



Hello,

We hope you have had a great week! Below you will find funding opportunities, resources, conferences, and other tribal news. For your convenience, the blue headings below are hyperlinked so you can easily navigate to the details for priority items.

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## **CDC Tribal Funding Data**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the [CDC Grant Funding Profiles site](#) with fiscal year (FY) 2019 data and profiles. The profiles provide quick access to information about CDC funding provided to health departments, universities, and other public and private agencies in US states, territories and freely associated states, and the District of Columbia. Please contact CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support at [CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov](mailto:CSTLTSfeedback@cdc.gov) with questions or comments.

## **Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)**

The **Official Grants.Gov Mobile App** is available for download! Use the [Grants.gov](#) app to run a quick search for grants on the topic of your choice. You can segment your search by funding provider. If you see an opportunity that holds some promise for your organization, **subscribe** to it. You will get an alert if the grantor makes any updates to the funding announcement. Specific information on select NOFOs and other funding news is included below.

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Sincerely,

**Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances**  
Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Email: [TribalSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalSupport@cdc.gov)

Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/tribal>

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## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

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### Conference Calls and Webinars

#### Update for Rural Partners, Stakeholder, and Communities on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Response **(Event Approaching)**

CDC will host a conference call to share guidance with partners, public health practitioners, healthcare providers, and others working to protect the health of rural communities. Dr. Jay Butler, Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases, will describe what CDC knows at this point and is doing in response to this outbreak. There will also be time for questions and answers. To submit questions in advance, email [eocevent337@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent337@cdc.gov) with the subject "Questions for 3/23 Call". [Register here](#).

Date: **March 23, 2020**

Time: **1:00 PM EDT**

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#### Updates and Recommendations for Urban Indian Organizations **(Event Approaching)**

The National Council of Urban Indian Health will host a conference call to share updates and recommendations with urban Indian organizations. Dr. Jay Butler, Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases at the CDC, will describe what CDC knows at this point and is doing in response to this outbreak. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Date: **March 25, 2020**

Time: **1:00 PM EDT**

Conference Call: **1-877-394-5901**

Participant Number: **7004006**

Webinar Adobe Connect: <https://ncuih.adobeconnect.com/virtualmeeting2020/>

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#### Indian Health Service's All Tribes COVID-19 Conference Call **(Weekly)**

The Indian Health Service is hosting weekly All Tribes calls to provide updates on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders. Officials will provide COVID-19 preparedness efforts and response updates. You will have an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions to federal officials.

Time: 3:30-4:30 PM EDT every Thursday

Conference Call: 1-800-857-5577

Participant Passcode: 6703929

Webinar Adobe Connect: <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj/>

Participant Password: ihs123

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### Guidance and Resources

#### [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America – 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

On March 16, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued new guidelines to help protect Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak. The [new recommendations](#) are simple to follow and

will have a resounding impact on public health.

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### **CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 Updates, Resources, and Guidance**

CDC is responding to the novel coronavirus outbreak, which is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. CDC is continuously working to provide [updated information](#) as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. Mitigation strategies from the White House Taskforce has been included on CDC's COVID-19 website. Below you will find CDC's guidance and resources. You can add content from CDC's COVID-19 website to your website using [CDC's content syndication services](#).

- [Situation Updates](#) provides the situational summary, CDC updates on cases in the U.S., countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases, risk assessment and CDC in action.
  - [What You Should Know](#) comprises information about how COVID-19 spreads, symptoms, prevention and treatment, people at higher risk, and frequently asked questions.
  - [Information for Specific Audiences](#) contains resources and guidance on preventing COVID-19 spread in communities; information on higher risk and special populations; interim guidance for healthcare professionals, health departments, and laboratories; and resources for health departments and healthcare professionals.
  - [Communication Resources](#) offers free communication tools and resources, such as videos, fact sheets, and posters, available for use and distribution.
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### **Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health: Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During an Infectious Disease Outbreak**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During an Infectious Disease Outbreak. [Read more here.](#)

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### **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Guidance**

SAMHSA recognizes the evolving issues surrounding COVID-19 and the emerging needs OTPs continue to face. SAMHSA affirms its commitment to supporting OTPs in any way possible during this time. As such, we are expanding our previous guidance to provide increased flexibility. The guidance is delineated by whether a state has declared a "State of Emergency". [Read more here.](#)

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### **COVID-19 Fact Sheets from the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI)**

In response to the declaration of a nationwide public health emergency for COVID-19, Urban Indian Health Institute has created three fact sheets about COVID-19 customizable for your clinic and community. A logo may be added to the lower righthand corner of each fact sheet. To view and download the fact sheets, [click here to visit the website](#).

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### **[Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)**

The National Association of School Psychologists has developed a parental resource for talking with children about the Coronavirus. Parents can use this to help children cope with anxiety requires providing accurate prevention information and facts without causing undue alarm.

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### **Reducing Stigma**

Public health emergencies, such as the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), are stressful times for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can lead to social stigma toward people, places, or things. For example, stigma and discrimination can occur when people associate a disease, such as COVID-19, with a population or nationality, even though not everyone in that population or from that region is specifically at risk for the disease. Stigma affects the emotional or mental health of stigmatized groups and the community in which they live. Stopping stigma is important to making communities and community members resilient. [See resources on mental health and coping during COVID-19](#). Everyone can help stop stigma

relegated to COVID-19 by [knowing the facts](#) and sharing them with others in your community.

