza and COVID-19, within their organizations and roles
- **Funded opportunity up to \$30,000 for 10 UIOs** for their leadership in providing documents, news articles, best practices, lessons learned and vaccine plans





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# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND VACCINATION PLANNING *Storytellers*



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## Request for Applicants

Protecting Our Future Through Vaccination Planning and Emergency Preparedness -  
Storyteller Application

### Protecting Our Future Through Vaccine Planning and Emergency Preparedness - Storytellers

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) is seeking applications from Title V Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) interested in serving as a Storytellers for a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-funded project on emergency preparedness/response and vaccine planning.

Complete the form below for consideration. For questions, contact Yvonne Ito ([yito@ncuih.org](mailto:yito@ncuih.org)) or Melissa Watson ([mwatson@ncuih.org](mailto:mwatson@ncuih.org)).

**Deadline Friday, October 22, 2021**



- Provide training to staff to successfully implement plan developed, with support of SME.
- Develop and provide acceptable template(s) and reference documents/materials for the UIOs in collaboration with CDC, in accordance to regulatory bodies and applicable government bodies that UIOs must address for their vaccination requirements, and addressing leadership and management emergency preparedness topics to include but not limited to:
  - Adult vaccinations
    - Federal regulations and guidelines
    - State regulations and guidelines
    - Indian Health Services (IHS) regulation and guidelines
  - Emergency preparedness
    - Policies
    - Procedures
  - Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Share best practices with all UIOs and provide information to NCUIH to be utilized on NCUIH's website and through the NCUIH newsletter
  - Template, SOPs, Policies and Procedures, Best Practices, Trainings utilized within the organization
- Support and assist in development of training events with NCUIH
- Assist in identifying training needs for UIO staff to support development of TA strategies
- Develop and deliver UIO training to successfully implement plans developed
- All other duties as assigned

#### **Core Requirements**

- Submit a minimum of two (2) articles to NCUIH's newsletter on emergency preparedness and/or vaccine planning
- Complete tracking spreadsheet of all documents, references, materials, etc. shared via Sharepoint and NCUIH Newsletter/Website
- Designate staff as a project director with commitment to emergency preparedness and/or vaccine planning
- Attend monthly check-in calls with NCUIH project staff & UIO Storytellers
- Provide documentation of all professional development trainings completed with proof of certification/attendance

Project activities, trainings and collaboratives are anticipated to include substantive participation from experts from CDC with experience in emergency preparedness/response and vaccine planning, however the expectation is the SME is available as an adjunct on an as needed basis to more rapidly and effectively meet the needs of NCUIH members.



# Storytellers - Application

- Help us by being part of the solution, a trail blazer through your organizations' story telling of your vaccination and emergency preparedness journey!
- **Applications open through October 22!**
- Online Application: [form.jotform.com/212444427776158](https://form.jotform.com/212444427776158)





# QUESTIONS?



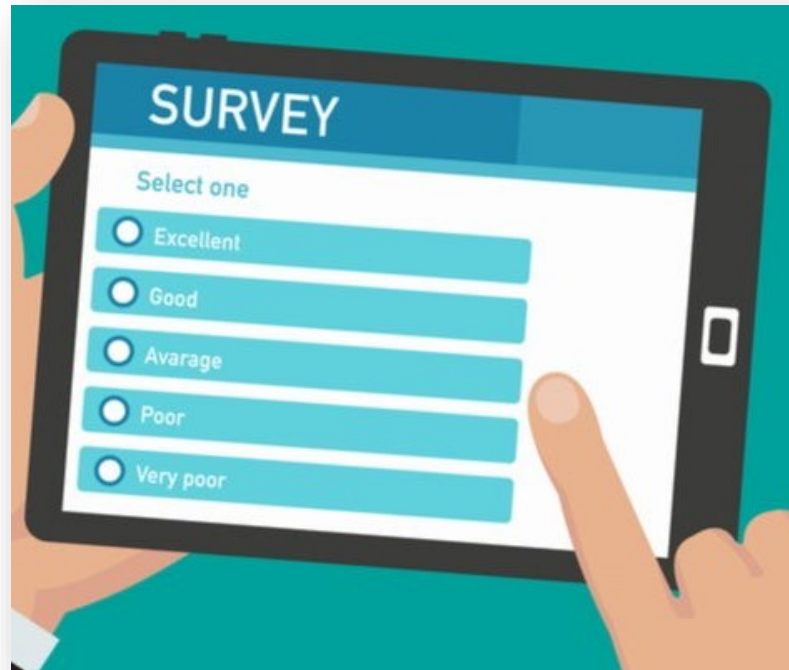
# NCUIH Upcoming Events

- Board of Directors Workshops: Community Leadership Tactics and Conscious Cultural Tools (Workshop Day Two)
  - *Workshop Day Two* | Oct. 15 | 2-5 p.m. EST
- Charting Your Course: Navigating Funding Streams to Support Your Health Programs
  - *Applying Indigenous Data Collection and Evaluations to Increase Behavioral Health Grant Funding* | Nov. 3 | 2-3 p.m. EST
  - *CEDAR Branch: Strategic Planning for Community Advisory Boards* | Nov. 16 | 2-3 p.m. EST



# Survey Reminder

- Please take our survey and let us know how we can serve you better
  - [surveymonkey.com/r/8B6MNRZ](https://surveymonkey.com/r/8B6MNRZ)





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