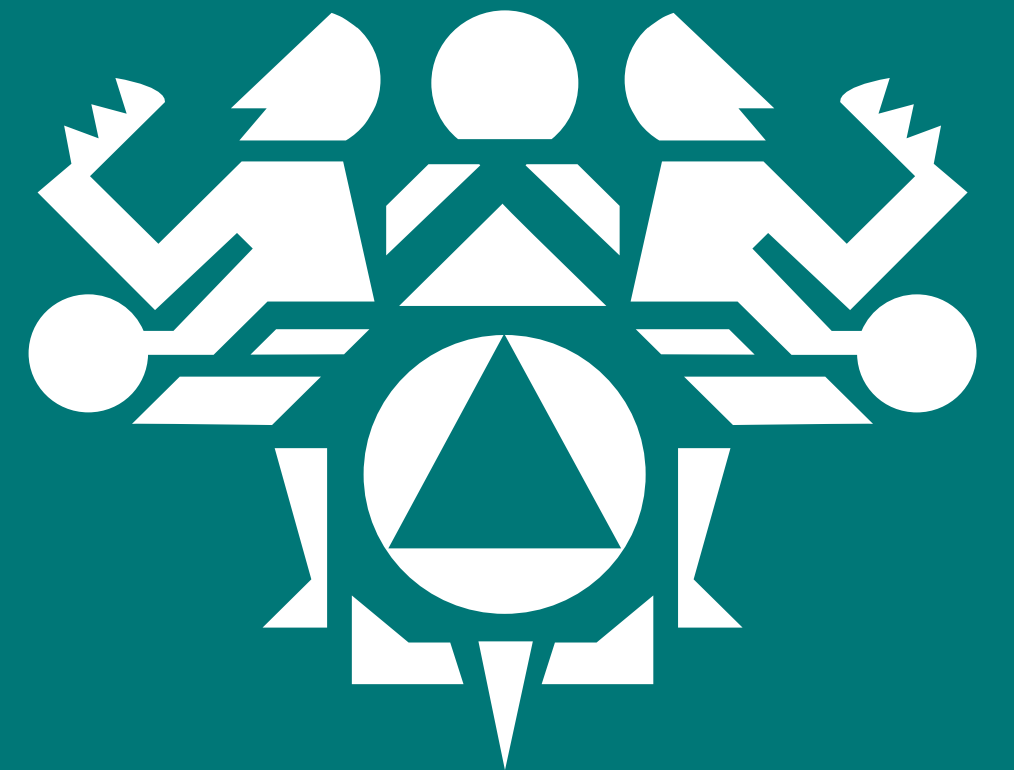


# NPAIHB

## Weekly Update

September 9, 2025





NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD  
*Indian Leadership for Indian Health*

# Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Nancy Bennett
- NPAIHB Announcements, Events, & Resources
- New Data Hub Dashboards, Sunny Stone
- Advancing Tribal Public Health Through Data Modernization, Inger Appanaitis
- Portland Area Indian Health Service Updates: Dr. Tara Perti
- State & Tribal Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments

Please sign in, using the chat box, with your full name and tribe or organization

# Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **NW Elders, Knowledge Holders & Culture Keepers ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12pm PT
  - Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm PT
  - Didactic Topic: *BOLD Project - Dementia and Elders*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/82466510555?pwd=JPP3b5k9wU2dFHTxyDs7Pn7CWI5Bba.1>
- **Trauma Care ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30am PT
  - Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *Acute Burn Care*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/93729666650?pwd=bFhTZnA4NnlqTmR6Ylg4bnM1R1lZQT09>
- **Clinical Dementia ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 11am PT
  - Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am PT
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/99454243940?pwd=NG9aWGUvRTdKSmgwTGllcklmVDRWUT09>
- **Diabetes ECHO** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 12pm PT
  - Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *dStigmatizing Diabetes: Addressing Diabetes Stigma and its Outcomes*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91887405371?pwd=ekFJTUJiV2hWQ0ZPZEwrUDQ4eGxTZz09>

# Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **emRIC ECHO** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 8:30am PT
  - Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am PT
  - Didactic Topic: *Vasopressor Therapy: When to Squeeze*
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/89810907975?pwd=d1gydTAvdFUxSU4wb1d2TINEUTIEQT09>
- **Cardiology ECHO** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 11am PT
  - Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am PT
  - Didactic Topic: Endocarditis Part 2
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/81476475100?pwd=ZnBsK2xmYnFYRW9tUVdxWDROeWtMQT09>
- **CHR ECHO** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday for the next three months at 12pm PT
  - Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm PT
  - Didactic Topic: Utilizing Community Health Representatives for Improving Diabetes Management
  - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/85861655901?pwd=0em1G52lvvVpnihVPOoGwp1hDlPjpo.1>



# COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 2025-2026

As a community, we share our strengths and experiences about how we can uplift and support our Native youth.

