



*Oklahoma City Area
Indian Health Service
Division of Environmental Health*



Creating Partnerships to Promote Public Health

Topics for Discussion



- ❧ Program Overview
- ❧ Program Services and Activities
- ❧ Direct Service/Compacting/Contracting
- ❧ Partnerships

Indian Health Service Mission Statement



- ❧ “To raise the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska natives (AI/AN) to the highest level.”
- ❧ Do you know what your organization’s mission statement is?

Core Function



- ❧ Provide a comprehensive environmental health program to tribes and tribal organizations to effectively address environmental health and safety concerns affecting public health.
- ❧ Technical assistance versus enforcement
- ❧ All Tribes are sovereign and have their own enforcement component

Interesting Fact

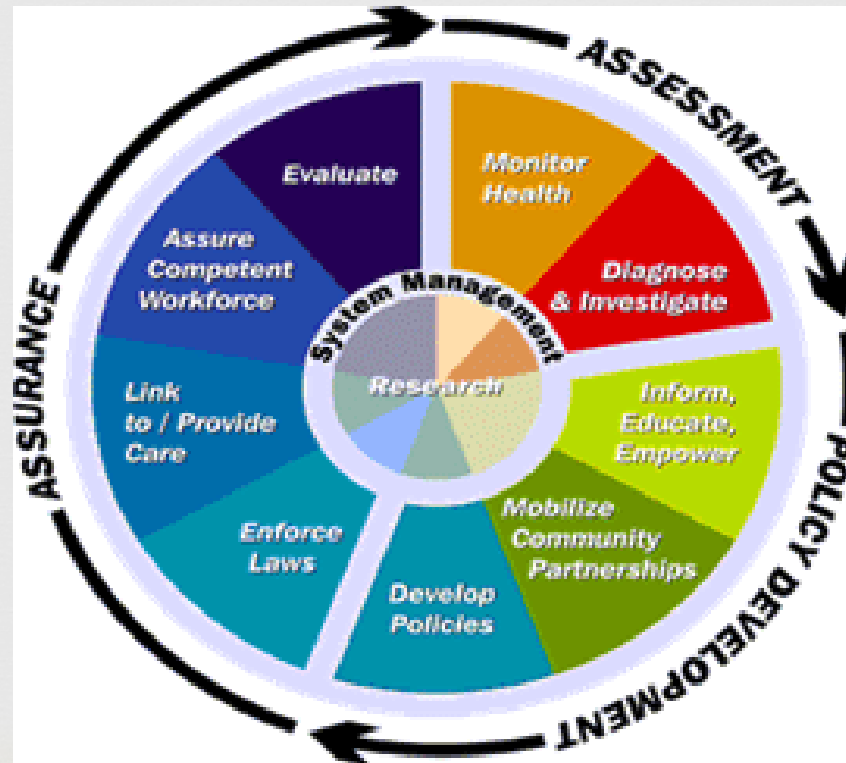


- ❧ Native Americans and Alaskan Natives are the only ethnic group born with the legal right to health care
- ❧ Created as a result of treaties
- ❧ Must be able to prove, legally, that you are an American Native or Alaskan Native

Program Foundation



Activities are based off the 10 Essential Public Health Services



Operational Overview



✧ 3 distinct disciplines:

- General Environmental Health
- Institutional Environmental Health
- Injury Prevention

Staff



- ☞ Staff are comprised of 2 separate employment systems:
- U.S. Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps
 - Federal Civil Service Employees



Coverage Area



- ❧ Oklahoma
- ❧ Texas (Kickapoo Tribe of Texas – Eagle Pass, TX)
- ❧ Kansas

- ❧ Provide direct environmental health services to 30 tribes

- ❧ Direct Service – federal dollars come to the IHS rather than the Tribe to operate the environmental health program

Staff members in Action



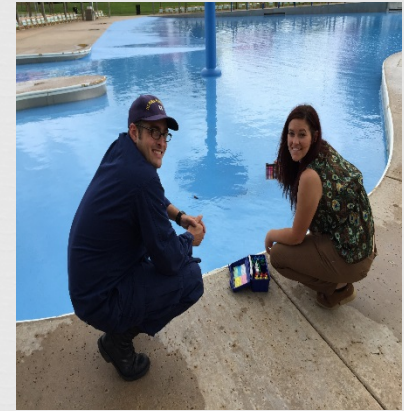
Industrial Hygiene



Radiation Protection



Injury Prevention



General EH

DEHS

Staff members in Action



Office Locations



- ❧ Area Office – Oklahoma City
- ❧ Okmulgee Field Office – Okmulgee, OK
- ❧ Pawnee Field Office – Pawnee, OK
- ❧ Lawton Field Office – Lawton, OK
- ❧ Clinton Field Office – Clinton, OK
- ❧ Shawnee Filed Office – Shawnee, OK
- ❧ Holton Field Office – Holton, KS

Partnerships & Resources



- ❧ Creating partnerships to promote a better public health service to the Tribes served is a major component of the program
- ❧ Always looking to develop new partnerships and share resources

Current Partnerships



- ❧ Oklahoma Highway Patrol – Seat Belt & Child Passenger Initiative
- ❧ Safe Kids Coalition – Car Seat Initiative
- ❧ Oklahoma State Department of Health – Several Initiatives
- ❧ University of Oklahoma – Injury Prevention Data Sharing
- ❧ National Shooting Sports Foundation – Gun Locks
- ❧ American Red Cross – Smoke Detectors
- ❧ Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) – Tribal Emergency Management Support

Partnerships





Next Partnership?

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Questions?