

OVERVIEW OF NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION AND SERVICES IN CALIFORNIA

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OVERVIEW

- ▶ Historical Perspective: Indian Health Service (IHS) -Tribal Government Relationship
- ▶ Population Served
- ▶ Service Challenges and Opportunities

IHS-TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

- ▶ A unique government-to-government relationship exists between American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribes and Federal Government
- ▶ Relationship is grounded in the Constitution, numerous treaties, statutes, and executive orders.
- ▶ The U.S. recognizes the rights of Indians to self-governance and self-determination.

THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

- ▶ An Agency of the Department of Health and Human Services-- since 1955
- ▶ Federal health care provider for eligible American Indians/Alaska Natives
 - ▶ Members of federally recognized tribes
- ▶ Healthcare to 1.9 million active users
 - ▶ FY 2017 - CA Area Population Served - 88,887 AI/ANs residing on or near reservations
- ▶ Annual per capita healthcare expenditures:
 - ▶ - estimated at \$1,600 (IHS)

AI/AN DEMOGRAPHICS

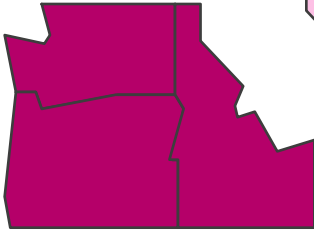
- ▶ **567 federally recognized** tribes ... 104 served by California Area IHS
- ▶ IHS offers services in 35 states
- ▶ Per 2010 Census: 5.2 million AI/ANs live in the United States
 - ▶ 2.9 million reported as AI/AN only
 - ▶ 2.3 million AI/ANs reported as identifying with one or more race
- ▶ Mostly **urban**
 - ▶ 36% live on or near reservations
 - ▶ 64% live in urban areas

* Source: Census 2010,
<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-02.pdf>

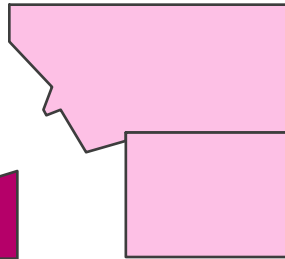
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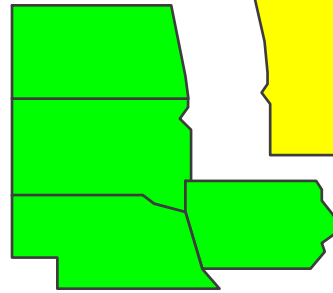
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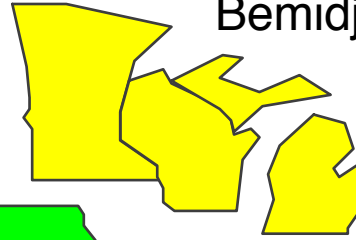
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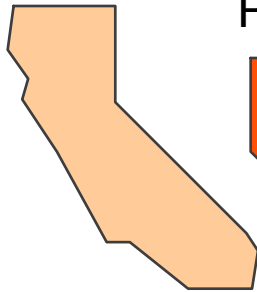
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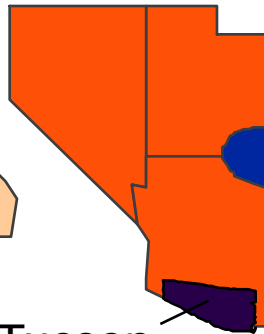
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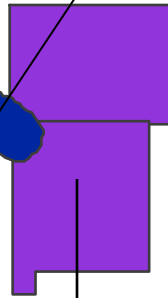
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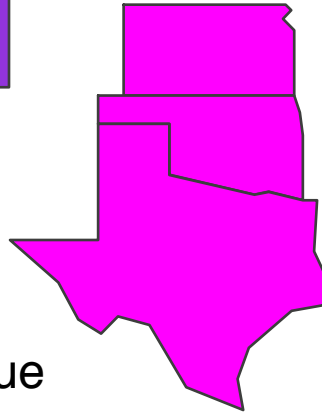
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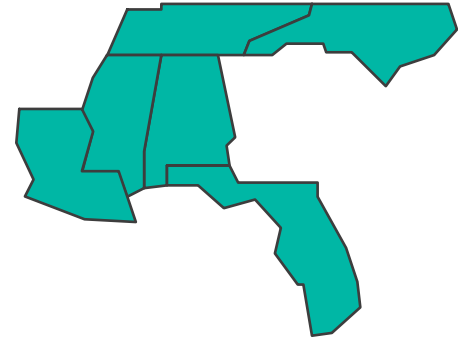
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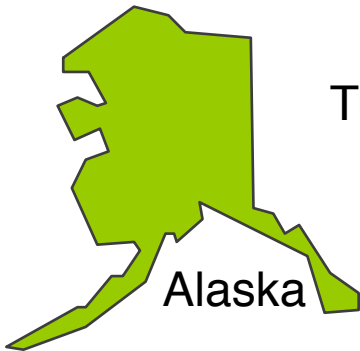


Nashville



Tucson

Albuquerque



Alaska

IHS/TRIBAL/URBAN

- ▶ Indian Health Service facilities
 - ▶ Funded and managed by IHS
 - ▶ CA Area - IHS Direct-Care facilities (one; second to open in 2021)
- ▶ Tribal healthcare programs
 - ▶ Funded by IHS; managed by individual Tribe
 - ▶ CA Area - 34 Tribal
- ▶ Urban Indian healthcare organizations
 - ▶ Funded in part by IHS, but not managed by IHS
 - ▶ CA Area - 10 Urban
- ▶ Bottom Line:

Of the 676 facilities funded by IHS, only 21% are directly managed by IHS

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS, SATELLITE CLINICS, AND URBAN INDIAN HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS



PRACTICE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Challenges

- ▶ AI/AN children –
 - ▶ Identifying gaps in care - well-child care may be provided by outside of system providers
- ▶ High staff vacancies/turnover
- ▶ Limited resources for staff development
- ▶ Competing healthcare priorities
- ▶ Workflow processes often lacking

Opportunities

- ▶ Competent and committed IHS, Tribal and Urban Indian Organization staff
- ▶ Strong commitment of IHS and Tribal leaders to improving healthcare access and health outcomes for AI/AN people
- ▶ AI/AN community interest and engagement
- ▶ Interested and dedicated collaborative partners at the Tribal, Federal, State, and local levels

IHS WEB RESOURCES

- ▶ Indian Health Service website:
<https://www.ihs.gov>
- ▶ California Area Indian Health Service website:
<https://www.ihs.gov/california>



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