Sessions include new resources and opportunities to engage with adolescent health experts.



REGISTER VIA THE  
EVENTS CALENDER

<https://www.npaihb.org/>

CONTACT US:

[native@npaihb.org](mailto:native@npaihb.org)



## WHEN?

Virtual gatherings are held the second Wednesday of each month starting in September 2025.

Start Time:  
10:00 AM PT

## Next HNY CoP Session:

September 10, 10:00 – 11 AM Pacific

Upcoming dates:

October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>,  
December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Registration:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4ljNGZ62TgyX1kuFlsWOZA>

For more information or to request CoP recording with materials, please email: [native@npaihb.org](mailto:native@npaihb.org).



# CULTURAL CONNECTEDNESS DISCUSSION



*NPAIHB Delegates, Tribal Leaders, Health Directors & Tribal Staff,  
and Tribal and Urban AI/AN community members are invited to  
join this conversation with NPAIHB staff*

**Goal:** Gather feedback around appropriateness of cultural  
connectedness instruments or measures for Northwest  
Tribes

**Session:** September 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:15pm-6:30pm

**Location:** Muckleshoot  
Casino Resort

*Dinner provided for those who register. Register [here](#) by September 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**More info:**  
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[cwilkie@npaihb.org](mailto:cwilkie@npaihb.org)  
Kacey Little, [klittle@npaihb.org](mailto:klittle@npaihb.org)





# NATIVE FITNESS XIX

REGISTER HERE!



## SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 16-17, 2025



For more information:  
Western Tribal Diabetes Project - [WTDP@npaihb.org](mailto:WTDP@npaihb.org)

Download the flyer:

[www.npaihb.org/modernevent/native-fitness-xix-2025/](http://www.npaihb.org/modernevent/native-fitness-xix-2025/)

Register:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025NF19](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025NF19)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- DIABETES COORDINATORS
- TRIBAL FITNESS COORDINATORS
- COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAINERS
- YOUTH COORDINATORS
- TRIBAL ELDERS

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- RECEIVE SKILLS IN BASIC AEROBIC TRAINING
- LEARN CREATIVE FITNESS TRAINING TECHNIQUES
- LEARN TRIBAL SPECIFIC APPROACHES TO HEALTH & WELLNESS
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (UPON REQUEST)