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### **Resources for Government Attorneys Working on COVID-19 Legal Issues**

The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) website states “Section 1135 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and HIPAA requirements. However, two prerequisites must be met before the Secretary may invoke the § 1135 waiver authority. First, the President must have declared an emergency or disaster under either the Stafford Act or the National Emergencies Act. Second, the Secretary must have declared a Public Health Emergency under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act. Then, with respect to the geographic area(s) and time periods provided for in those declarations, the Secretary may elect to authorize waivers/modifications of one or more of the requirements described in Section 1135(b). The implementation of such waivers or modifications is typically delegated to the Administrator of CMS who, in turn, determines whether and the extent to which sufficient grounds exist for waiving such requirements with respect to a particular provider/supplier, or to a group of providers, or to a geographic area.”

For COVID-19-specific information, view the [CMS Emergency Declaration Fact Sheet](#) on the [COVID-19 1135 Waiver](#), and please note the instructions for states to submit a request for an 1135 waiver at the bottom of page 3 of the fact sheet. For an example of a state 1135 waiver request, please see [Washington’s Request for Waivers Under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act](#). CMS has posted responses to state waiver requests, such as [Florida’s Coronavirus 1135 waiver request](#), on their [current emergencies webpage](#).

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### **National Council of Urban Indian Health’s Coronavirus Resources Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) has developed a [Coronavirus Resource Center](#) containing official correspondence, press releases, related legislation, fact sheets, news, and events.

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### **The National Indian Health Board Launches New COVID-19 Webpage**

In response to the developing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is constructing a [landing page](#) to serve as the hub for a Tribal COVID-19 response. The page will house up to date resources, links, and policy and public health updates specifically for Tribes and Tribal communities. NIHB will work diligently to keep this response page updated, relevant and flexible to meet the needs of Tribes in this constantly shifting and evolving environment.

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### **Tribal News and Updates**

#### **NIHB COVID-19 Tribal Survey Responses Now Online**

Recently, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) conducted a rapid survey to assess the needs of Tribes regarding the evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-2019) outbreak. The results of this survey provide a basic understanding of Tribal preparedness for combating the disease as well as foreseeable challenges in responding to COVID-19. [Read more here.](#)

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#### **[Journal of the American Medicine Association Viewpoint: Presidential Powers and Response to COVID-19](#)**

This Journal of the American Medicine Association’s (JAMA’s) Viewpoint reviews legal powers the US president and state governors have to implement travel and other restrictions to control the spread of coronavirus, and discusses the need to balance rights to privacy and liberty with public health in ways that do not disadvantage already vulnerable populations.

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## **Navajo Nation COVID-19 Preparedness Team Established to Address Coronavirus Precautionary Efforts**

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer officially established the Navajo Nation COVID-19 Preparedness Team on Thursday, to monitor, plan, prepare, and coordinate precautionary efforts to address the coronavirus (COVID-19). [Read more here.](#)

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## **MMWR: Active Monitoring of Persons Exposed to Patients with Confirmed COVID-19 — United States, January–February 2020**

In December 2019, an outbreak of [coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, began in Wuhan, China (1). The disease spread widely in China, and, as of February 26, 2020, COVID-19 cases had been identified in 36 other countries and territories, including the United States. Person-to-person transmission has been widely documented, and a limited number of countries have reported sustained person-to-person spread. Read more about infection control and prevention efforts of patients with COVID-2019 in [this MMWR](#).

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **April 2020 Deadline**

#### **Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CE-20-002

Deadline: April 1, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=320543>

Description: This NCIPC Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) seeks to provide support for an intensive, supervised (mentored) career development experience in violence prevention research leading to research independence. Applicants must identify an experienced mentor and, co-mentor(s) as applicable to supervise the proposed career development and research experience.

Point of Contact: Sue Neurath, [SFN8@CDC.GOV](mailto:SFN8@CDC.GOV)

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#### **Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CE20-2002

Deadline: April 3, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324650>

Description: The purpose of the DFC Support Program is to establish and strengthen collaborations to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

Point of Contact: Stephanie Latham, [DFC@CDC.GOV](mailto:DFC@CDC.GOV)

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#### **Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program**

NOFO Number: HRSA-20-014

Deadline: April 13, 2020

Agency: Human Resources and Services Administration

Link: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-20-014>

Description: This program supports training programs that enhance and expand paraprofessionals knowledge, skills and expertise. It aims to increase the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-

related paraprofessionals who work on interprofessional teams to provide services to children whose parents are impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD), and their family members who are in guardianship roles. There's a special focus on demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns for children, adolescents, and transitional aged youth in high need and high demand areas who are at risk for mental health disorders and SUDs.

Point of Contact: Andrea Knox, [OIFSP@hrsa.gov](mailto:OIFSP@hrsa.gov) or (301) 443-4170

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### **Evaluation of New HIV Testing Technologies in Clinical Settings with High HIV Incidence**

NOFO Number: RFA-PS-20-001

Deadline: April 14, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=320416>

Description: The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to develop and implement protocols and recruitment strategies to evaluate the performance (sensitivity and specificity) of HIV tests under development, and/or newly available HIV tests, for use in point-of-care settings in the United States using fresh (unprocessed) specimens such as whole blood and oral fluid

Point of Contact: Jocelyn Patterson Mosley, [FZP0@CDC.GOV](mailto:FZP0@CDC.GOV)

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### **Improving Adult Vaccination Coverage Through Partnerships with Providers and National Organizations**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-IP20-2002

Deadline: April 15, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324191>

Description: The goal of this non-research NOFO is to develop and implement programs designed to improve adult vaccination coverage rates, using the principles of the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice. This NOFO will have two components, one that focuses on influenza vaccination in high risk adults and another component that focuses on racial and ethnic disparities in adult vaccinations more broadly. It is anticipated that one award will be made per component. Interested applicants may apply for one or both components.

