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This email 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 email was forwarded to you, you may sign up here.

Training

Integrated Care Skill Development Trainings

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - Health Resources and Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Solutions worked with experts to produce a variety of skill development trainings for members of the integrated care team. These trainings may be appropriate for primary care, mental health and substance use professionals, including social workers, psychiatrists, case managers and behavioral health consultants. Trainings can be taken at any time and are free of charge.
Find more information about the Integrated Care Skill Development Trainings online.

**Announcements**

**Urban Indian Public Health Trainee (Temporary)**

The Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) is accepting applications for an Urban Indian Public Health Trainee as a temporary, part-time summer position. The Public Health Trainee position will support the UIHI, a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board, in its core functions to support the health and well-being of urban Indian communities. The Public Health Trainee position is an opportunity for either a student or recent graduate to work at the UIHI over the summer to develop skills and knowledge aligned with the UIHI scope of work and based on the Trainee’s professional interests and abilities.

Qualified applicants will have a high school diploma/GED and be familiar with the health and social issues facing American Indians/Alaska Natives. Students and entry-level professionals either in a public health track or with a desire for exposure to the field are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, please see the Get Involved page on the UIHI website.

Application Deadline: **April 25, 2014**

This position is funded until August 31, 2014. Salary is dependent on experience.

Find more information on the UIHI's work on our website.

**Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest**

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, Inc. is accepting applications for the 2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest. The Essay Contest is open to high school students currently enrolled in grades 9-12 who have a relationship with an AI/AN community. This year’s contest asks applicants to write an essay about a cultural image, symbol or art form that has been historically utilized by their community to communicate a particular message or value.

Application Deadline: **April 22, 2014**

Find more information about the Young Native Writers Essay Contest online.

**National Minority Health Month: A Call to Action**

Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) face disparities for a wide variety of health indicators and social determinants of health, such as alcohol use, infant mortality, diabetes, educational attainment and poverty. To combat these disparities, the network of 33 Urban Indian Health Organizations provide traditional health care services, cultural activities and a culturally appropriate place for urban AI/ANs to receive health care.

To raise awareness about health disparities and highlight strategies and actions to promote health equity, the Office of Minority Health (OMH) designates April as National Minority Health Month. This year’s theme is "Prevention is Power: Taking Action for Health Equity."
This theme highlights how prevention strategies and action play a role in reducing health disparities. Events, resources and information about National Minority Health Month can be found on OMH’s National Minority Health Month webpage, including a pledge to support the National Partnership for Action and the OMH Disparities Reduction Efforts.

The UIHI offers a variety of materials that profile health disparities among urban AI/ANs and highlight programs and actions to help end these disparities including:

- The Community Health Profile: National Aggregate of Urban Indian Health Organization Service Areas outlines health disparities.
- The UIHI Health Equity Project reports highlight literature, programs and activities on critical focal areas for health improvement in urban AI/AN communities.
- Urban Indian Health Organization Spotlights describe programs to improve urban AI/AN health.
- The Native Generations campaign video and resources address the high rates of infant mortality among urban AI/ANs and emphasize the connection to culturally-grounded health care and community services through Urban Indian Health Organizations.

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 Minority Health Month.


Find more reports, resources and other information on the UIHI website, www.uihi.org