



Healthy Tribal and Urban Indian Communities

A healthy Tribal and Urban Indian community is a safe and nurturing environment, where American Indian and Alaska Native people can experience emotional, spiritual, physical, and social health. Healthy communities provide the resources and infrastructure needed to empower people to make healthy choices and to ensure health equity.

Our Vision

- Our babies are born healthy; our mothers and fathers are supported.
- Our tribal youth and adults are strong in mind, body, and spirit.
- Our elders live long healthy lives (100+).
- Our families have access to healthy nutritious traditional foods and know how to hunt, catch, gather, grow, harvest and preserve it.
- Our families play and learn together in safe and nurturing environments.
- Our people are self-sufficient and have opportunities for employment and life-long learning.
- Our people have safe affordable housing.
- People have self-responsibility.
- Our people are happy, kind, and have good humor.
- Our communities nurture our children and respect our elders.
- Our communities embrace traditional values about respect and honor all people of all ages.
- Our communities have food sovereignty and access to clean toxic free plant foods and medicines.
- Our communities practice and hand down traditions from generation-to-generation in ceremony, language, and living.
- Our communities value ceremonial use of tobacco.
- Our communities respect and are connected to our natural environment.
- Our environments are safe and provide all people with culturally appropriate choices to be healthy.
- Our environments are free of alcohol, commercial tobacco, and other drugs.
- Our systems, policies, and environments are trusted, empower our people, are culturally competent, and promote health equity.

Our Values

A commitment to the following values will inform and guide the development of the Healthy Tribal-Urban Health Communities framework:

- We honor Tribal sovereignty and self-identify as the highest principles.
- We respect all people.
- We encourage a shared responsibility for the health of our communities.
- We honor the importance of culture as our way of life and as a key to health prevention.
- We serve our elders and the next generation.
- We service our Tribe and/community.
- We embrace a life course perspective, starting with babies and moms.
- We acknowledge how resources are distributed show community values as in investing in vulnerable members of society.
- We embrace a life-long learning perspective with the wisdom of the elders as fundamental.
- We protect and strengthen culture, traditional values, and spirituality.
- We acknowledge the importance of ceremony and time to heal.
- We embrace the importance of rest and seasonal living.
- We embrace the seven-generation principle with the wisdom and experience of our ancestors and elders as fundamental to the protection of our future generations.
- We honor our stewardship and interconnected relationship with the natural world and serve as a voice to protect the environment.
- We understand the importance of community incentives and healthy competition.
- We honor the value of Western and Native science.
- We promote social justice and health equity.
- We service our communities with "Sacred Hospitality".