

The OSCAR (Online Search, Consultation, and Reporting) System is a new online database for identifying evidence-based and promising practices, local efforts, policies, and resources occurring in AI/AN communities, schools, work sites, health centers/clinics, and hospitals. It is a product of the IHS Director's priority to improve the quality of and access to care.

The purpose of this inventory is to:

- Assist AI/AN communities with getting the information and health services they need;
- Form an IHS database of best practices, promising practices, local efforts, resources, and policies that can be easily accessed on the IHS website;
- Improve informed consultation with Tribal and Urban programs by facilitating transparency in IHS and IHS supported activities; and,
- Highlight the great work that occurs in the field.

OSCAR allows individuals to identify information that might be useful to AI/AN communities by electronically entering the information on the IHS.gov website. Submitters and reviewers are notified of submissions and approval via email. Once the content is approved, it is published on the IHS.gov website and available via RSS feed. OSCAR also allows programs to develop a customized OSCAR search link that can be added to their own local website.

Health indicators and key words contained in OSCAR reflect major programs and policies that have an impact among AI/AN communities. A complete list of health indicators and key words contained in OSCAR can be viewed by clicking the OSCAR link <http://www.ihs.gov/oscar>.

Spread the word, please distribute this information through all your listserves and encourage folks to submit information about their programs using the online submission form. If there are any questions you can contact Dwayne Jarman ([Dwayne.Jarman@ihs.gov](mailto:Dwayne.Jarman@ihs.gov)) or Amina Bashir ([Amina.Bashir@ihs.gov](mailto:Amina.Bashir@ihs.gov)).