

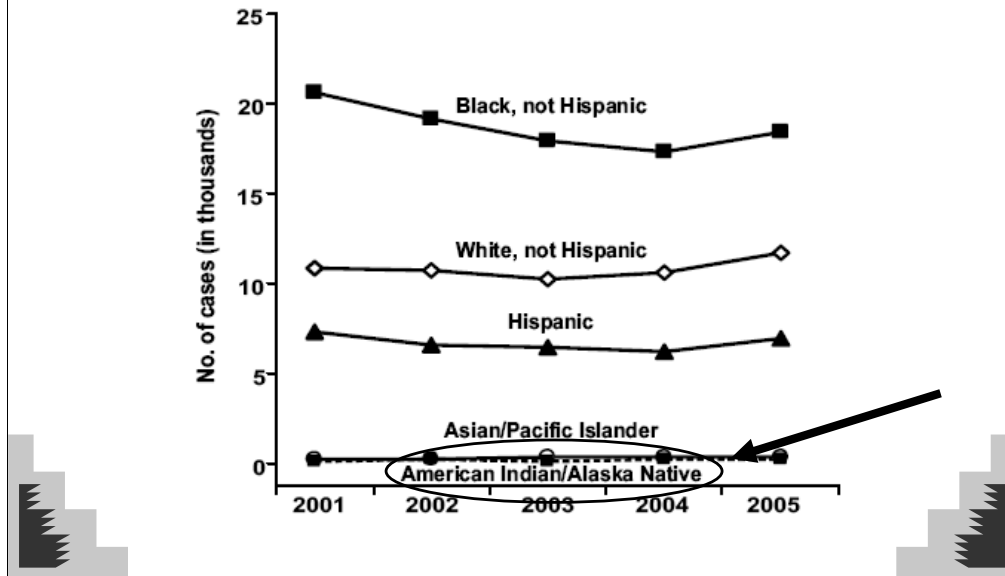
STDs & HIV in Indian Country

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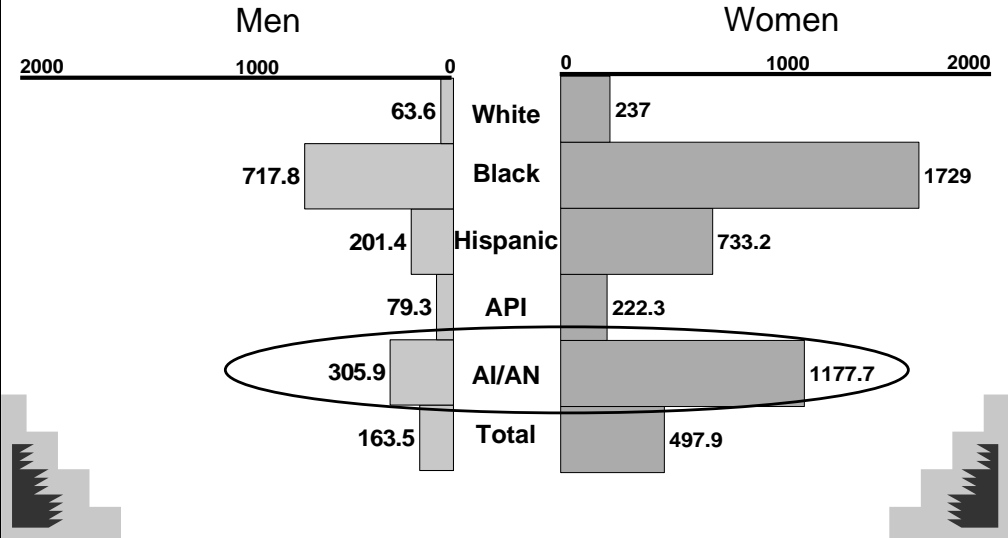


