

Technical assistance is available to Urban Indian Health Organizations and state BCCEDP to increase breast and cervical cancer screening for urban Indian women

Urban Indian Health organizations play a fundamental role in providing culturally appropriate clinical, outreach and referral services to urban American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, nationwide.

Urban Indian Health Organizations are:

- A network of 34 independent, not-for profit health organizations
- Located in 19 states across the country
- Established through Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Funded through the Indian Health Service
- Receive only 1% of the Indian Health Service budget but serve approximately 150,000 clients each year
- Provide services that range from comprehensive primary medical to outreach and referral

For more information on UIHO in your state, urban AI/AN health, or to learn more about the UIHI, please visit us at: www.uihi.org



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Supporting breast and cervical cancer screening for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native women

WEAVING RESOURCES FOR URBAN INDIAN WOMEN'S WELLNESS

BACKGROUND

Cancer is the second leading cause of death for urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). With more than half of the AI/AN population living in urban areas today, it is critical that breast and cervical cancer screening efforts are expanded to reach this often overlooked population.

Statistics support the need to increase breast and cervical cancer screening services to AI/AN women:

SCREENING: Screening services are essential for cancer prevention and early detection. An alarming number of AI/AN women reported never having a physical breast exam by a doctor or a pap smear test when compared to white women (urban data)

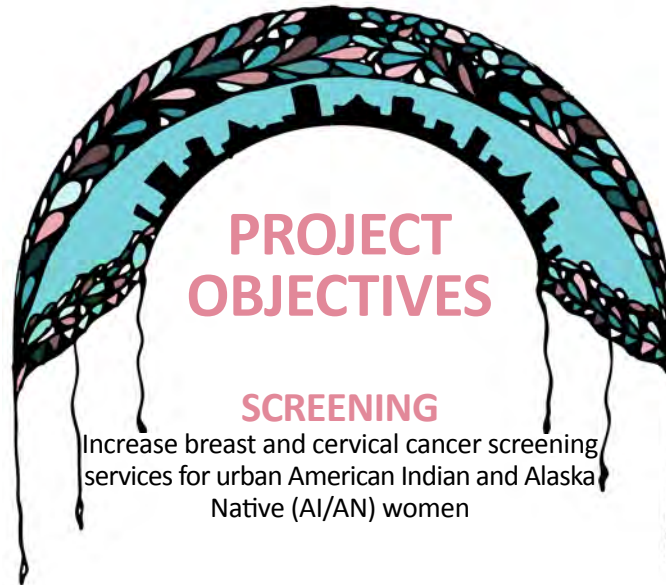
DIAGNOSIS: Early detection and diagnosis is key to cancer survival. Of great concern, AI/AN women have a higher risk of late stage breast cancer than non-Hispanic white women (national data)

SURVIVAL: Many factors may influence cancer survival, including early diagnosis and access to care. Fewer AI/AN women survived 5 years from the time of their breast or cervical cancer diagnosis than did white women – an alarming indication of the need to improve early diagnosis and treatment services for this population (national data)

(Please see www.uihi.org/the-weaving-project for data references)

About the WEAVING Project

Through the WEAVING Project, the Seattle Indian Health Board's Urban Indian Health Institute will assist urban Indian health organizations (UIHO) and state Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Programs (BCCEDP) partner together to increase breast and cervical cancer screening services for urban Indian women. The WEAVING Project is a three-year program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

SCREENING

Increase breast and cervical cancer screening services for urban American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women

ACCESS

Improve access to quality diagnosis and treatment services that are both timely and culturally appropriate

PARTNERSHIPS

Establish and strengthen culturally respectful partnerships among urban Indian health organizations, state/local departments of health, and other appropriate organizations

FRAMEWORK

Provide a framework to support and encourage culturally appropriate collaboration between other state health programs and UIHO



PROGRAM SERVICES

Available to all UIHO and state BCCEDP

- Online resources (e.g. self-assessment toolkits, data collection resources, culturally appropriate community outreach and educational materials)
- Reports (e.g. best practices and models of success at state and UIHO levels)
- Regular conference call meetings
- Annual national trainings

Additional services available to select sites

- Staff training activities
- Internal capacity building services
- On-site meeting facilitation
- Other assistance as requested

If you are interested in receiving these additional services, please visit us at the website below or contact us at: (206) 812-3030 or info@uihi.org

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