Point of Contact: Toscha Stanley, [TTS1@CDC.GOV](mailto:TTS1@CDC.GOV)

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### **The CDC National Centers of Excellence In Youth Violence Prevention: Building the Evidence for Community and Policy Level Prevention**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-CE-15-002

Deadline: April 17, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=272228>

Description: This program announcement with multiple receipt dates (Cycle 1 FY2015, Cycle 2 FY2016). The purpose of this announcement is to fund Youth Violence Prevention Centers (YVPCs) to advance the science and practice of youth violence prevention and to reduce youth violence in one or more geographically defined, high-burden communities by implementing and evaluating a community- or policy-level prevention strategy or combination of such strategies.

Point of Contact: Angie Willard, [AEN4@CDC.GOV](mailto:AEN4@CDC.GOV)

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### **National Center of Excellence for the Prevention of Childhood Agricultural Injury**

NOFO Number: RFA-OH-20-007

Deadline: April 24, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=321579>

Description: This funding opportunity announcement from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) invites applications for a National Center of Excellence for the Prevention of Childhood Agricultural Injury. Applicants are expected to propose multi-disciplinary approaches to develop partnerships for implementing prevention and intervention activities and to serve as a leader in research translation and research-to-practice for the protection of children in agricultural environments throughout the United States. Point of Contact: Steve Dearwent, [SED7@CDC.GOV](mailto:SED7@CDC.GOV)

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### **Tribal Responses to Drug Overdoses**

Deadline: April 24, 2020

Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Link: [https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Funding/tribal\\_responses\\_solicitation.pdf](https://www.cossapresources.org/Content/Documents/Funding/tribal_responses_solicitation.pdf)

Description: Under this solicitation, up to five tribal communities will be selected for an award of up to \$500,000 each for a 14-month time period. Applicants must use a portion of the funds awarded under this solicitation to implement an overdose detection mapping application program (ODMAP).

**Applicant webinar:** March 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM EDT

Registration for the webinar is required. Please register for the webinar at <http://s.iir.com/TribalWebinar2020> and submit questions in advance of the webinar to [COSSAP@IIR.COM](mailto:COSSAP@IIR.COM) no later than March 25, 2020. Emails containing questions should include the name and agency of the submitter, email address, and question(s). The applicant webinar will include a presentation about ODMAP that will focus on providing a complete overview of the capabilities.

Point of Contact: [COSSAP@IIR.COM](mailto:COSSAP@IIR.COM)

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### **Immunization Barriers in the United States: Targeting Medicaid Partnerships**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-IP20-2001

Deadline: April 28, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=324973>

Description: The purpose of this funding announcement is to help CDC address and reduce income-based disparities in immunization rates. Awardee collaboration with Medicaid programs in states can help CDC better understand barriers to immunization for children and pregnant women with Medicaid coverage and improve immunization rates. Such collaborations by awardee(s) also can support state immunization programs and Medicaid programs to use mutual resources to improve sustainability of immunization information systems.

Point of Contact: Achal Bhatt, [ZGV8@CDC.GOV](mailto:ZGV8@CDC.GOV)

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### **Evaluation of Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for Blood Disorders**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DD20-2002

Deadline: April 30, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=319477>

Description: Blood disorders are causes of morbidity and mortality, affecting one in 76 people in the United States (US). Hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (VWD), venous thromboembolism (VTE), and thalassemia are the blood disorders addressed within three separate components in this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). The purpose of this NOFO is to provide credible health information and evidence-based training as well as to support the implementation and evaluation of evidence-based health promotion and education programs. The health promotion framework will be used to ensure early identification, intervention, and management to improve outcomes for people with blood disorders. Applicants would apply to only one of the three following blood disorder components: 1) Hemophilia and VWD or 2) VTE or 3) Thalassemia.

Point of Contact: Brandi Dupervil, [INM4@CDC.GOV](mailto:INM4@CDC.GOV)

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## **Promoting Asthma Friendly Environments Through Partnerships and Collaborations**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-EH20-2002

Deadline: April 30, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=324958>

Description: The purpose of this NOFO is to promote evidence-based asthma strategies and interventions through partnerships and collaborations by using health education and communication strategies. Recipients will develop partnerships and collaborations using health education and communication strategies that will result in measurable impacts.

Point of Contact: Paige Welch, [PMC0@CDC.GOV](mailto:PMC0@CDC.GOV)

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## **May 2020 Deadline**

### **Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries**

NOFO Number: RFA-CE-20-006

Deadline: May 5, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323815>

Description: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC, Injury Center) is soliciting investigator-initiated research to understand and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime. For the purposes of this announcement, firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime include mass shooting incidents, other firearm homicides/assaults, firearm suicides/self-harm, unintentional firearm deaths and injuries, and firearm-related crime.

