Native American Elders:
Fostering Interagency Collaborations to Support Effective Outreach

Trans-NIH American Indian/Alaska Native Health Communications & Information Work Group

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Purpose

The Work Group provides a forum for health education and communications staff from NIH Institutes and Centers to share strategies and effective communication approaches to develop and disseminate health information for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.
Activities

• Outreach to Community Health Representatives
• Workshops for HHS employees
• Exhibits at national conferences
Outreach to Community Health Representatives

- Quarterly mailings of NIH health information
- Partnership with IHS, National CHR Program
- To date, more than 11,000 packets mailed to 650 CHRs
- Health topics have included diabetes, substance abuse, bone health, arthritis, stroke, cancer
Workshops

• Reaching Out to Urban Indians
• Building Partnerships Between IHS and NIH
• Partnering with Community Health Representatives
• American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Federal Programs
• "Cultural Competency Strategies for Indigenous Health... A Dakota Perspective"
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PDF version

Formed in late 2005, the Work Group provides a forum for health education and communications staff from across NIH to share strategies and learn effective approaches to developing and disseminating health information designed for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

In partnership with the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Work Group conducts outreach to 1,960 Community Health Representatives nationwide through a quarterly mailing of NIH health information. Read more...

Reports and Resources

- Literature Review – Tailing Action, Health Promotion and Outreach with American Indians and Alaska Natives – PDF version
- NIAMS Cultural Competency Card

Past Workshops

Reaching Out to Urban Indians: Best Practices in Communications and Partnerships Workshop

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- Executive Summary
- Meeting Agenda
- Keynote Speaker Presentation
- Roundtable Speaker Presentation
- Roundtable Speaker Article
- Speaker Biographies
- Acknowledgements
- Bibliography
- NIH Hosts American Indian/Alaska Native Workshop

Related Information

- NIH’s Native American Health Page
- NIAMS American Indian Health
- NIAMS Arctic Health Web site
- MedicinePlus Native American Health
- American Indian/Alaska Native Employment Program
- DHHS Indian Health Service
- NIH Community Health Representatives Page
- Native American Research Centers for Health
- Health Promotion & Disease Prevention

Other Resources

- Office of Minority Health: HHS
- National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities: NIH
- National Library of Medicine: NIH
  - National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Office of Outreach & Special Populations
  - MedicinePlus
  - Clinical Trials for American Indians/Alaska Natives
More information:

www.niams.nih.gov/About_Us/AlAN_WorkGroup.asp

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