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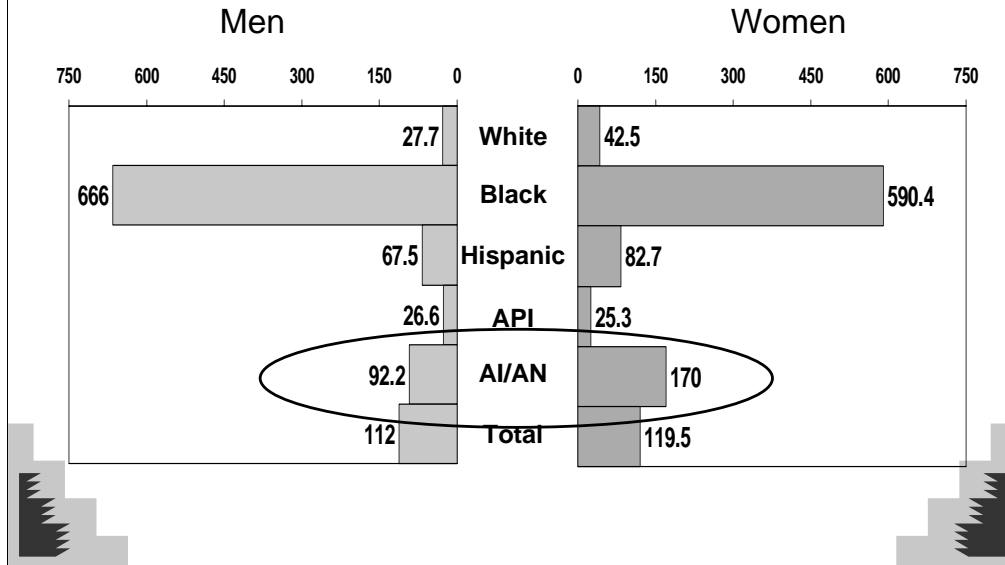
Cases of HIV/AIDS among persons aged ≥ 13 , by year of diagnosis and race/ethnicity, 2001–2005—33 states with confidential name-based HIV infection reporting (Source: CDC)

Chlamydia rates (per 100,000) by race/ethnicity & sex, 2005



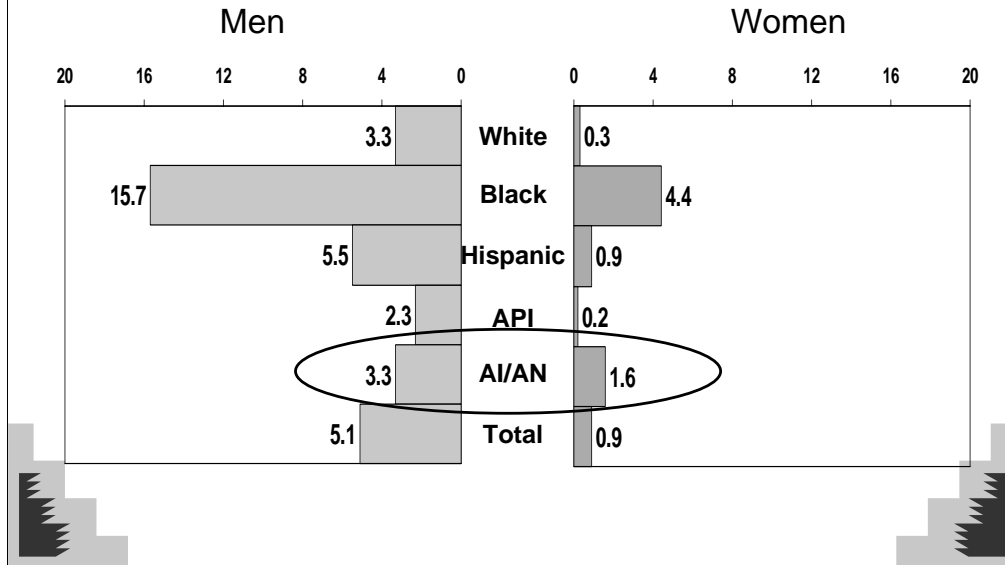
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Gonorrhea rates (per 100,000) by race/ethnicity & sex, 2005

