Announcements

New Health Care Access Fact Sheets from the UIHI

The UIHI's Demystifying Data Project announces the release of two new fact sheets describing findings from the National Health Interview Survey (2006-09).

- Healthcare access and utilization among urban American Indians and Alaska Natives examines access to and use of health care, including frequency of contact with a health professional and emergency room visits, having a usual place to go for care when sick, types of health care services utilized most often and barriers to care.
- Affordability of health care for urban American Indians and Alaska Natives examines
cost as a primary barrier to health care access, including health insurance coverage and barriers to coverage and types of health care not received due to cost.

The potential drivers of health insurance, income, and self-reported health status are also considered in examinations of access to, use of and affordability of care indicators.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health provided funding support to the UIHI's Demystifying Project for the development of these materials. Both resources are available for download on the Demystifying Data Project webpage under Resources.

Celebrate National Native American Heritage Month in November

National Native American Heritage Month celebrates the accomplishments of American Indians and recognizes American Indians as the original inhabitants of the United States. The tradition began in 1986 when Congress authorized and requested that President Reagan proclaim the last week in November "American Indian Week." By 1990, the celebration was extended to the entire month of November. It has become standard practice for the President to designate the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month yearly by setting forth a proclamation. The 2012 Presidential Proclamation of National Native American Heritage Month can be found on the White House website.

This year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is celebrating National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month with the theme, "Native Families Moving Ahead: Together We Strengthen Our Nations," announced in a Press Release on the HHS website. Visit the IHS website for more information about the history of National American Indian Heritage Month, promotional posters and upcoming events to celebrate the achievements of AI/ANs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also provides information about AI/ANs, their health and accomplishments in recognition of National American Indian Alaska Native Heritage Month. This information can be found on the CDC website.

Funding Opportunities

Partnership to Support Depression Programming (PSDP)

The Seattle Indian Health Board's Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) is pleased to announce an opportunity for Urban Indian Health Organizations (UIHOs) to participate in a facilitated partnership and strategic planning process. Supported by a cooperative agreement through the Office of Minority Health, the partnership is intended to encourage leveraging of resources and peer learning to strengthen depression programming. Strategic partnerships offer opportunities to disseminate innovative approaches to address depression, increase resources available to support programming and create sustainable peer-to-peer networks aiding UIHOs with program evolution. Two selected UIHOs will receive up to $6000 for participation in partnership activities.

To learn more about this partnership opportunity please visit the complete Funding Opportunity Announcement and Application. For more information join the informational PSDP webinar on November 15, 2012 at 11:00 am (Pacific Time). Directions for accessing the webinar are available on the UIHI website.
For questions about this funding opportunity or the application process contact Aren Spark at arens@uihi.org or (206) 812-3046.

Mini Grants to support Tribal* HIV Prevention Social Marketing/Media Campaigns

The Northwest Portland Area Indian health Board's (NPAIHB) Project Red Talon is pleased to announce the availability of ten Mini Grants to support Tribal HIV Prevention Social Marketing/Media Campaigns.

*Eligible applicants include: Tribes, tribal consortia, tribal organizations, AI/AN LGBTQ2S organizations and urban organizations serving AI/ANs.

NPAIHB will be holding a webinar, Tweeting - It's not just for the Birds. How to Use Social Media and Social Marketing to Improve your AI/AN HIV Prevention orTreatment Program, that will include a Q&A session about the Mini Grant Opportunity.

Optional Webinar: November 13, 2012 at 1:00 pm (Pacific Time)
Award Amount: $10,000
Application Deadline: December 14, 2013

More information about the HIV Prevention Mini Grants and the how to access the webinar can be found on the NPAIHB website.

Cardinal Health Foundation E3 Grant Program

The Cardinal Health Foundation is seeking proposals from healthcare institutions that will impact the efficiency and quality of care. Focus areas include medication safety across transitions of care from the acute setting to the community/home and implementation of World Health Organization (WHO) checklists in the operating room.

Award Amount: $15,000 - $35,000
Application Deadline: December 7, 2012

More information about the Cardinal Health Foundation E3 Grant Program can be found online.

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

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