Point of Contact: Marcienne Wright, [LXV8@CDC.GOV](mailto:LXV8@CDC.GOV)

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### **Public Health Surveillance for the Prevention of Complications of Bleeding Disorders**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DD20-2004

Deadline: May 11, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=316492>

Description: Since the 1990s the congressional budget has included funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reduce or prevent the complications of hemophilia and other congenital bleeding disorders. Since 1996 the CDC has funded the federal network of hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) for the collection of data for the monitoring of health indicators of importance to persons with bleeding disorders. This data is used to measure rates of complications of bleeding disorders and monitor trends over time (including inhibitors and other issues of blood and treatment product safety); identify high risk populations for prevention programs; and identify issues that require research. The purpose of this FOA is to continue the surveillance for these conditions through the HTCs.

Point of Contact: Brandi Dupervil, [INM4@CDC.GOV](mailto:INM4@CDC.GOV)

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### **Sickle Cell Data Collection Program**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-DD20-2003

Deadline: May 11, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=323683>

Description: This NOFO will enhance understanding of the incidence, prevalence, demographics, health care utilization patterns, and mortality of Sickle Cell Disease in the United States. CDC plans to fund up to five recipients for a three-year period of performance to participate in the implementation of a Sickle Cell Disease

surveillance system. A population-based surveillance system will allow for the identification of individuals with Sickle Cell Disease and the standardized collection of information about their clinical history.

Point of Contact: Mary Hulihan, [IBX5@CDC.GOV](mailto:IBX5@CDC.GOV)

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### **Enhancing Disease Detection in Newborns: Building Capacity in Public Health Laboratories**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-EH20-2004

Deadline: May 14, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325064>

Description: This NOFO is intended to increase the capacity and capability of newborn screening laboratories to test for newborn screening conditions as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. This NOFO is also intended to improve newborn screening test performance and test interpretation of dried blood spot newborn screening.

Point of Contact: Kristin Dortch, [IOP2@CDC.GOV](mailto:IOP2@CDC.GOV)

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## **June 2020**

### **Tribal Colleges and Universities Program**

NOFO Number: 18-546

Deadline: June 10, 2020

Agency: National Science Foundation

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=301353>

Description: The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP) provides awards to Tribal Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native-serving institutions, and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions to promote high quality science (including sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, statistics, and other social and behavioral sciences as well as natural sciences), technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach. Support is available to TCUP-eligible institutions (see the Additional Eligibility subsection of Section IV of this solicitation) for transformative capacity-building projects through Instructional Capacity Excellence in TCUP Institutions (ICE-TI), Targeted STEM Infusion Projects (TSIP), TCU Enterprise Advancement Centers (TEA Centers), and Preparing for TCUP Implementation (Pre-TI). Collaborations that involve multiple institutions of higher education led by TCUP institutions are supported through Partnerships for Geoscience Education (PAGE) and Partnerships for Documentary Linguistics Education (PADLE). Finally, research studies that further the scholarly activity of individual faculty members are supported through Small Grants for Research (SGR) and Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science in Tribal Colleges and Universities (SEA-PHAGES in TCUs). Through the opportunities highlighted above, as well as collaborations with other National Science Foundation (NSF) units and other organizations, TCUP aims to increase Native individuals' participation in STEM careers and improve the quality of STEM programs at TCUP-eligible institutions. TCUP strongly encourages the inclusion of activities that will benefit veterans

Point of Contact: [grantsgovsupport@nsf.gov](mailto:grantsgovsupport@nsf.gov)

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### **Community-Based Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases (CARS)**

NOFO Number: CDC-RFA-PS20-2008

Deadline: June 10, 2020

Agency: CDC

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=320994>

Description: This NOFO focuses on reducing the proportion of adolescents and young adults with Chlamydia trachomatis infections, reducing Chlamydia rates among females aged 15-44 years, reducing gonorrhea rates, reducing sustained domestic transmission of primary and secondary syphilis, congenital syphilis, GC

incidence, and reducing the proportion of young adults with genital herpes infection due to herpes simplex type 2. The new NOFO provides support in five focus areas: (1) implementation of community engagement methods (e.g. community-based participatory research) to achieve health equity; (2) identification and implementation of systems and environmental change strategies that (a) promote sexual health and support healthy behaviors and (b) facilitate community-clinical linkages to build support for interventions to prevent and reduce STI disparities; (3) enhancement and sustainability of partnerships; (4) support for communication strategies to promote STD program successes and leverage additional resources for STI control and prevention; and (5) evaluation of the efficacy of this approach and intervention implementation. Measurable outcomes are: 1. Community Engagement: Community members actively participate in and are satisfied with Community Advisory Board (CAB); perceived power among CAB members; community social determinants of health priority are identified; community involved in design of interventions to reduce STD disparities; increased linkages with and access to target groups. 2. Identification and implementation of system and environmental strategies: Existing clinical resources identified; community priorities and effective community-designed interventions are implemented, evaluated, and sustained; positivity and treatment rates from community events and STD screenings are documented; decrease in exposure to social disorder (e.g., presence of trash, lack of community cooperation); decrease in risky sexual behavior; decrease in STD disparities; 3. Multi-sectorial partnerships: New and stable partnerships are formed; partner resources and influence are used to implement, evaluate, and community-designed interventions; 4. Communication: Increased awareness of STD disparities and sexual health issues through mixed-modal communication methods including social media; increased access to and use of community health resources and support services by target groups most impacted by STD disparities; increased access to and use of educational opportunities by target groups; implementation of effective health equity and sexual health communication methods. This FOA is designed to begin on September 30, 2020 and replaces FOA PS17-1707.