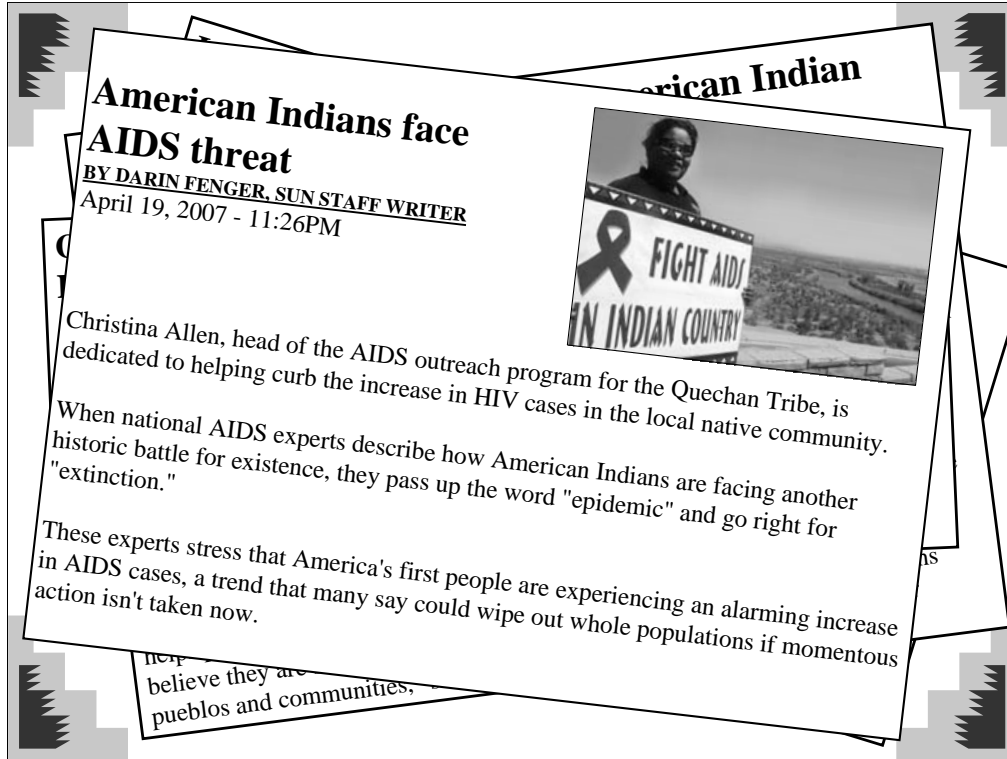


Source: CDC

Primary & Secondary Syphilis rates (per 100,000) by race/ethnicity & sex, 2005



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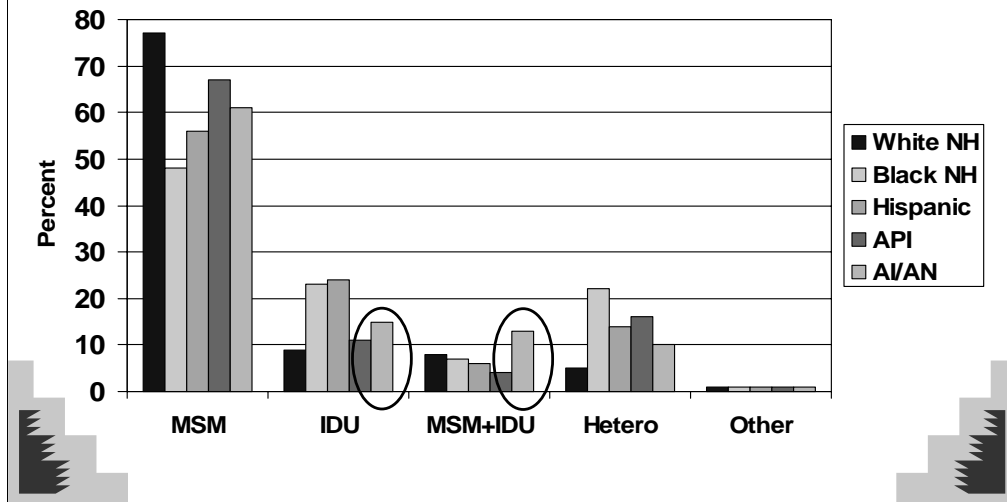


Recent media coverage of increases of HIV among AI/AN.

Vulnerabilities of AI/AN to HIV

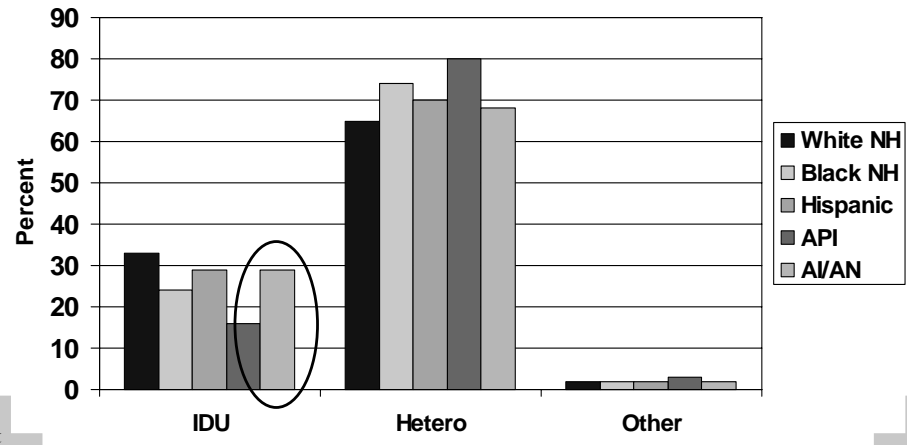
- Economic and health disparities
- STDs
- Social norms/stigma
- Mobile population
- Risky sexual behavior in youth
- Suicide/depression
- Alcohol/drug use

