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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.

**Funding Opportunity**

**Partnership for Improving Healthcare Services for Urban Indian Health Organizations**

The Seattle Indian Health Board's (SIHB), Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) is pleased to announce an opportunity for Urban Indian Health Organizations (UIHOs) to build or improve on partnerships with key stakeholders (e.g., community organizations, area hospitals, other service providers, state and local government agencies and academic institutions). The goal of this partnership contract is to improve access to, and coordination
of, quality healthcare services for urban American Indians/Alaska Natives and to support the increased capacity and effectiveness of UIHOs in providing services. This request for contract proposals is flexible so that UIHOs can determine which partnerships are needed and can tailor strategies to organizational and community needs. The Request for Proposals contains examples of possible projects. Proposed projects need not be new; UIHOs can use this contract as supplemental funding for an existing project.

Application Deadline: **May 21, 2014**  
Partnership Contract Amount: One selected UIHO will receive $5,000 for a 12-month partnership project starting in Summer 2014

Learn more about the **Partnership for Improving Healthcare Services** by viewing the complete [Request for Proposals](#) and [Application](#) online. An [Informational Webinar](#) can be viewed on YouTube.

For questions about this contract opportunity or the application process contact Aren Sparck, Project Coordinator, at aren@uihi.org or (206) 812-3046.

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**Training**

**Resilient Active Vibrant Elders (RAVE): A Community-Engaged Approach to Designing Health Programming for Urban Elders of Color**

The Clinical Directors Network, Inc. will be hosting a webinar on health programs for urban elders of color. The webinar will be presented by Linda Sprague Martinez, PhD, Assistant Professor in Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University.

**April 28, 2014** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Find more information about the [Designing Health Programming for Urban Elders of Color Webinar](#) online.

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**Announcement**

**May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month**

The teen birth rate for American Indian/Alaska Native females aged 15-19 was 36.1 births per 1,000 births compared to 21.7 births for Non-Hispanic whites in 2011.¹ Teen pregnancy and childbearing is associated with negative economic and social outcomes for teen parents, their families and society.²

To combat teen pregnancy, May is recognized as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month. During this month, many organizations host activities and share resources with their patients to help teens prevent pregnancy. The [National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](#) has created a teen website, StayTeen.org. This website includes a quiz with a series of scenarios about sexual decision-making to help teens understand the consequences of sexual activity. Advocates for Youth also provides a guidebook, [National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month Planning Guidebook](#), which provides strategic tips for planning Awareness Month activities.

Social media can also be used for teen pregnancy prevention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides a variety of social media tools and messages for teen pregnancy prevention on their [Teen Pregnancy and Social Media webpage](#) and in their
companion book, Social Media Toolkit for Health Communicators. These tools include tailored Facebook and Twitter messages, website widgets and public service announcements.

Teen pregnancy prevention materials targeted specifically for AI/AN youth will be most effective. The following may be useful resources to share with teens and service providers:

- We R Native is a multimedia health resources for Native teens and young adults, with informational specifically targeted for teen pregnancy and sexual health.
- Native STAND is a peer education curriculum for healthy decision making, including teen pregnancy prevention, for Native youth. A YouTube Channel for Native STAND Videos accompany the curriculum.
- Native Teen Voices: Feelings about Sex, Pregnancy, and Parenting collected information from urban Native youth about teen pregnancy and sex in 2004. Data from this study may be useful in better understanding how Native teens think about pregnancy and sex.

Use these and other resources throughout May to prevent teen pregnancy among Native youth.


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