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This e-mail is provided by the Urban Indian Health Institute, a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board. It contains opportunities for staff development, grant announcements and other relevant public health information. We hope you find these resources useful. If you have any questions about the information below, or you are unable to open any of the links, please contact info@uihi.org. If this e-mail was forwarded to you, you may sign up here.

Announcement

National Health Center Week

American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) health disparities and access to care remain public health challenges. Studies show that less than 68% of AI/ANs in the combined Urban Indian Health Organization (UIHO) service areas between 2005 and 2010 reported having a usual source of primary care, compared to 78% of all other races. One out of every 15 individuals residing in the United States depends on the affordable care and
services provided by community health centers; 62% of these patients in 2012 were of minority/indigenous background.\(^2\)

National Health Center Week (NHCW) (August 11-17, 2013) is just around the corner! This year’s theme is "Celebrating America's Health Centers: Transforming Health Care in Our Local Communities." National Health Center Week helps to publicize health care centers that are funded by the Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA) for their efforts in providing high quality and cost-effective services to all patients regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

National Health Center Week is often celebrated at community health centers by holding open houses for community and civic leaders, by promoting health focused media events, hosting health fairs and other community health celebrations. Information about National Health Centers Week can be found on HRSA's National Health Center Week webpage and the National Health Center Week webpage.

The UIHI offers a variety of materials that profile health disparities and access issues among urban AI/ANs including the Community Health Profile: National Aggregate of Urban Indian Health Organization Service Areas and a fact sheet on the Affordability of health care for urban American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Other resources and efforts to help promote National Health Center Week include:

- NHCW fact sheets including the cost effectiveness of health centers
- Activity and Event Ideas
- Media Toolkit and Social Media Tools
- 2013 Video Contest

Use these resources to raise awareness and call attention to factors contributing to health disparities for urban AI/ANs and support advancing health equity during National Health Center Week.


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**Training**

**American Indian/Alaska Native Youth: "Preparing Young Leaders for a Lifetime of Wellness"**

This Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Native American Center for Excellence (NACE) two-part webinar series is targeted for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth leaders and youth in Indian Country who are committed to community wellness, balance and hope for our tribal nations.

**Wellness in Indian Country**
**August 6, 2013 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**

More information about the Wellness in Indian Country webinar and the upcoming Leadership, Personal Balance and a Youth Voice for Our Nation webinar can be found online.
Innovative Strategies for Addressing Reproductive Health Needs of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors Webinar

The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence have been involved in a three-year project to enhance services for pregnant and parenting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. This webinar will discuss new developments that impact advocacy and enhance understanding of the reproductive health needs of survivors.

**August 8, 2013**  11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)

More information about the [Reproductive Health Needs of Sexual Violence Survivors webinar](#) can be found online.

CityMatCH Data Capacity-Building Scholarship

The CityMatCH Data Capacity-Building Scholarship is awarded to individuals in CityMatCH member health departments or other interested individuals who wish to travel to the CityMatCH Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference, and who would benefit from learning, networking, and collaborative planning opportunities around MCH epidemiological methods and how to use data. The scholarship will cover airfare, room and registration for selected applicants.

**Application Deadline:** **August 9, 2013**

More information about the [CityMatCH Data Capacity-Building Scholarship](#) can be found online.

More reports, resources and other information can be found on the UIHI website, [www.uihi.org](http://www.uihi.org)

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