GHWIC BACKGROUND

Between 2014-2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invested over $78 million in chronic disease prevention efforts through the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) initiative.

With the support of GHWIC funding, eleven Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) coordinate with Tribes, the Indian Health Service (IHS), other federal and state agencies, and academic institutions to improve American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) health. TECs are uniquely positioned to engage and guide GHWIC grantees and Tribes within their IHS regions on evaluation plans that reflect local community assets and complement cultural strengths. It is through this regional element that GHWIC is able to capture and report meaningful program information on chronic disease prevention outcomes and progress in addressing AI/AN community interests and needs.

Examples of how TECs have supported regional GHWIC communities over the past year include hosting public health capacity-building trainings, organizing region-wide GHWIC conferences, providing technical assistance, and fulfilling data requests. The following are aggregated estimates of TEC regional GWHIC efforts between September 30, 2017 and September 29, 2018.

By the Numbers

709  
Estimated new or improved public health partnerships

169,399  
Estimated individuals reached through GHWIC activities

2,560  
Estimated public health capacity-building activities conducted

315  
Estimated regional policy, systems, and environmental changes implemented

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GHWIC NATIONAL EVALUATION

Evaluation of GHWIC is divided into three Tiers: individual (Tier 1), regional (Tier 2), and national (Tier 3).

• Tier 1 examines individual grantee progress toward selected outcomes and assesses impact of GHWIC supported programmatic work.

• Tier 2 employs public health information surveillance TEC expertise in regional data collection, analysis, and population data management to examine and evaluate GHWIC impact within the eleven IHS Areas.

• Tier 3 evaluates the overall national output and impact of GHWIC across all grantees and awarded communities. The latter is a collaborative effort between Urban Indian Health Institute, CDC, the eleven TECs, and Tribes and Tribal organization grantees to assess and report on national GHWIC outcomes, accomplishments, challenges, and progress.

Map of GHWIC-funded Tribes and Tribal Organizations

- Directly Funded Tribes
- Directly Funded Tribal Organizations
- Directly Funded Tribal Epidemiology Centers
- Regionally sub-awarded Tribes or Tribal Organizations

TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTERS

- Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Alaska Native Epidemiology Center
- Navajo Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Northwest Portland Area Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Albuquerque Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
- California Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council Epidemiology Center
- Great Plains Area Tribal Epidemiology Center
- United South and Eastern Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Urban Indian Health Institute