Percent males living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2005 by transmission category



Source: CDC

Percent females living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2005 by transmission category



Source: CDC

Challenges to Addressing HIV/AIDS in Indian Country

- High rates of STDs
- Substance abuse
- Socioeconomic issues
- Cultural diversity between tribes
- Competing priorities
- Lack of HIV screening
- Access to health care
- Dearth of specialists
- Training challenges
- Jurisdictional issues
- Confidentiality issues
- Stigma
- Denial, complacency, misconceptions
- Lack of surveillance data

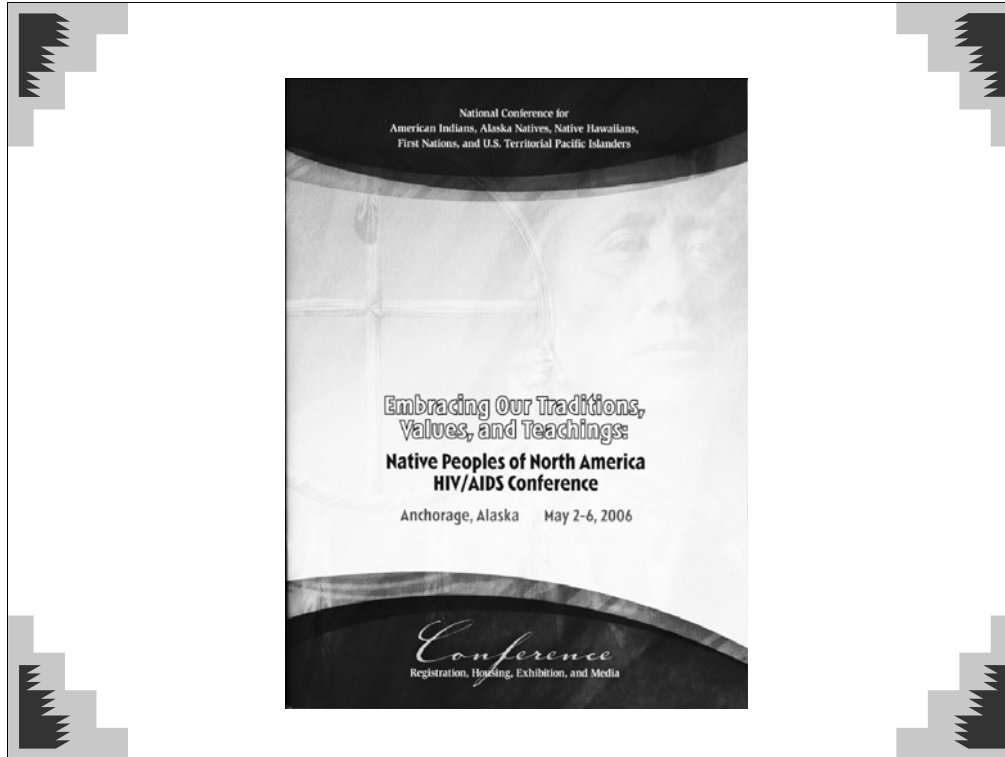
- High rates of STDs increase chances of contracting or spreading HIV
- Substance abuse (incl. alcohol, meth) can lead to an increase in risky behaviors—2005 National Survey of Drug Use and Health: current illicit drug use higher among AI/AN than other races
- Socioeconomic issues – twice the national average of AI/AN live in poverty; proportion of high school graduates less than national average; shorter life expectancy
- Cultural diversity – 562 federally-recognized tribes – hard to create effective programs span all AI/AN
- Competing priorities – diabetes, obesity, hypertension
- Lack of screening in communities, health care facilities
- Limited access to health care (number and location of facilities, distance, transportation)
- No/few HIV specialists in small facilities, communities – must refer out – travel large distances
- Confidentiality issues – small rural communities where everyone knows/is related, where everyone who works at the health care facility knows you
- Stigma – cultural acceptance (varies)
- Denial – “it’s a white gay man’s disease”, “it’s not on the rez”
- Lack of comprehensive surveillance data

