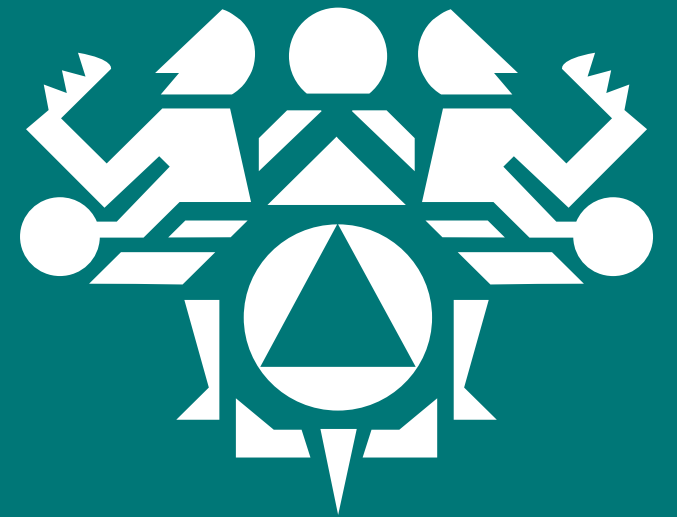


NPAIHB

Weekly Update

May 26, 2026





NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Bridget Canniff
- NPAIHB Announcements, Events, & Resources
- Legislative & Policy Updates: Veronica Smith
- Questions & Comments

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

WERNATIVE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

A one year, national cohort opportunity
for 10 selected Native young
adults ages 18-25



Apply by June 4 at
www.surveymonkey.com/r/WVRNA2026

Want to see Native
voices better
represented in
health and wellness
spaces?



Scan to learn more and
apply!
Applications close June
4th.



What to expect

- Gain knowledge of public health topics
- Create engaging content on healthy relationships, sexual health, wellness and peer to peer support
- Support outreach efforts in your communities
- Receive a stipend of up to \$2000 for program involvement

Questions?



Email Jeidah at jdezurney@npaihb.org.



@wernative

THRIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN!

JUNE 22-26



SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION LINK

Who - American Indian and Alaska Native youth 13-19 years old

What - Three to Four interactive workshop tracks

Where - PSU Native American Student and Community Center
- Portland, OR

Why - Participants will:

- Build protective factors through creative self-expression using traditional learning strategies
- Connect with other Native youth and mentors
- Learn about healthy behaviors and develop healthy coping mechanisms
- Embrace their cultural pride and enhance resiliency

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
THRIVE Project
Ph: (971) 282-4010
Email: THRIVE@npaih.org
Website: www.npaihb.org/THRIVE



[REGISTER HERE](#)





Ending the Syndemic Training – June 2026



Staff serving Alaska Native & American Indian people are invited to participate in the Ending the Syndemic ECHO program. The program provides comprehensive information to effectively address the evolving HCV, SUD, HIV, and Syphilis syndemic. The program offers a free 2-day in-person training with both a Clinical Track, a Community Health Professionals Track & subsequent telehealth clinics.

Agenda: [To view the draft agenda, click here.](#)

The Indigenous Syndemic Pathway for **Clinicians** track will provide an overview and present implementation options, and where requested, assist with implementation. The training is not only informational—technical and other support needed to put policy and practice into place is available and encouraged. Continuing Education will be provided.

The Indigenous Syndemic Pathway for **Community Health Professionals (CHPs)** track is designed to equip CHPs with the knowledge, confidence, and tools to respond to syndemic topics that can be hard to talk about with relatives. These sessions will cover individual diseases and broader topics. Many of these presentations will include group discussion and interaction. This track is focused to provide training for Community Health Representatives, Health Aides, Peer Navigators, Social Workers, and Case Managers.



