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Tribal Health Program Support

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Tribal Health Program Support



- Tribal Health Program Support (THPS), originally the Health Information Office (HIO), was created in 1995 through an Indian Self Determination Education and Assistance Act (ISDEAA) P.L. 93-638 contract with the Indian Health Service (IHS). Over the years, THPS has expanded to contract the Nashville Area Office of Tribal Affairs, Diabetes Control Officer, and Nutrition Program.
- THPS provides up-to-date public health information/education, advocacy tools, policy analysis, and health promotion and disease prevention programming.

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Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC)
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Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs)

- Established in 1996-Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Permanently reauthorized in 2010 as part of the Affordable Care Act
 - Modified to be Public Health Authorities
- Post 2010-Much more attention paid to TEC's and more funding opportunities became available

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Seven Core Functions of TECs

- Collect data relating to, and monitor progress made toward meeting... health status objectives
- Evaluate existing delivery systems, data systems, and other systems that impact the improvement of Indian health;
- Assist in identifying highest-priority health status objectives
- Make recommendations for the targeting of services
- Make recommendations to improve health care delivery systems for Indians and urban Indians;
- Provide requested technical assistance
- Provide disease surveillance

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Current USET TEC- Includes all THPS

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