

Telling Our Stories

The Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country StoryMap

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Welcome! Let us begin in a good way...



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Learning Objectives

- Name the four core principles of Indigenous Evaluation
- Demonstrate the use of technologies as continuing indigenous methods of storytelling
- Tell the story of the Story Map



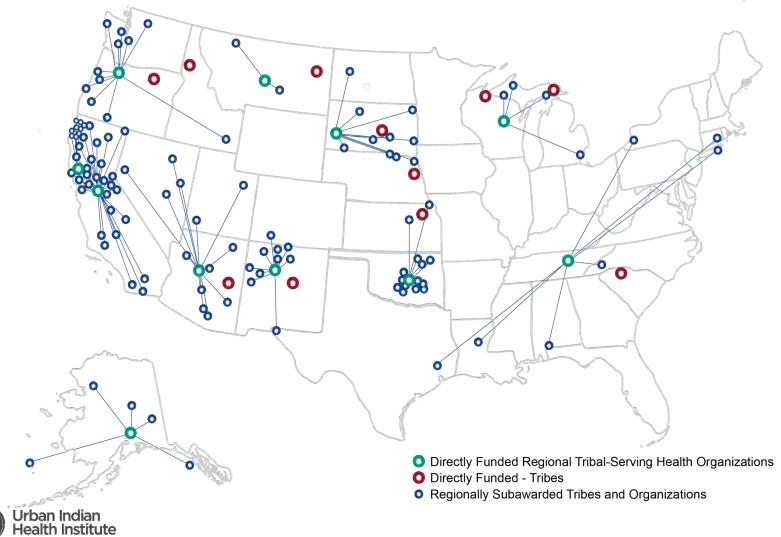


Who is the Urban Indian Health Institute?

- One of 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs)
- Serving Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) since 2000
- Supports the Urban Indian Health Network
 - 62 organizations including Urban Indian Health Programs and urban Indian social and health service organizations
- UIHI serves to improve the health of AI/AN by:
 - Identifying & understanding health disparities and resiliency
 - Strengthening public health capacity
 - Disease surveillance and disease prevention
 - Health promotion and disease prevention grounded in indigenous methodologies



Good Health & Wellness in Indian Country





What is "Indigenous Evaluation"?



LaFrance, J., & Nichols, R. (2009). Indigenous evaluation framework: Telling our story in our place and time. Written for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

Why the GHWIC Story Map?

- We wanted to make something useful to the communities
- Evaluation reports not accessible to everyone
- Grantees wanted an easier way to learn from each other
- UIHI wanted a more flexible, accessible medium of disseminating GHWIC progress



The GHWIC Interactive Story Map

- Uses free ArcGIS Story Map technology to showcase grantee program progress and success
- Interactive online platform supports multiple mediums (photo, video, audio, text, etc.)
- Innovative platform uses unfiltered grantee-created content to highlight successes





Key Points

- The Story Map technology combines evaluation and storytelling practices to share local successes and demonstrate national impact
- Communities find it helpful, informative; the funder too
- Interactive and self-directed
- Story Map iterates and evolves as the work progresses



This is Indigenous Evaluation Living, evolving, ever-changing



Thank you! Questions?

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