Dates: June 23rd (8am-4:30pm PT) and June 24th (8am-4:15pm PT)

Where: Hosted by the Squaxin Island Tribe in Shelton, Washington ([Little Creek Casino and Resort](#), Room, 91 W. State Route 108, Shelton WA, 98584)

How to Join: [Click here to register](#)

Northwest Intertribal Breastfeeding Coalition's

Breastfeeding Gathering



July 14-15, 2026

Portland, OR

Barbie's Village

**REGISTER HERE
BY JUNE 15**



Hotel accommodation
will be provided

Featuring speakers and activities to discuss coalition building, parenthood, breastfeeding, first foods, traditional medicine, midwifery

Open to tribal/community members of the Pacific Northwest region
Tribes:

- midwives, doulas, birthworkers
- tribal health clinic/organization staff
- people who work with mothers and families
- parents or expecting parents

Who:

- Open to tribal/community members of the Pacific Northwest region Tribes: midwives, doulas, birthworkers, tribal health clinic/organization staff, people who work with mothers and families, and parents or expecting parents

What:

- Different speakers discussing coalition building, parenthood, breastfeeding, midwifery, doulas, and other similar topics
- Interactive sessions to collaborate and share your experiences

When:

- Tuesday, July 14 to Wednesday, July 15
- Hotel accommodation: up to 3 nights, check in July 13, check out July 16

Where:

- [Barbie's Village](#) in Portland, OR

[Register here by June 15](#)

Contact: weave@npaihb.org



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Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Care & Access for Pregnant People ECHO** – 4th Tuesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Tuesday, May 26th at 11am
 - Didactic Topic: *Healing Forward: ACEs, Intergenerational Trauma, and Culturally Safe Care in Indigenous Maternal Health*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/87128078680?pwd=c2hMOEFnWU9QWVZMd2dpL0J0ODNidz09>
- **Hepatitis C ECHO** – 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Wednesday, May 27th at 11am PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Neurobiology of Addiction*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/537117924?pwd=OEExbERmK2pSUFFsMzV1SmVpb3g3dz09>
- **Early Relational Health (ERH) ECHO** – 4th Wednesday of every month at 12pm PT
 - Wednesday, May 27th at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *Expansive Possibilities of Attachment and Relational Health*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/86327376612?pwd=YVRiY0dxeXV1Ukl2ZE9objU2U2hrZz09>

Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Dementia Caregiver Support ECHO** – 4th Thursday of every month at 11am PT
 - Thursday, May 28th at 11am PT
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/99454243940?pwd=NG9aWGUvRTdKSmgwTGlldklmVDRWUT09>
- **Journey to Health ECHO** – 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 7am / 12pm PT
 - Thursday, May 28th at 12pm PT
 - Didactic Topic: *When the Walls Come Down: Ketamine-Assisted Psychotherapy*
 - To join via Zoom: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/93413601610?pwd=YVhMN1NUNIIYWZHUZk1CUUnF0TEY5QT09>

NPAIHB Weekly Update Schedule

- June 2: State Partner Updates & Communicable Disease Updates
- June 9: WEAVE Project Updates / NW Intertribal Breastfeeding Coalition
- June 16: N CREW Research Topic: TBD



Legislative & Policy Update

May 26, 2026



HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR THE 7TH GENERATION

WASHINGTON

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| 1 Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation | 15 Puyallup Tribe of Indians |
| 2 Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation | 16 Quileute Tribe |
| 3 Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation | 17 Quinault Indian Nation |
| 4 Cowlitz Indian Tribe | 18 Samish Indian Nation |
| 5 Hoh Indian Tribe | 19 Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe |
| 6 Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe | 20 Shoowater Bay Indian Tribe |
| 7 Kalispel Tribe of Indians | 21 Skokomish Indian Tribe |
| 8 Lower Elwha Tribal Community | 22 Snoqualmie Indian Tribe |
| 9 Lummi Nation | 23 Spokane Tribe of Indians |
| 10 Makah Indian Tribe | 24 Squaxin Island Tribe |
| 11 Muckleshoot Indian Tribe | 25 Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians |
| 12 Nisqually Indian Tribe | 26 Suquamish Indian Tribe |
| 13 Nooksack Indian Tribe | 27 Swinomish Indian Tribal Community |
| 14 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe | 28 Tulalip Tribes |
| | 29 Upper Skagit Indian Tribe |

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| 1 Burns Paiute Tribe | 5 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation |
| 2 Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians | 6 Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs |
| 3 Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians | 7 Coquille Indian Tribe |
| 4 Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde | 8 Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians |
| | 9 Klamath Tribes |

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| 1 Coeur D'Alene Tribe | 4 Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation |
| 2 Kootenai Tribe of Idaho | 5 Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation |
| 3 Nez Perce Tribe | |