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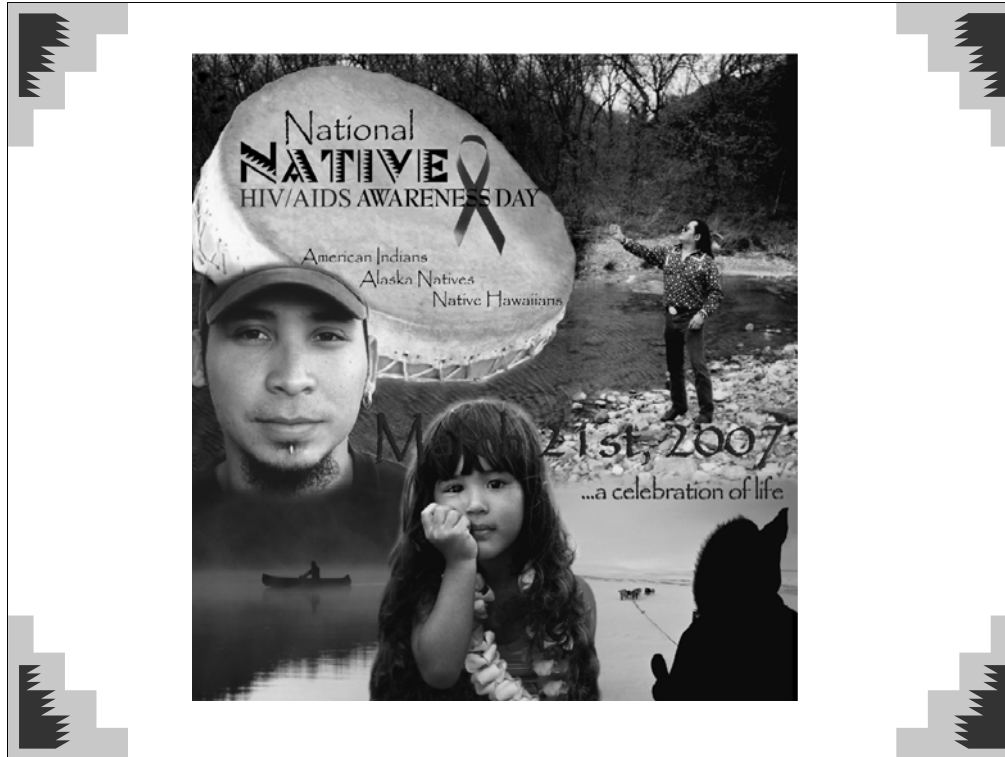
Promising Practices and Projects

Minority AIDS Initiative Funding for IHS HIV/AIDS Program

- Raise awareness
- Increase HIV screening, knowing one's HIV status
- Provide capacity building opportunities for health care providers
- Integrate behavioral health
- Improve quality of care
- Improve surveillance



- Opportunities to share, like “Embracing Our Traditions, Values and Teachings: Native Peoples of North America HIV/AIDS Conference” (May 2006)
- Sponsored by Dept of Health & Human Services (e.g, NIH, CDC, HRSA, IHS, SAMHSA) HHS & Dept of the Interior + MANY conference collaborators



- March 21 chosen because it is the first day of Spring (signifying renewal, rebirth, life)
- Some events/activities: HIV/AIDS screening, talking circles, pow wows, walks, town hall meetings, memorial services, tribal resolutions

Capacity Building Assistance from CDC



**National Native American
AIDS Prevention Center**

**Advancing HIV/AIDS
Prevention in Native
Communities**



Inter-Tribal Council of AZ

Focus Areas

- Strengthening Organizational Infrastructure for HIV Prevention
- Strengthening Interventions for HIV Prevention
- Strengthening Community Access to and Utilization of HIV Prevention Services
- Strengthening Community Planning for HIV Prevention



Project Red Talon (part of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board)

- Currently in last year of CDC funding
- Actively seeks funding from a variety of sources
- STD/HIV Coalition with member tribes
- Resource Directory for STD & HIV testing and treatment services
- STD/HIV Tribal Action Plan
- Culturally relevant STD/HIV materials – brochures, posters
- Advocacy Kit for Tribal Leadership
- Stop the Silence – a special PRT initiative to encourage AI/AN parents to speak with their children about STD/HIV

