

Trans-NIH *American Indian/Alaska Native* Health Communications and Information Work Group Fact Sheet

Purpose

Formed in 2005, the Trans-NIH AI/AN Health Communications and Information Work Group provides a forum for health education and communications staff from National Institutes of Health (NIH) Institutes, Centers, and Offices to share strategies and effective communication approaches to develop and disseminate health information to American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Activities

Outreach to American Indian and Alaska Native Intermediaries

In partnership with the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Administration on Aging/Administration for Community Living (AoA/ACL), the Work Group conducts outreach to 1,600 IHS Community Health Representatives (CHRs) and 600 AoA/ACL Title VI grantees nationwide through quarterly e-newsletters featuring NIH health information. CHRs are Tribal employees who live and work in Native communities as lay health educators and patient liaisons. Title VI grantees are organizations that provide services to Native elders and their caregivers. The purpose of the project is to increase awareness among CHRs and Title VI grantees about the availability of free or low-cost, science-based health information for patients and the general public.

Workshops for NIH Employees

The Work Group partners with the NIH Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to sponsor annual workshops for NIH employees to raise awareness and understanding about issues affecting American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

NIH Representation

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) leads the Work Group on behalf of the NIH.

In addition to the NIAMS, the Work Group is composed of the National Cancer Institute • National Eye Institute • National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute • National Human Genome Research Institute • National Institute on Aging • National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism • *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development • National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders • National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research • National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases • National Institute on Drug Abuse • National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences • National Institute of General Medical Sciences • National Institute of Mental Health • National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities • National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke • National Institute of Nursing Research • National Library of Medicine • National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health • Clinical Center • Office of Equal Opportunity, Diversity, and Inclusion • Office of Research on Women's Health • Office of the Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison.



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