



## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL NATIVE NETWORK?

The National Native Network is a network of Tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal-serving programs across the U.S. working to decrease the burden of cancer and commercial tobacco health disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The Network is funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, with the following partner agencies: California Rural Indian Health Board, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, and SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

## WHAT WE DO

The National Native Network seeks to serve all 573 federally recognized Tribes, 68 state recognized Tribes, urban AI/AN communities, and tribal-serving agencies with training, resources, and technical support for AI/AN cancer and commercial tobacco use prevention and control efforts.

### PROVIDE CULTURALLY RELEVANT, EVIDENCE BASED TRAINING, TOOLS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We conduct free training and technical assistance informed by science and cultural relevance, including webinars, in-person trainings, and presentations. We offer an online repository of culturally appropriate and evidence based cancer and tobacco resources, including tribal success stories and tribal data toolkits.

### DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS TO REMOVE BARRIERS

We facilitate partnerships among tribal, federal, state, and local agencies in an ongoing effort to build synergy among existing programs. We collaborate to promoting effective, culturally appropriate, and evidence-based strategies, identify/ fill gaps, and remove barriers to cancer care in Indian Country.

### SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES

We support public health policy development, implementation, and evaluation among partners, Tribes, and tribal, national, state, and local organizations through trainings, online tools, technical assistance, and direct support. The online Commercial Tobacco Smoke Free Tribal Policy Toolkit includes example tribal policies from across the U.S. and resources for planning, implementing, and evaluating tribal policies.

### LEVERAGE MEDIA TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND DELIVER CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH MESSAGES

Our website has reached nearly 70,000 unique users, from all CDC regions of the U.S. and 86 other countries. Our social media accounts reach nearly 4,000 individuals and tribal programs across all CDC regions of the U.S. We create and disseminate bi-monthly newsletters, fact sheets, white papers, success stories, and other publications to a list serve of over 2,000 tribal and public health professionals across the U.S. Partner agencies maintain unique websites, social media, and electronic outreach, promoting regional awareness of AI/AN health disparities and resources available.



## WHY THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT

AI/AN populations face inequities in cancer incidence and mortality. Culturally competent strategies for health systems interventions and evidence-based resources, increased program evaluation and documentation of proven and promising practices, and increased collaboration among tribal, national, state, and local agencies are needed to address these disparities.



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