Point of Contact: Norman Haynes, [NHH9@CDC.GOV](mailto:NHH9@CDC.GOV)

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## CALL FOR COMMENTS/RESPONSES

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### **Proposed Revisions to the 10 Essential Public Health Services are Available for Comment**

Guided by a task force and with input from more than 1,300 stakeholders, the [Public Health National Center for Innovations](#) (PHNCI) and the [de Beaumont Foundation](#) are pleased to release the proposed 10 Essential Public Health Services (EPHS) framework for public review and comment. Comments will be accepted through **April 2, 2020** using [this survey link](#).

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### **Department of Homeland Security's Tribal Consultation Policy Revisions**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE) seeks input from federally recognized Indian tribal governments and Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) on proposed updates to the DHS Tribal Consultation Policy. The DHS Tribal Consultation Policy implements Executive Order (EO) 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and establishes an accountable process to ensure timely and meaningful consultation with Indian tribes. DHS is committed to meaningful review and revision of the policy as necessary or as requested by Indian Tribes or ANCs. Comments are being accepted through **June 1, 2020** and can be emailed to [DHS.IGA@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHS.IGA@hq.dhs.gov), or be mailed to: Office of Partnership and Engagement, ATTN: Tribal Consultation MS-0385, DHS/OPE, 2707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20528-0385.

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### **Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit Development**

Tribes are invited to participate in a pilot project that will develop a Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit. The project is intended to help Tribes save lives and reduce injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes by improving the

collection and use of crash data. Development of the toolkit is underway and expected to be complete in Fall 2020. The Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit will provide these tools:

- A ready-to-use electronic and printable crash report form based on a subset of the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC).
- A database that works with the included form to establish electronic storage of crash data in the Tribe's internal systems.
- Guidance documents:
  - Toolkit manual describing the Tools
  - An overview of the importance of Tribal crash data collection, describing how crash data can be used and dispelling misunderstandings concerning crash data collection
  - Crash form instructions and data definitions
  - Data analysis tool for identifying problem areas and applying for grant funding
  - Quality control tool outlining edit check procedures

The pilot project is starting soon! Tribal employees who want to participate or have questions about participating should contact Tom Bragan ([tom.bragan@dot.gov](mailto:tom.bragan@dot.gov)) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or Adam Larsen ([adam.larsen@dot.gov](mailto:adam.larsen@dot.gov)) of the Federal Highway Administration as soon as possible.

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### **Indigenous Knowledge on Blood Lead Level Testing**

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to increase the capacity of rural and non-urban Tribal communities for identifying and addressing elevated blood lead levels in Tribal children. To accomplish this, NIHB seeks to engage Tribal representatives and health professionals in 60-minute key informant interviews. The interviews will ask Tribal Health Directors or programmatic staff to describe their programs or operational plans in place for blood lead level testing and their current knowledge of lead exposure risk factors. Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sara Zdunek at [szdunek@nihb.org](mailto:szdunek@nihb.org) or 202-507-4077.

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## **LEGAL RESOURCES**

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### **CDC's Office of Public Health Law**

CDC provides technical assistance to its public health partners. Technical assistance may include services such as consulting, editing, and planning, but it does not involve an attorney-client relationship. CDC cannot provide legal advice on any issues. If you would like guidance or information on legal matters pertaining to certain aspects of public health, please complete this [form](#). For more information, please visit [Public Health Law](#). Disclaimer: Only a licensed attorney in your state can provide legal advice.

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### **Telehealth and Telemedicine Resources**

Telemedicine is a growing field and is expanding exponentially. CDC has created a database of legal and policy resources to help legislators, public health lawyers, and public health practitioners navigate the legal **landscape of telemedicine**. [Get started](#).

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### **The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project**

Public health emergencies are issues every community faces. It is critical for all jurisdictions to understand how law can be used to enhance public health preparedness, as well as to improve coordination and collaboration across jurisdictions. As sovereign entities, tribal governments have the authority to create their own laws and take steps to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. This project was established to assist tribal nations interested in expanding their legal preparedness capacity.

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### **Congressional Legislative Tracker**

The National Council of Urban Indian Health provides ongoing policy updates and legislative alerts on topics pertaining to the Urban Indian Health and Urban Indian Communities through a variety of platforms. [Track legislation in the U.S. Congress pertaining to or with the potential to impact tribal nations.](#)

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### **Statewide Tribal Legislation Database**

Every year numerous bills are considered by state legislatures that can affect tribal communities. These bills address a variety of issues including the environment, education, health care, taxes/revenue, including gaming and education. View introduced, pending and enacted legislation for the current legislative session on the National Conference of State Legislatures' [Statewide Tribal Legislation Database](#). For more information, email Martha Saenz at [martha.salazar@ncsl.org](mailto:martha.salazar@ncsl.org) or [state-tribal-info@ncsl.org](mailto:state-tribal-info@ncsl.org).

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### **Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker General Memoranda**

Hobbs Straus is a national law firm that has worked for over 30 years to help tribes realize positive change in Indian Country. The firm produces a free weekly *General Memoranda* that covers a wide range of topics detailing developments in Congress, the Executive Branch, and many federal agencies that impact Indian Country. For more information, including links to the latest editions of General Memoranda, please click [here](#).

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### **The National Indian Health Board's Regulations Tracker**

The [Regulations Report](#) is a product of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) intended to provide a brief explanation and current status of the most recently published Final Regulations and Proposed Regulations by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Indian Health Service (IHS). For more information, please click [here](#).