# NPAIHB Weekly Update Schedule

**September 16:** N CREW Research Series:  
Defining a Question

**September 23:** Legislative & Policy Update

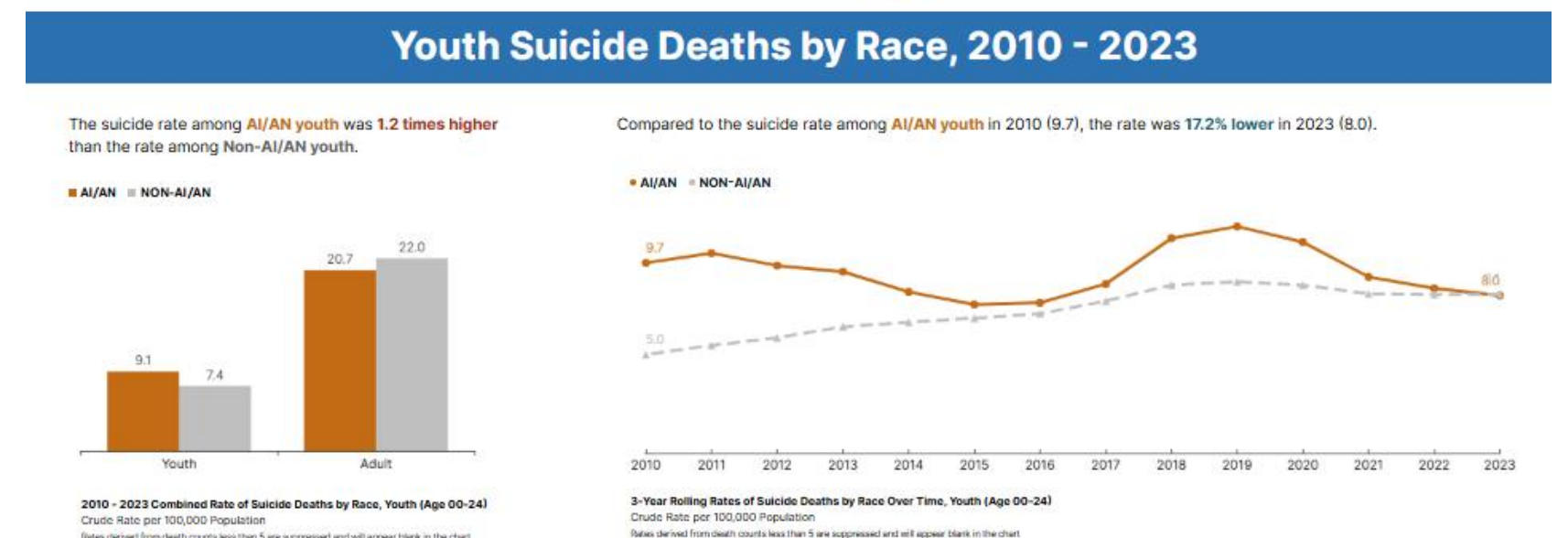
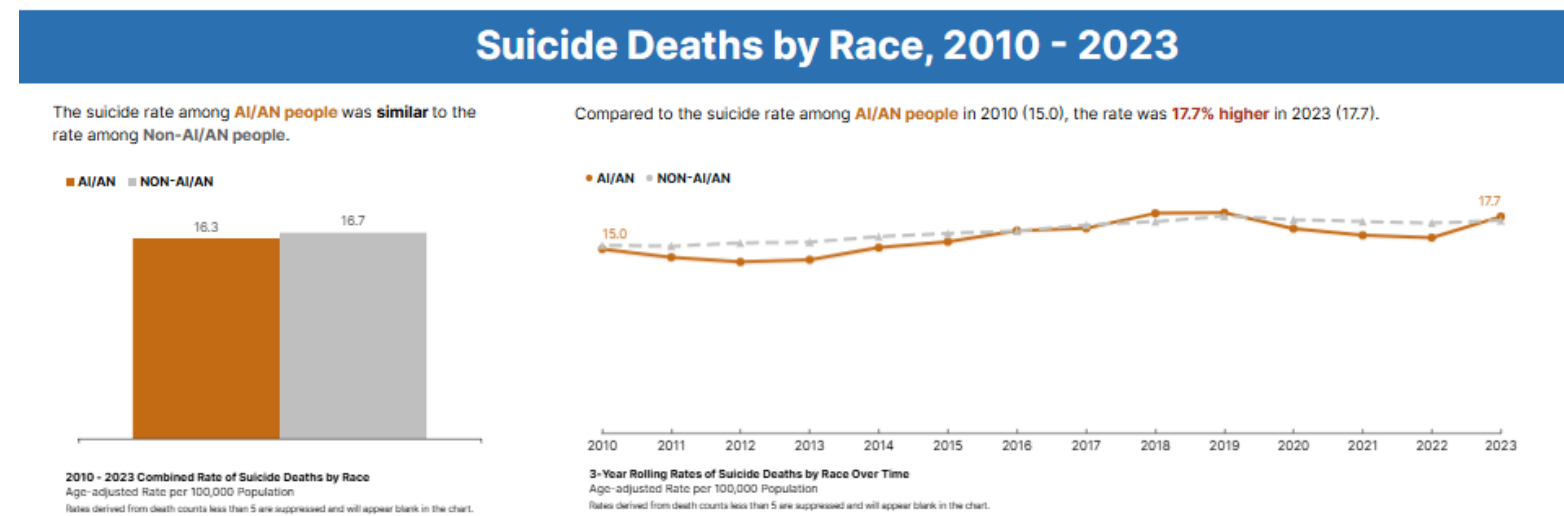
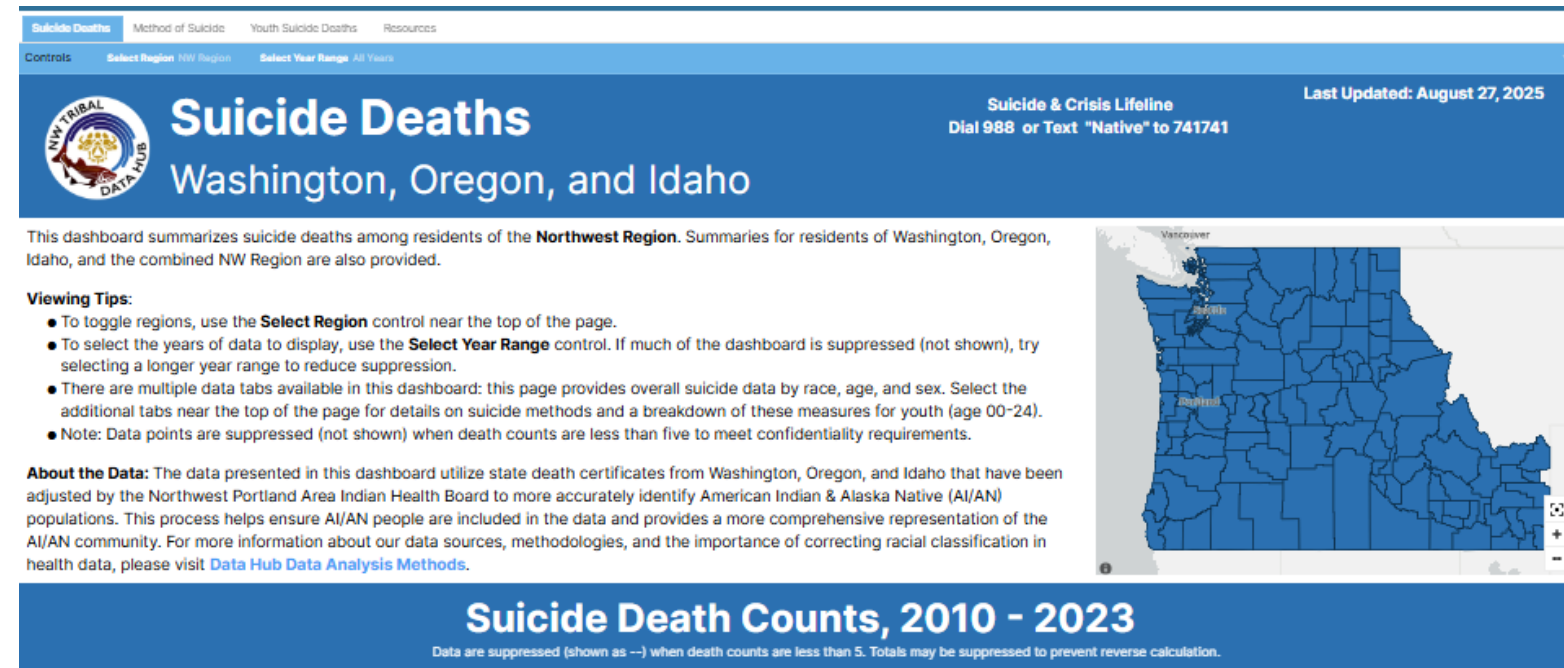
**September 30:** No Weekly Update - QBM





