

OERM/THPS Collaboration: Address & Reduce Lead Exposure in Tribal Children

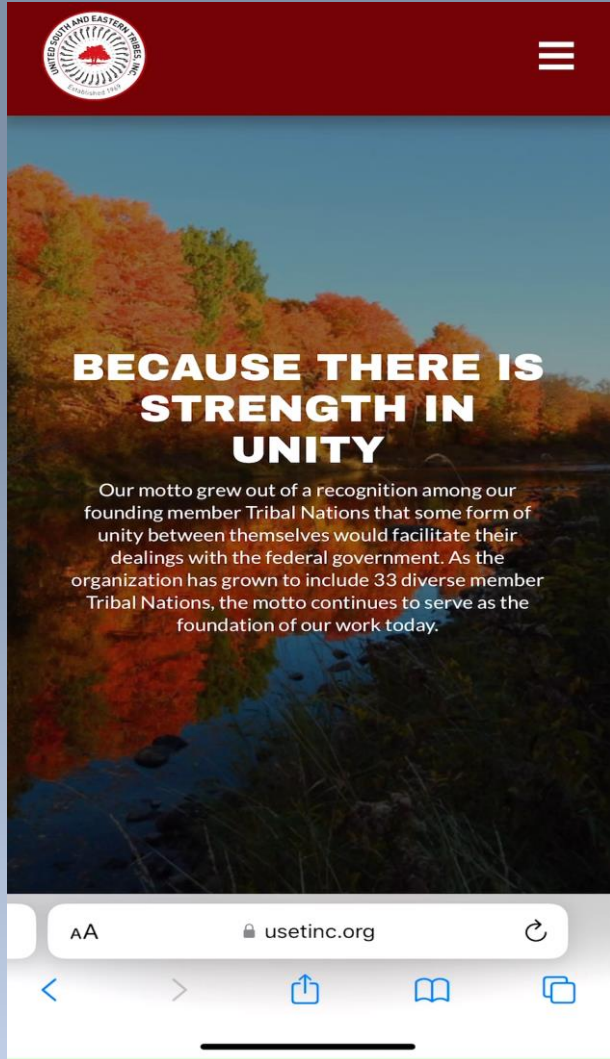


- EPA Funded WIIN 2107 Grant- 3T's Toolkit
- USET Member Tribal Nation Youth Facilities (1986)
- Slowed physical and mental development in infants, lowered IQ levels, impaired hearing, reduced attention span, and poor classroom performance
- BLL to Drinking Water Sampling

Tribe	2018 0-16 User Population	2018 0-16 tested for blood lead levels	% of 0-16 tested	0-16 tested for blood lead levels w/elevated levels	% of 0-16 tested	2022 0-16 User Population	2022 0-16 tested for blood lead levels	% of 0-16 tested	0-16 tested for blood lead levels w/elevated levels	% of 0-16 tested
USET	14093	5511	39%	241	4%	13884	5664	41%	1182	21%

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[USET OERM Webinar | Learning About Lead Exposure in Tribal Children – United South & Eastern Tribes \(usetinc.org\)](https://usetinc.org)

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[USET Lead Testing in Drinking Water Program Application \(smartsheet.com\)](https://smartsheet.com)

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Facets of Food Sovereignty



Healthy Habits:
Tribal Health Support Program

Infrastructure:
Economic Development

Training & Outreach:
Office of Environmental Resource
Management

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OERM - Economic Development Collaboration 2023 Tribal Utility Finance Forum



- Opportunity to introduce innovative solutions and best practices
- Builds interdepartmental bridges between subject matter experts

Focus on building managerial, financial, and technical capacity:

- Workforce development
 - Attracting
 - Training
- Regulatory compliance with the SDWA and CWA
- Leadership development
- Managing operational risks
- Financial resilience
- Capital improvement planning
 - Engineering studies to assess infrastructure
 - Funding mechanisms



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2023 Tribal Utility Finance Forum Utilities - Economic Development Collaboration



Hosted by the Tunica Biloxi
Tribe of Louisiana at the
Paragon Casino Resort



1. Day 1: Presentations
 - a. USDA RD (fund ops)
 - b. EPA (contaminants of emerging concern, fund ops)
 - c. DOE (energy, funding ops)
 - d. Outcomes:
 - i. Information exchange
 - ii. Great discussions
2. Day 2: Tour: organized and led by the host Tribal Nation
 - a. Cultural resource center
 - b. Area of land to be developed for duplexes
 - i. Land cleared
 - ii. Roads paved
 - c. Pre-historic burial mounds
 - d. MobiLoans, LLC operations and call center
 - i. Tribal lending entity wholly owned by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
 - ii. Operates within their reservation
 - iii. Serves 21 states and DC



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