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

MEMBER TRIBES

Mission Statement

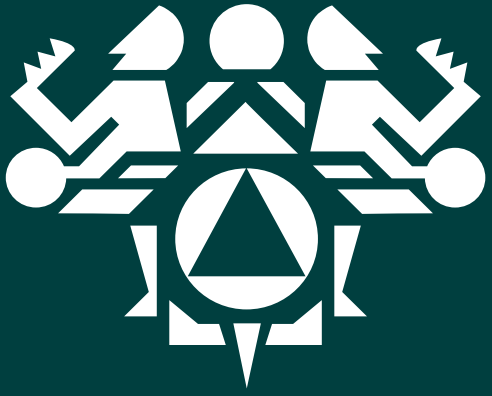
“To eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indians and Alaska Natives by supporting Northwest Tribes in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality health programs and services”



Agenda:

- Federal Updates
- Dear Tribal Leader Letters
- NPAIHB Announcements
- Tribal Advisory Committees, National and Regional Meetings
- Policy Resources





Federal Updates



Secretary Kennedy's Nine Priorities

1. Expanding Self-Governance
2. Fully funding Contract Support Costs and 105(I) Leases
3. Rebuilding Infrastructure
4. Strengthening Indian Health Service (IHS) Workforce
5. Modernizing the IHS System
6. Improving Birth Outcomes
7. Improving Nutrition
8. Reducing Addiction Rates
9. Public Health

Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) President's Budget

- Health and Human Services – overall a **12.5% decrease** from FY 2026
- Overall decreases across Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - \$4 billion – cut from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 - \$775 million – cut from Community Service Block Grants
 - Improving Native American Cancer Outcomes program eliminated (\$9 million)
- Significant Investments in Indian Country
 - \$80 million – implementing new prevention, treatment, and recovery programming
 - \$19 million – expanding access to nutrition services
- Administration for a Healthy America (AHA)

FY27 President's Budget - Indian Health Service

	Final Enacted FY 2026	FY 2027 President's Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
SERVICES:				
Hospitals & Health Clinics	\$ 2,632,772	\$ 2,835,370	\$ 202,598	7.7%
Electronic Health Records	\$ 190,564	\$ 287,007	\$ 96,443	50.6%
Dental Services	\$ 260,360	\$ 276,225	\$ 15,865	6.1%
Mental Health	\$ 133,693	\$ 138,714	\$ 5,021	3.8%
Alcohol & Substance Abuse	\$ 267,080	\$ 280,205	\$ 13,125	4.9%
Purchased and Referred Care	\$ 996,755	\$ 1,054,485	\$ 57,730	5.8%
IHCIF	\$ 74,138	\$ 78,673	\$ 4,535	6.1%
<i>Total, Clinical Services</i>	\$ 4,555,362	\$ 4,950,679	\$ 395,317	8.7%

FY27 President's Budget - Indian Health Service

	Final Enacted FY 2026	FY 2027 President's Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
PREVENTIVE HEALTH:				
Public Health Nursing	\$ 114,200	\$ 123,705	\$ 9,505	8.3%
Health Education	\$ 24,524	\$ 26,569	\$ 2,045	8.3%
Comm. Health Reps**	\$ 65,212	\$ 68,571	\$ 3,359	5.2%
Community Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Immunization AK**	\$ 2,183	\$ 2,294	\$ 111	5.1%
<i>Total, Preventative Health</i>	\$ 206,119	\$ 221,139	\$ 15,020	7.3%

FY27 President's Budget - Indian Health Service

	Final Enacted FY 2026	FY 2027 President's Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
OTHER SERVICES:				
Urban Health	\$ 95,419	\$ 95,001	\$ (418)	-0.4%
Indian Health Professions	\$ 84,568	\$ 81,801	\$ (2,767)	-3.3%
Tribal Management**	\$ 2,986	\$ 3,022	\$ 36	1.2%
Direct Operation	\$ 103,805	\$ 106,620	\$ 2,815	2.7%
Self Governance**	\$ 6,174	\$ 6,296	\$ 122	2.0%
<i>Total, Other Services</i>	\$ 292,952	\$ 292,740	\$ (212)	-0.1%

FY27 President's Budget - Indian Health Service

	Final Enacted FY 2026	FY 2027 President's Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
FACILITIES:				
Maintenance & Improvement	\$ 170,595	\$ 173,413	\$ 2,818	1.7%
Sanitation Facilities Construction	\$ 107,943	\$ 13,998	\$ (93,945)	-87.0%
Hlth Care Facilities Construction	\$ 184,679	\$ 190,508	\$ 5,829	3.2%
Facil. & Envir. Hlth Supp	\$ 311,407	\$ 330,369	\$ 18,962	6.1%
Equipment	\$ 34,598	\$ 33,733	\$ (865)	-2.5%
<i>Total, Facilities</i>	\$ 809,222	\$ 742,021	\$ (67,201)	-8.3%
TOTAL, IHS WITHOUT CSC & LEASES	\$ 5,863,655	\$ 6,206,579	\$ 342,924	5.8%