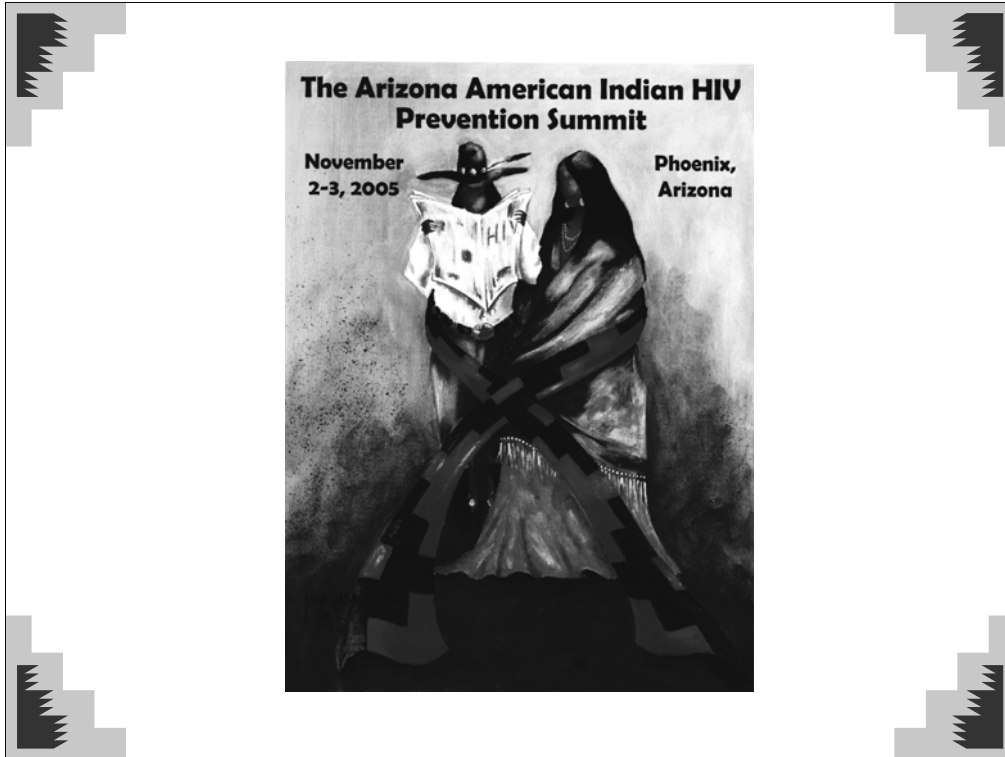


What can you do?

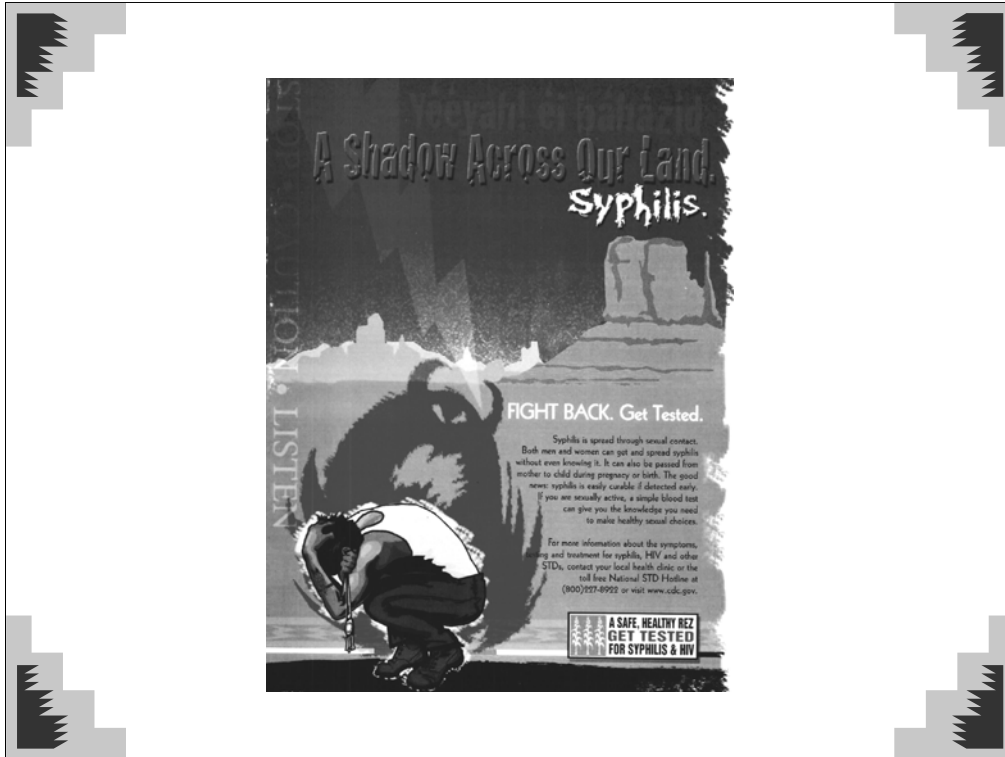
- Reach out, create relationships
- Build trust—be accountable & consistent
- Offer your expertise to support local efforts
- Listen, be patient
- Develop and use culturally competent trainers and materials
- Build capacity for community and health care providers
- Advocate for funding and resources at the local, state, and national level



Some of the numerous local and regional organizations working on this issue.



