

Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center



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Description of Dental Epidemiology Services:

Develop protocols for an area-wide oral health surveillance system

Develop screening forms, data entry programs, and data analysis programs that can be used at both the area and local levels

Develop training materials

Train dental staff at the Portland Area dental clinics to collect oral health data

Provide each dental clinic with a yearly report of the surveillance results for the Portland Area and their community

Review ongoing data to evaluate trends in oral health status among Indian people