FY27 President's Budget - Indian Health Service

	Final Enacted FY 2026	FY 2027 President's Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Contract Support Costs (CSC)	\$ 1,708,000	\$ 1,958,491	\$ 250,491	14.7%
Section 105(I) Leases	\$ 413,000	\$ 929,000	\$ 516,000	124.9%
TOTAL, IHS WITH CSC & LEASES	\$ 7,984,655	\$ 9,094,070	\$ 1,109,415	13.9%

	Final Enacted FY 2026	FY 2027 President's Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Special Diabetes Program for Indians	\$ 200,000	\$ 49,403	\$ (150,597)	-75.3%

FY 2027 Interior Appropriations - House

- House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
 - Approved its DRAFT FY 2027 Appropriations bill on May 21, 2026
 - \$8.7 billion for the HIS
 - Fully fund Contract Support Cost and Section 105(I) leases
 - \$6.1 billion in advance appropriations for FY 2028
 - \$1.06 billion for purchased/referred care
 - \$95 million for electronic health records
 - **Bill Text**
 - **Subcommittee Markup Summary**

Dear Tribal Leader Letters (DTLLs)



Portland Area – Change in Methodology for Purchased/Referred Care Fund Distribution

The Portland IHS issued a [DTLL](#) on May 22, 2026, announcing changes to the Purchased Referred Care Fund Distribution Methodology.

- Current methodology uses Purchased Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) for calculation of users and includes a split of unaffiliated among Tribes with shared counties.
- Proposed methodology:
 - All assigned counties in reference to user population calculations, as they are today, remain the same.
 - Any Tribe who expands their PRCDA will not obtain any additional unaffiliated users from those expanded counties.
 - Any Tribe who expands their PRCDA will obtain their own Tribal members that live within those expanded counties as users.
- The proposed methodology will be adopted and implemented June 21, 2026
- If you have questions, please contact Peggy Brickell, Director, Division of Business Operations at 503-414-5598 or peggy.brickell@ihs.gov

Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)

The IHS issued a DTLL on May 21, 2026, announcing:

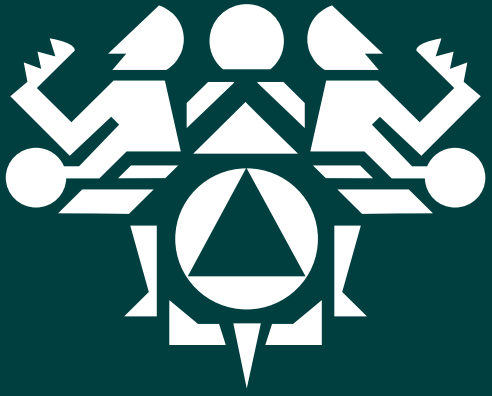
- Administrative supplements for all 310 current SDPI grantees
 - Supplements shall be 25% of current annual award
 - Distribution should occur within the next few weeks
- The IHS will be holding Tribal consultation on additional funding provided in the FY 2026 budget, dates to be determined

Applications for the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Small Ambulatory Program (SAP)

May 4, 2026, IHS published a Dear Tribal Leader Letter (DTLL) accepting applications for the FY 2025 and FY 2026 SAP.

IHS is combining two award cycles into one application.

- The application period is **May 1, 2026 - August 3, 2026.**
- The Portland Area contact is CDR Omobogie Amadasu at **Omobogie.Amadasu@ihs.gov** or at **(301) 443-4751**



NPAIHB Announcements

Tribal Consultation: Administration Children and Families (ACF)

Federal Register Notice issued April 15, 2026:

- **Topic:** Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- **Date:** June 18, 2026
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM PST
- **Location:** Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **Comment deadline:** written testimony must be submitted 30 days of each meeting
 - Email: AIANHeadStart@acf.hhs.gov
- **Report:** will be released 45 days after the consultation session