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### **Health information and Data Sharing Resources**

This database of tools and resources facilitates **data-sharing** between health agencies and can help address any legal barriers to data-sharing. Organizations can use these resources to help operate within proper policies, maintain HIPAA requirements, and be aware of other laws and regulations. [Go to the resources.](#)

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### **The Intersection of Syringe Use and HIV Criminalization Toolkit**

The Center for HIV Law & Policy has created a policy resource bank combined with case assistance, with a focus on systems and institutions that impact communities affected by HIV. The **LGBTQ community** is a focus of this toolkit. [Access the toolkit.](#)

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## **TRAININGS AND NON-LEGAL RESOURCES**

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### **National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging Webinar Series—Traumatic Brain Injury and Mental Illness Among Older Adults: The Problem and New Management Approaches**

Each year, an estimated 40 million older Americans (age 65+) experience a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Older adults who suffer from a TBI are at an increased risk for developing mental health disorders, such as major depression and panic disorder. Join this webinar to learn how TBIs impact older adults and the process of aging, and how to treat consequential mental health disorders. The presenter will also share new clinical and geriatric approaches to evaluating TBI. [Register for this webinar](#) to receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

When: **March 26, 2020 at 3:00 PM EDT**

Where: [Must register to receive information about how to join webinar.](#)

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### **Healthy People 2030 Launch Event**

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will unveil the latest edition of [Healthy People](#)! The event is at the George Washington University, and you can attend in person or via webcast. [Register for the event now.](#)

Healthy People 2030 is a set of science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving health and well-being in the United States. At the event, we'll highlight the new Healthy People 2030 goals and objectives and provide an overview of the development process. We'll also feature a panel discussion showcasing how select organizations and communities have successfully used Healthy People to promote health and address the social determinants of health, health equity, and well-being.

When: **March 31, 2020 at 1:00 EDT**

Where: **Washington DC or via webcast**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference**

The primary goal of the annual National Native Health Research Training (NNHRT) conference is to contribute toward the growth of a Native health research community that is dedicated to honoring Tribal decision-making processes, building trust through Tribal community participation and guided by Tribal cultural knowledge and values. The NNHRT conference is sponsored by the Indian Health Services (IHS) and hosted by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), and the Native Research Network (NRN). To register, [read more here.](#)

When: **June 29–July 1, 2020**

Where: **Temecula, California**

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### **Building Bridges Between Providers & Communities (B3PC)**

The Indian Health Service is hosting Building Bridges Between Providers & Communities, with the theme focused on “Supporting and Strengthening Programs and Partnerships for Healthy Living” from either **August 3–7 or August 10–13, 2020** in one of the following locations: Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; Salt Lake City, UT; Oklahoma City, OK; or Albuquerque, NM. Final dates, location, and more information is coming soon. For more information, visit this link <https://www.ihs.gov/ocps/>

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### **2020 World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference**

The First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM) will host the [World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference](#). The theme is “Strength in our communities” and will focus on protective factors through building identity, resilience and culture, ways of preventing suicide reducing risks, and showcasing wise practices on the spectrum forum of prevention and intervention encompassed by culture and indigenous knowledge.

When: **August 25–27, 2020**

Where: **Turtle Island-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

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### **2020 Public Health Law Conference**

Presenters and attendees will address law and policy pathways to improve children's health, eliminate social barriers to health, legal capacity of public health departments, and more. [Save \\$100 registering by April 16<sup>th</sup>.](#)

When: **September 16–18, 2020**

Where: **Baltimore, Maryland**

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### **NIHB E-Course: Public Health Training**

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) have released their interactive e-course: Public Health Training. This e-course is intended to educate Tribal leaders and Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) members on public health

topics and provide information, including best practices, to support consultation on public health topics. [Access the e-course here.](#)

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### **Public Health Associate Program: Recorded Technical Assistance Webinars for Host Sites**

Is your tribal health organization looking for impactful ways to expand and deliver your public health services? Perhaps you have staffing and budget gaps you need to fill? CDC's Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) may be the solution you are looking for! To learn more about applying to host an associate at your organization, visit the PHAP website to view recorded technical assistance webinars. Learn more [here](#).

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### **[SOAR for Native Communities Online Module and Training](#)**

SOAR online is a new series of CE/CME training modules that you can complete whenever, wherever you like. Each module discusses the SOAR framework and how to apply it where you work to identify individuals who are at risk or who have been trafficked and connect them with the resources they need. SOAR online is designed to educate health care providers, social workers, public health professionals, and behavioral health professionals on how to identify, treat, and respond appropriately to individuals who are at risk or who have been trafficked. [Click here](#) to register for this online training. Account sign-up at TRAIN.org is required.

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### **Redesigned AMBER Alert Website Now Features Indian Country Resources**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has [launched](#) a refreshed [AMBER Alert website](#). The refreshed website now includes access to the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country website](#), a summary of the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative](#), and training and technical assistance resources. The website, managed by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), provides resources to help regional and state-level AMBER Alert training and coordination efforts and links to resources that support the AMBER Alert program through national partners and OJJDP grantees.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- View and download OJJDP's ["Implementation of the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018: A Report to Congress."](#)
- Access OJJDP's Missing and Exploited Children [webpage](#) for resources.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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### **Presentations from the National Conference on American Indian/Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention Are Now Available**

The National Conference on American Indian/Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention took place from July 23-25, 2019 in Denver, Colorado. The conference was hosted by the IHS Injury Prevention Program and CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Selected presentation slides from the conference are available for viewing on the website for the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health. To access conference presentations click [here](#).