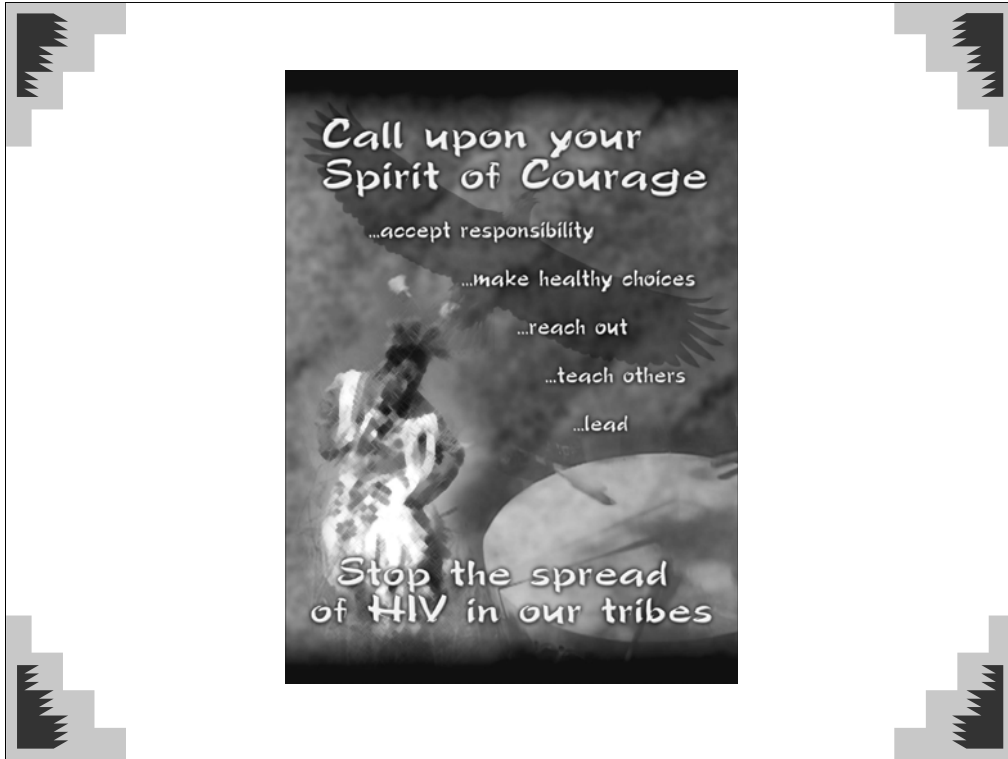
Inter-Tribal Council of AZ



Part of a Navajo social marketing campaign



Native HIV Fashion Benefit that took place during the annual HIV prevention conference “Circle of Harmony”.



ND Dept. of Health HIV Prevention Media Campaign

Select Internet Resources for STD/HIV/AIDS in AI/AN

Advancing HIV/AIDS Prevention in Native Communities

<http://www.happ.colostate.edu/>

AI/AN Data & Links (US Census Bureau)

<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/aian/index.html>

AI/AN Factsheet (Natl Minority AETC)

<http://www.nmaetc.org/media/pdf/IndianAlaskaNative.pdf>

AI/AN and HIV in the United States Factsheet (HRSA)

ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/hab/american_indians_alaska_natives_and_hivaids.pdf

Assessing HIV and Other STI Risk in AI/AN Communities (Tribal BEAR Project)

Trainer's Manual: <http://www.aidsetc.org/pdf/p02-et/et-04-02/et-04-02-TM.pdf>

Participant's Manual: <http://www.aidsetc.org/pdf/p02-et/et-04-02/et-04-02-PM.pdf>

Association of American Indian Physicians, HIV/AIDS Project

http://www.aaip.org/programs/hiv_aids/index.htm

BE SAFE: A Cultural Competency Model for AI/AN and Native Hawaiians toward the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS (NAETC)

http://www.aidsetc.org/pdf/p02-et/et-17-00/be_safe_natam.pdf

Call Upon Your Spirit of Courage HIV Prevention Media Campaign (ND DOH)