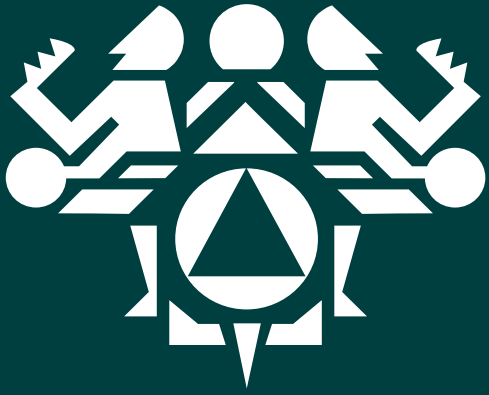
Notice of Funding Opportunity, Phase 2 Produce Prescription Pilot Program

On May 21, 2026, the IHS released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Phase 2 Produce Prescription Pilot Program.

- Award Amount: Up to \$200,000 - \$250,000
- Estimated Total Awards: \$3,500,000
- Application Due Date: June 22, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET

For more information:

- [Learn more about the NOFO and how to apply](#)
- IHSProducePrescriptionPilotProgram@ihs.gov



NPAIHB Legislative and Policy Priorities

2026 Legislative Priorities: Feedback Related to NPAIHB Strategic Pillars

Northwest Tribal Policy Leadership

- Support policy development
- Provide technical assistance
- Offer model language for negotiations

Innovative and Strong IHS & Tribal Health Programs

- Promote leadership development
- Increase knowledge sharing
- Support integration of health services across behavioral, public health, and clinical care

Holistic Tribal Public Health Systems Across the Social Determinants of Health

- Strengthen Tribal public health systems,
- Support increased funding and resources.

Organizational Leadership in Service of Northwest Tribes (NPAIHB)

- Expand leadership development programs
- Invest in staff training
- Improve organizational communication.

2026 Legislative Priorities for HHS

Top 3 Tribal priorities for the Department of Health and Human Services:

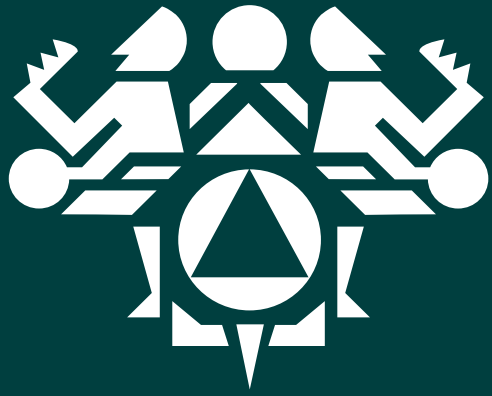
1. Tribal set asides of 15% across HHS (35%)
2. Self-governance demonstration projects (30%)
3. Level funding for HHS and its programs (24%)

Other responses included both Tribal set aside and level funding, and negotiations with AFA to increase based on the increased programs and providers at Tribal sites.

“We grow with grants or Tribal funds, but we do not get an increase from HHS.”

2026 Ranked Legislative Priorities

1. Mental health
2. Substance misuse
3. Access to health care and preventive care
4. Overweight and obesity
5. Diabetes
6. Heart Disease
7. Cancer
8. Nutrition and Food Sovereignty
9. Suicide Prevention
10. Maternal Child Health
11. Injury and Violence Prevention
12. Stroke
13. Physical activity
14. Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias
15. Immunizations
16. Environmental quality
17. Sexual transmitted infections
18. Asthma
19. Arthritis
20. Climate Change



Tribal Advisory Committees, National and Regional Meetings

Upcoming Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

- IHS Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (**TLDC**) – **June 2, 2026**
- IHS National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health (**NTAC**) – **June 18, 2026**
- IHS Purchased Referred Care (**PRC**) Workgroup – **June 24-25, 2026**
- HHS Tribal Technical Advisory Group (**CMS-TTAG**) – **July 8-9, 2026**
- IHS Facilities Appropriations Advisory Board (**FAAB**) – **July 14-15, 2026**
- IHS Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee (**TSGAC**) – **July 29-30, 2026**

Regional & National Meetings

- **NCAI Mid-Year**
 - June 15-18
 - Memphis, Tennessee
- **NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting**
 - July 20-23
 - Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, Lincoln City, OR
- **2026 National Tribal Health Conference**
 - August 17-21, 2026
 - Gila River Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, AZ
- **NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting**
 - October 26-29
 - Hosted by the Snoqualmie Tribe at Snoqualmie Casino & Hotel, Snoqualmie, WA

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