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

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### **Federal**

#### **CDC Fellowship and Training Opportunities (Deadline Approaching)**

Several opportunities are open for individuals with diverse skill sets and education levels:

- [CDC Museum Disease Detective Camp](#) is open now through **March 27, 2020**.
- [CDC Evaluation Fellowship Program](#) is open now through **March 31, 2020**.
- [Epidemiology Elective Program \(EEP\)](#) is open now through **March 31, 2020**.

- [Public Health Law Program Internships and Externships for Fall 2020](#) is open now through April 30, 2020.
- [Regional Training Workshops: Teaching Tomorrow's Disease Detectives](#) registration is open until available seats are filled.

For more information about available opportunities, please visit [the CDC fellowships and training website](#).

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### **Public Health Associate Program: Host Site Applications**

The [Public Health Associate Program](#) (PHAP) is a competitive, two-year, paid training program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. PHAP associates are assigned to public health agencies and nongovernmental organizations in the United States and US territories and work alongside other professionals across a variety of public health settings. Throughout the two-year training program, associates gain hands-on experience that will serve as a foundation for their public health careers. After completing the program, PHAP graduates are qualified to apply for jobs with public health agencies and organizations. The **PHAP host site application** period is **April 1–14, 2020**.

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### **Native Student Travel Scholarship Program: Connecting Science to Crime and Justice**

To enhance diversity in the field of criminal justice, the Department of Justice will support 15 American Indian and Alaska Native students to attend criminal justice-related conferences. Students will explore how their educational backgrounds apply to issues of crime and justice. They will meet researchers and practitioners engaged in similar work. Conferences will expose students to innovative and evidence-based scientific and technological solutions to justice issues. Click [here](#) for eligibility and application requirements and deadlines and to download the application form.

Deadline: **April 15, 2020**

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### **Public Health Student Intern Program**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is seeking applicants for the Public Health Student Intern Program (PHSIP). Public Health Interns will complete a one-semester rotation within one of HRSA's Bureaus or Offices. This public health program offers unpaid experience for current graduate and undergraduate students in good standing at schools of public health and public health programs in the United States. Students who are interested in participating in the Public Health Intern Program at HRSA may [read more here](#) or contact the HRSA Strategic Recruitment office at [PHSIP@hrsa.gov](mailto:PHSIP@hrsa.gov).

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## **Non-Federal**

### **Mayo Clinic Native American Summer Pathways Program**

As part of Mayo Clinic's continued focus on reconciliation and building relationships with American Indian and Alaska Native communities, this 4-week summer program is intended for to aid undergraduate students in STEM in preparation for health careers. The first three weeks will be hosted in Rochester, MN. In addition to clinical shadowing, students will take part in culturally informed health scenario simulations, receive advanced science instruction, and enhance their interview and personal statement skills. Participants will also benefit from mentoring, culturally based team-building opportunities, and a customized Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation workshop. The fourth week of the program will include travel to participate in the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) Pre-Admissions Workshop and Annual Meeting in Tacoma, WA. Transportation and lodging will be provided. Participants will receive a stipend and a year of access to an online MCAT prep course. [Read more here](#).

Deadline: **March 31, 2020**

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## **[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Leadership Programs](#)**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) supports and connects change leaders nationwide who are working to build a culture of health through their leadership development programs:

- *Health Policy Research Scholars* invests in scholars from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented backgrounds whose research and leadership can help shape policy toward a Culture of Health.
- *Interdisciplinary Research Leaders* equips teams of researchers and community partners to apply advanced leadership skills and rigorous research in meeting pressing community health needs.
- *Clinical Scholars* prepares and supports interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals to use their voice and skills in collaboratively tackling complex health issues in their communities.
- *Summer Health Professions Education Program* focuses on improving access to information and resources for college students interested in the health professions.

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### **[NNPHI Director of Research and Evaluation](#)**

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) works to unite public health institutes, training centers, community organizations, government agencies, health care systems, and businesses in advancing public health practice and improving population health. Mobilizing more than 40-member public health institutes with over \$1.4 billion in annual funding – as well as 10 university-based regional training centers and 40 affiliates – NNPHI is a social, financial and information network, connecting more than 8,000 subject-matter experts with organizational partners across the nation. **NNPHI seeks an experienced and entrepreneurial professional to serve as its next Director of Research and Evaluation (Director of R&E).** The Director of R&E will lead NNPHI's Evidence to Action (E2A) portfolio team, implementing projects within the E2A portfolio and providing research and evaluation services across additional NNPHI portfolios. This is an exciting opportunity for a seasoned public health research and evaluation leader with strong team development and portfolio management skills to lead and strengthen public health priorities and learning across a dedicated and active national network.

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### **[National Indian Health Board Open Positions](#)**

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions based in Washington, DC:

- Director of Public Health Policy and Programs
- Congressional Relations Associate

Those who are interested in making a positive difference in the health of America's Native Peoples' lives are encouraged to apply.