<http://www.ndhiv.com/programs/prevention/media.asp>

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

<http://www.caan.ca/english/home.htm>

Clinician's Guide: Working with Native Americans Living with HIV (NNAAPC)

http://www.aidsetc.org/pdf/curricula/clin_guide_native_am.pdf

Culturally Competent Substance Abuse Prevention Research Among Rural Native American Communities (NIH)

http://www.nida.nih.gov/pdf/Monographs/Monograph168/459-483_Stubben.pdf

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council HIV/AIDS Prevention Program

<http://www.glitc.org/HIVweb/pages/program.html>

HIV/AIDS Among AI/AN Factsheet (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/factsheets/PDF/aian.pdf>

HIV/AIDS Among AI/AN Factsheet (OMHRC)

http://www.omhrc.gov/hivaidsobservances/fs/Native%20americans_fs_1.17.pdf

HIV/AIDS Surveillance by Race/Ethnicity Slide Set (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/slides/race-ethnicity/index.htm>

HIV and Young AI/AN Women Factsheet (Advocates for Youth)
<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/PUBLICATIONS/factsheet/fsnative.pdf>

HIV Prevention, Early Intervention, and Health Promotion: A Self-Study Module for Health Care Personnel Serving Native Americans (NNAAPC & MPAETC)
http://www.mpaetc.org/downloads/NA_ssm.pdf

HIV/STD Prevention Guidelines for Native American Communities (RCAP & NNAAPC)
<http://www.indiana.edu/~aids/booklet.pdf>

HIV Transmission and Prevention in Native Americans: Related Resources (UCSF)
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite?page=kbr-07-04-12>

Indian Health Service HIV/AIDS Program
<http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/HIVAIDS/>

Indian Health Service HIV Center of Excellence
<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/aids/index.asp>

Indian Health Service STD Program
http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/epi/index.cfm?module=health_issues&option=std&cat=su_b_0

Indigenous People's Task Force
<http://www.indigenouspeoplesf.org/about.cfm>

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona/National STD/HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
<http://www.itcaonline.com/nshapp/>

National Indian Women's Health Resource Center, HIV/AIDS Health Promotion and Education Cooperation Agreement Project
<http://www.niwhrc.org/hiv.htm>

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
<http://www.nnaapc.org/>

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (OMHRC)
<http://www.omhrc.gov/hivaidsobservances/nnaad/index.html>

Native American Cultures (re: GLBTQ)
http://www.queertheory.com/cultures/ethnics/queer_native_americans.htm

Native American HIV Care: A Training Platform (MPAETC)
<http://www.mpaetc.org/scripts/prodview.asp?idproduct=95>

Native American HIV/AIDS Poster Series
<http://www.concernedcitizensforhumanity.org/native-series.html>

Native American Resources (NAETC)

<http://www.aidsetc.org/aidsetc?page=et-30-38&catid=natam&pid=1>

Native Capacity-Building Assistance Provider's Network (CDC)

<http://www.itcaonline.com/nshapp/pdf/CBAFACTSheet%2007-06.pdf>

Native Health Data Bases (UNM)

<http://hsc.unm.edu/library/nhd/>

Northern Plains Tribal Epi Center STD/HIV/AIDS Program

<http://www.aatchb.org/epi/std.htm>

One Sky Center

<http://www.oneskycenter.org/>

Red Circle Project

http://www.apla.org/native_american/RCP/index.htm

Risk and Protective Factors for Substance Use among AI/AN Youths (SAMHSA)

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k4/AmIndianYouthRF/AmIndianYouthRF.pdf>

STDs, 2004—Indian Health Surveillance Report (joint CDC-IHS publication)

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats-ihs-2004/toc.htm>

STDs in Racial and Ethnic Minorities—STD Surveillance, 2005 Slide Set (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats/slides/MinoritiesSlides2005.ppt>

STIs among Urban AI/AN Factsheet (UIHI)

<http://www.uihi.net/Public%20Documents1/UIHI%20Publications/Fact%20Sheet%20STI.pdf>

Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders among AI/AN (SAMHSA)

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/AmIndians/AmIndians.pdf>

Warriors Against AIDS

<http://www.rednation.com/community/warriors>

What are AI/AN's HIV prevention needs? (UCSF)

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/pdf/AI-ANFS.pdf>

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System Website (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>

Youth Risk Behavior Survey of High School Students Attending Bureau Funded Schools, 2001 (BIA)

http://www.oiep.bia.edu/docs/hsyrbs_2001.pdf