



Addressing Immunizations as a Priority Health Disparity through Tribally-driven Processes

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DISPARITIES

- American Indians and Alaska Natives are heavily impacted by illnesses that could be prevented through proper immunizations
- AI/ANs experience 70% greater rates of death due to pneumonia and influenza (P/I)
- AI/AN elders 65 or older are 20% more likely to die from P/I

Highlights – 10+ years

Funding Identified
Action: 2008 Top Five Tribal Strategies Identified to address Disease Outbreak



Immunizations

1. Fully immunized population
2. Develop an algorithm; tribally identify five core bases and specify the strategic branches
3. Rapid and timely responses
4. Documentation protocol
5. Notification



COLLABORATION

Funding Identified Action: 2009

- Tribes identified barriers and strategies
- Established Tribal Health Immunization Workgroup (THIW)
- Provided assistance to Tribes to evaluate and implement immunization strategies & address systems issues (bridge-RPMS/Child Profile)
- Identified pilots and resources to increase immunizations rates in a culturally appropriate, community-driven manner

COLLABORATIVE VALUES

Address immunizations as a priority health disparity through a Tribal/Urban Indian process that is community-driven and culturally responsive

AIHC 2010 determinations:

- Continue Tribal Health Immunization Workgroup (THIW)
- Expand opportunities to meet regionally with access to all AIHC delegates

Activities:

- THIW two-year work plan
- Identified health care worker immunization rates as key project
- Tribal Leaders Health Summit, H1N1/Immunization session
- Affordable Care Act competitive grant award: health care workers immunization rates
- Centers for Disease Control funded the Tribally-driven project developed by THIW in 2009-10, H1N1 pandemic influenza lessons learned



2012

- **Tribal Healthcare Worker Immunization survey/assessment**
- PRAMS project to address Flu Immunization rates for pregnant women
- Tribal Leaders Health Summit - report on initial health care worker findings and a decade of tribal immunization progress

2013

- **Tribal Healthcare Worker Immunization Report**
- Dissemination of 2013 Report

2014

- Adolescent Immunization project and report
- Dissemination of 2013 and 2014 recommendations

2015

- Study feasibility of convening
- Tribal Immunization summit

2016

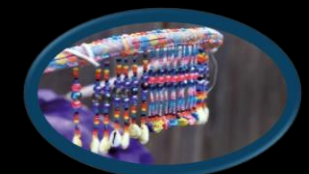
- Feasibility of Tribal Immunization summit
- HPV Native Youth Project

2017

- Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunizations Meeting
- **Determination to build Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition**
- Seek capacity funding
- Seek funding to implement 2013 recommendations and Native Male Youth HPV prevention campaign
- **Integrate Pulling Together for Wellness Strategies**

2018

- Continued Partnership Development:
 - Group Health Foundation
 - Department of Health
 - Urban Indian Health Institute
- **2018 Collaborator Award Recipient, Immunization Action Coalition of Washington**
- **Held Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition Meeting**
- Tribal Leaders Health Summit and resource table





Tribal and Urban Indian Health Immunization Coalition

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