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### **Washington University Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, announced a transdisciplinary postdoctoral training program in obesity and cardiovascular disease. This training program is currently recruiting talented postdoctoral trainees from diverse scientific backgrounds (e.g., genetics, molecular cell biology, psychology, social work, public health, neurosciences) that are interested in developing the transdisciplinary research skills necessary to address the complex problems of obesity and cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment across the lifespan. To apply, please download and complete the application form found [here](#) and send to Sherri Gabbert, PhD, program administrator, at [gabberts@wustl.edu](mailto:gabberts@wustl.edu)  
Deadline: **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

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## **CURRENT ISSUES AND TRIBAL NEWS**

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### **National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NNHAAD) is today (March 20<sup>th</sup>). **NNHAAD** is a national effort designed to encourage Natives (American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians) across the United

States and Territorial Areas to get educated, get tested, get involved in prevention and get treated for HIV. Partners and organizations can use the Let's Stop HIV Together campaign resources to highlight ways to reduce HIV stigma and promote testing and treatment for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. The Let's Stop HIV Together campaign includes [resources](#) and [partnerships](#) aimed at stopping [HIV stigma](#) and promoting HIV [testing](#), [prevention](#), and [treatment](#). This campaign is part of the national [Ending the HIV Epidemic \(EHE\)](#) Initiative. Let's Stop HIV Together empowers communities, partners on the ground, and healthcare providers to reduce stigma among all Americans, prevent HIV among the hardest-hit populations, and help people with HIV stay healthy.

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### **CDC Celebrates World Water Day**

The United Nations observes World Water Day each year on March 22 to promote access to safe water for everyone. Here at CDC, we are highlighting the accomplishments of our Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) experts in the face of natural disasters and changing climate. WASH experts from CDC respond to international disasters, disease outbreaks, and humanitarian crises that threaten the supply of safe drinking water in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. CDC and partners supported sustainable solutions to help countries improve access to safe water and be better prepared for the next disaster. Around the world, clean drinking water is essential to a healthy life, and CDC's WASH experts work to ensure safe drinking water even when disaster strikes. Visit CDC's [website](#) to learn more about its emergency response and recovery work with other CDC partners.

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### **MMWR: Drug and Opioid-Involved Overdose Deaths – United States, 2017-2018**

CDC released a new *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* of final 2018 data describing opioid-involved overdose deaths in the United States. The article, [Drug and Opioid-Involved Overdose Deaths—United States, 2017-2018](#), reports that in 2018, there were 46,802 opioid-involved overdose deaths. While the opioid-involved overdose death rate decreased 2.0% from 2017 to 2018, 69.5% of all drug overdose deaths still involved an opioid. [Read full article here.](#)

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### **Senator Udall Introduces Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Bill**

U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, introduced the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act. This legislation would ensure Tribes have direct access to Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funds from CDC. Under current law, Tribes are not eligible to apply for PHEP funds. The bill includes a baseline requirement to fund at least ten Tribes for emergency preparedness and exempts Tribes from having to put forth any matching funds. In addition, the bill waives many of the onerous reporting requirements that are imposed on state PHEP recipients. The full text of the CDC Tribal Public Health Security and Preparedness Act is available [here](#).

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### **2020 Census Tribal Resources**

The Tribal Affairs team works closely with American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) tribal nations on a government-to-government basis to address issues concerning tribal self-government. The government-to-government relation is based on the United States Constitution, federal treaties, policy, law, court decisions, executive orders, and the ongoing political relationship among tribal nations and the federal government. The Intergovernmental Affairs Office serves as the principal liaison office for tribal affairs and is the principal advisor to the Director and executive staff on tribal issues and concerns. The team's work focuses on collaborating with other agencies, building and maintaining relationships with tribal leaders, tribal associations, and tribal citizens in order to educate, inform, consult and share program information from across the U.S. Census Bureau. Click [here](#) to view the resources.

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### **The Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer**

The latest Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer finds that for all cancer sites combined, **cancer death rates continued to drop** in men, women, adolescents and young adults, and children in the United States from 2001 to 2017. While there was some progress toward reaching the Healthy People 2020 targets for lung cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer in women, and colorectal cancer, more work needs to be done to address disparities in cancer screening and some risk behaviors. The annual report is produced by CDC, the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries. [Read the report.](#)

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### **Study Identified Effects of Minimum Wage Policies on Suicide Rates**

This groundbreaking study, recently published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, is the first work to estimate how the unemployment rate modifies the relationship between state minimum wage policies and suicide rates in the United States. Click [here](#) to read the article.

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### **Shingles Vaccine May Also Reduce Stroke Risk**

Fully half of adults who live to age 85 have had or will get shingles, and they are at a higher risk for stroke, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our study results may encourage people ages 50 and older to follow the recommendation and get vaccinated against shingles,” said Quanhe Yang, Ph.D., a senior scientist at the CDC. “You are reducing the risk of shingles, and at the same time you may be reducing your risk of stroke. Click [here](#) for the article.

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### **How Juul Pitched E-Cigs to Native American Tribes**

Time Magazine reports on Juul’s targeted marketing of e-cigarettes to 8 Native American tribes. “I always suspected that the targeting of tribes was more pervasive than we knew,” says Rae O’Leary, a public health analyst who founded the anti-tobacco Canli Coalition of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST) and [in July testified](#) before Congress about Juul’s outreach to the CRST. Tobacco also holds a unique place in Native American culture, since many tribes use it ceremonially and view it as sacred, Owen says. While she says ritual use is “completely different” than vaping or smoking, some tobacco companies have [capitalized on that association](#)—as well as tribal sovereignty, which exempts Native populations from many tobacco laws and regulations—in their sales and marketing practices. Among other strategies, tobacco companies have used price reductions, charitable donations and sponsorships to forge relationships with tribes “not only to increase sales...but also to maintain goodwill among American Indian/Alaska Native leaders [and] improve overall image and credibility...” Click [here](#) to read the article.