

ASSESSING HEALTH PROMOTION AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

AN AGGREGATE GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY UPDATE

AGGREGATE REGIONAL UPDATE

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) coordinated 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 was able to capture and report meaningful program information on chronic disease prevention outcomes and progress in addressing AI/AN community interests and needs.

Some examples of how TECs have supported regional GHWIC communities include:

- Providing technical assistance or consultative support to GHWIC-funded Tribes and Tribal Health Organizations.
- Directly influencing community members through both capacity building efforts and policy, systems, and environmental changes.
- Implementing new and/or revised evaluation activities with Tribal Nations and/or Tribal programs.

The following are aggregated estimates of TEC regional GHWIC efforts between September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019.



BY THE NUMBERS

277

New or enhanced public health partnerships

617

Instances of technical assistance or consultative support

95,007

People reached through GHWIC activities

November 2019

GHWIC NATIONAL EVALUATION

Evaluation of GHWIC is divided into three Tiers: Individual (Tier 1), Regional (Tier 2), and National (Tier 3).

- Tier 1 examined individual grantee progress toward selected outcomes and assessed impact of GHWIC supported programmatic work.
- Tier 2 employed 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 evaluated 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.

TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTERS



Map of GHWIC-funded Tribes and Tribal Organizations