# NW Tribal Data Hub

## New dashboard release this week!



To get connected with the Data Hub, contact Sunny @ [DataHub@npaihb.org](mailto:DataHub@npaihb.org), (971) 430-2607.

Advancing Tribal Public Health Through Data Modernization





# Two opportunities to support data modernization

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## 1. Public Health Infrastructure Grant Tribal Implementation Center

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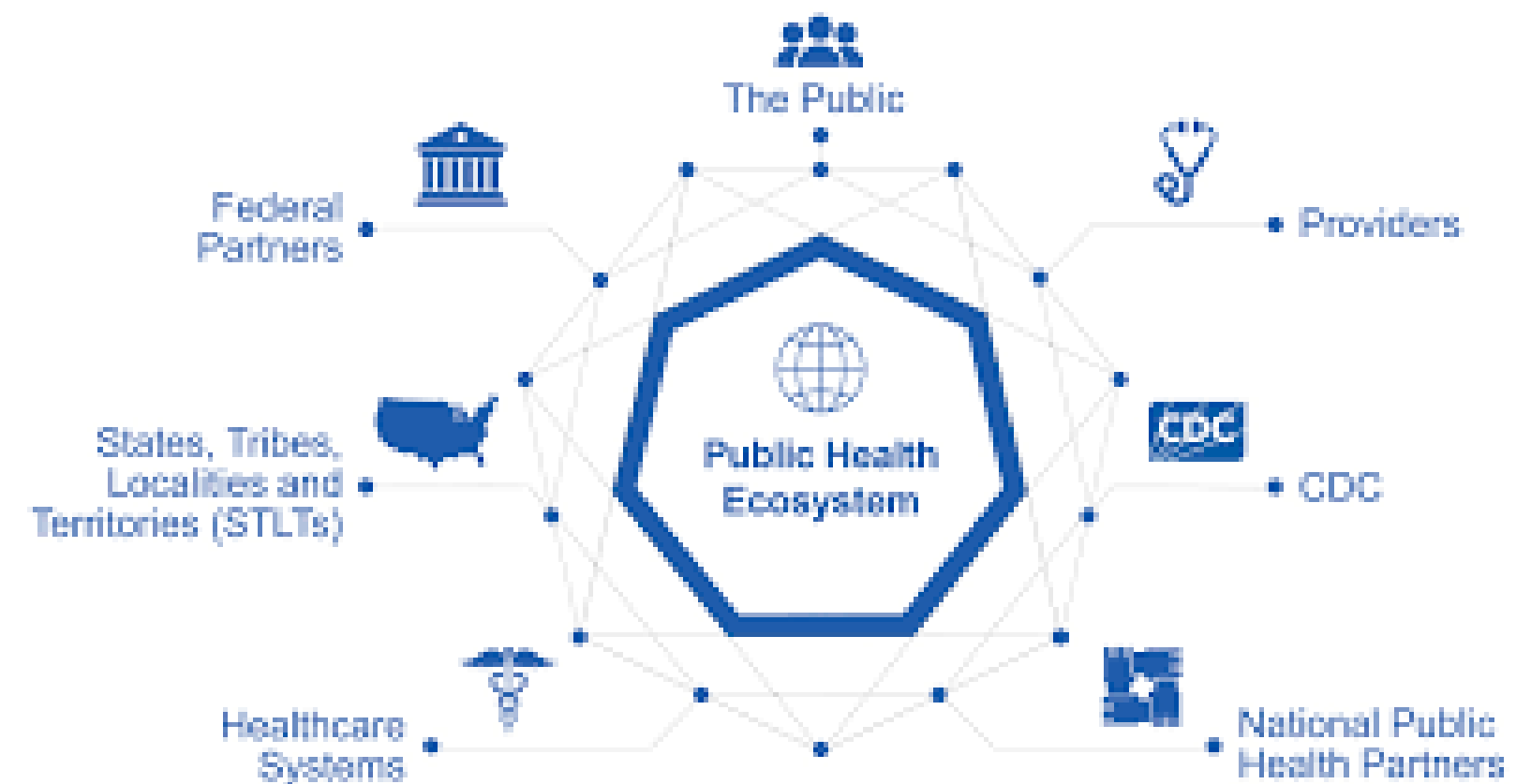
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# What is data modernization?

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Data modernization seeks to move our current siloed infrastructure to a more connected data ecosystem that informs public health decisions, actions, and services.

Public health agencies across the country are developing and implementing data modernization strategies to upgrade old systems, incorporate automated processes, and enhance workforce skills.





# What is data modernization?



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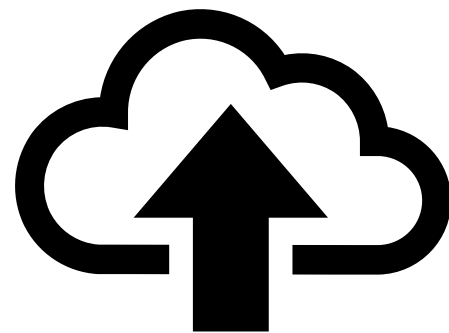
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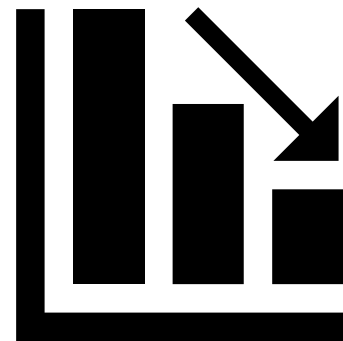
# Data Modernization at NPAIHB

