UIHI Receives New Five Year Demystifying Data Grant

The Office of Minority Health has awarded the Seattle Indian Health Board's Urban Indian Health Institute a five year grant entitled, Demystifying Data: Eliminating AI/AN Health Disparities Through Information, Partnership and Training. This program will increase awareness of health disparities and improve the health and well-being of urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) by achieving the following objectives:

1) Increase UIHI’s access, utilization and analysis of critical sources of public health data in order to identify priority health status objectives and services needed;
2) Improve access to and coordination of quality health care services for urban AI/ANs by offering Partnership Awards in support of UIHOs’ development of sustainable key stakeholder collaborations; and
3) Increase the representation of AI/ANs in public health professions by providing training in public health practice and professional mentorship to AI/AN students or emerging professionals.

Funded from September 2012 to August 2017, this program supports UIHI to build on its past efforts conducting sustainable, culturally appropriate, practice-based public health work to reduce health disparities.

Funding Opportunity

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

The purpose of Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) is to increase the number of innovative community initiated programs that promote access to health care for children, youth and their families nationwide, and employ preventive health strategies. This program supports HRSA’s goals to improve access to quality health care and services, to build healthy communities, and to improve health equity. HTPC funding supports direct service projects, not research projects.

Application Deadline: September 21, 2012

More information about the HTPCP Funding Opportunity can be found online.

Training

SAMHSA Two-Spirit People Webinar

In the 21st century, one tradition that was nearly lost is contemporarily known as Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender identified Native America/American Indian/Alaskan Natives. This webinar will examine the historical perspective to today's condition and state of the Two-Spirit community. This webinar will also show current data, barriers and challenges of this sub-population in seeking and accessing services. A detail report for current resources and key recommendations will be discussed.

Two-Spirit People Then and Now - Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Historical & Contemporary Native America
September 10, 2012: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Eastern Time)

Register for the Two-Spirit People Webinar online.

Bridging Research and Reality Webinar

The translational gap between research and practice has long been discussed, often as a one-way street - get practitioners to recognize and utilize the research that is being conducted. While important, equally important is the reverse - integrating practice-based evidence and context into the research conducted. We need a bridge between the two, not a pipeline. The Research to Reality (R2R) September cyber-seminar will explore the need for, and the advances in, practice-based evidence and discuss the opportunities and future directions for the field.
Practice-based Evidence & Evidence-based Practice Cyber-Seminar
September 11, 2012: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Read more information about the cyber-seminar and register online.

Resource

Raise Infant Mortality Awareness in September

This September 2012, we encourage you to observe Infant Mortality Awareness Month. American Indian/Alaska Native infants have disproportionately high rates of mortality. For AI/AN communities, connecting to healthcare and resources grounded in Native culture and traditions can help families break unhealthy patterns that may contribute to the high incidence of infant mortality.

The National Healthy Start Association provides a variety of resources to help raise infant mortality awareness. The UIHI offers AI/AN specific resources, including our Discussions with Urban AI/AN Parents: Keeping Babies Healthy and Safe report. The March of Dimes American Indian/Alaska Native Women’s Committee also provides resources for AI/AN families through their Coming of the Blessing initiative.

National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition Text3Baby Contest

The Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition is announcing the text4baby 2012 Fall Sign-up Contest. Text4baby is a free, nationwide texting service delivering critical health and safety tips and resources to pregnant women and moms with babies under age one. During the contest period of September 1 through September 30, anyone who enrolls in text4baby will be entered to win a year’s supply of Johnson’s Baby products. Find information about how to register for the text4baby contest and texting service online.

Coming Soon from UIHI

Watch for UIHI’s upcoming Native Generations video in WREs later this year. This is a film about Native families, culture and health, with a focus on reducing AI/AN infant mortality rates and creating healthy environments for our native generations.

More reports, resources and other information can be found on the UIHI website, www.uihi.org