**Build  
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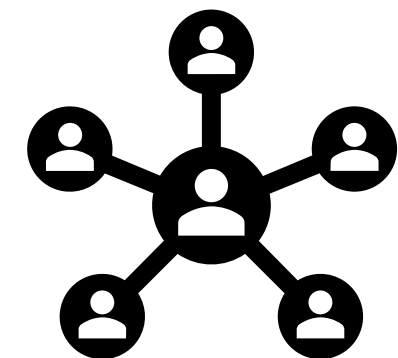
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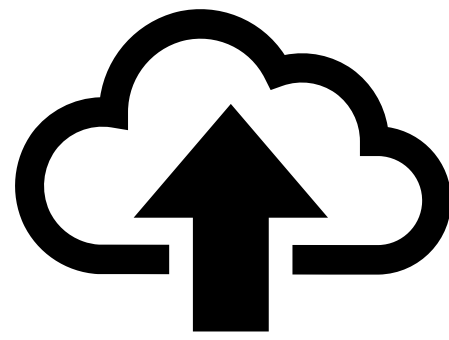
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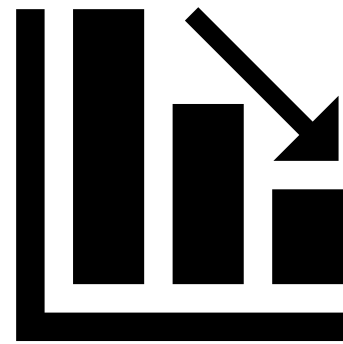
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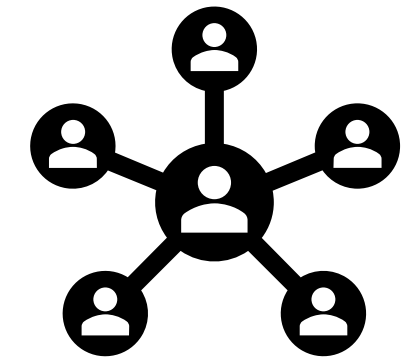
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Kathleen Nelson  
Product Manager



# Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI) support

## PHAs WITH PROJECTS IN EACH CATEGORY

**23** **System Improvement Plans**  
Developing and refining enterprise-wide systems improvement plans.



**27** **Data Governance**  
Planning and implementing public health data governance processes and procedures.



**31** **Automation & Software Improvements**  
Automating manual processes or upgrading existing systems.



**25** **Data Warehouse**  
Bringing public health datasets together in a shared space to simplify and improve data management, analysis, access and use.



**14** **Data Linking**  
Establishing ongoing processes to link datasets together to create more informative, comprehensive information.



**24** **Data Organization**  
Improving data organization by digitizing data, creating an inventory of data assets, setting standards, and establishing tracking and quality control processes.



**37** **Interoperability**  
Improving the ability of systems to interact and exchange information, internally or externally, with minimal human intervention (e.g., improvements to automation, data flows, standardization, etc.)



**35** **Data Access, Analysis & Use**  
Improvements in analysis, visualization and reporting of data, translating data into accessible health insights that inform action.



## Data & Analytics

- Data Scientist
- Data Engineer
- Business Analyst
- Data Governance Specialist

## Systems & Infrastructure

- Systems Architect
- Software Engineer
- DevOps Engineer
- Cybersecurity Specialist

## Strategy & Leadership

- Data Modernization Senior Advisor
- Product Manager

## Project & Program Management

- Informatics Project Manager
- Project Implementation Manager





# Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI) support

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- The CDC Foundation is requesting applications for Cohort 3 of their **Workforce Acceleration Initiative (WAI)**
- WAI will place 1-4 technology and data experts in selected public health authorities through June 2027 to support information systems improvement projects
- Tribal PHAs are encouraged to apply - there will be a Tribal Agency general information session scheduled in mid-September
- Proposals are due **October 17, 2025** - information and applications are available at:  
<https://www.cdcfoundation.org/request-for-proposals>



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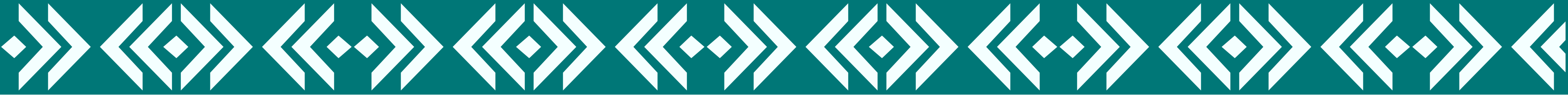
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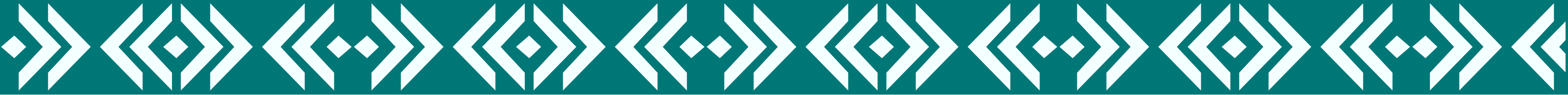
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# Partner Updates



# Questions & Comments