



# Tribal Home Visiting Kickoff Meeting

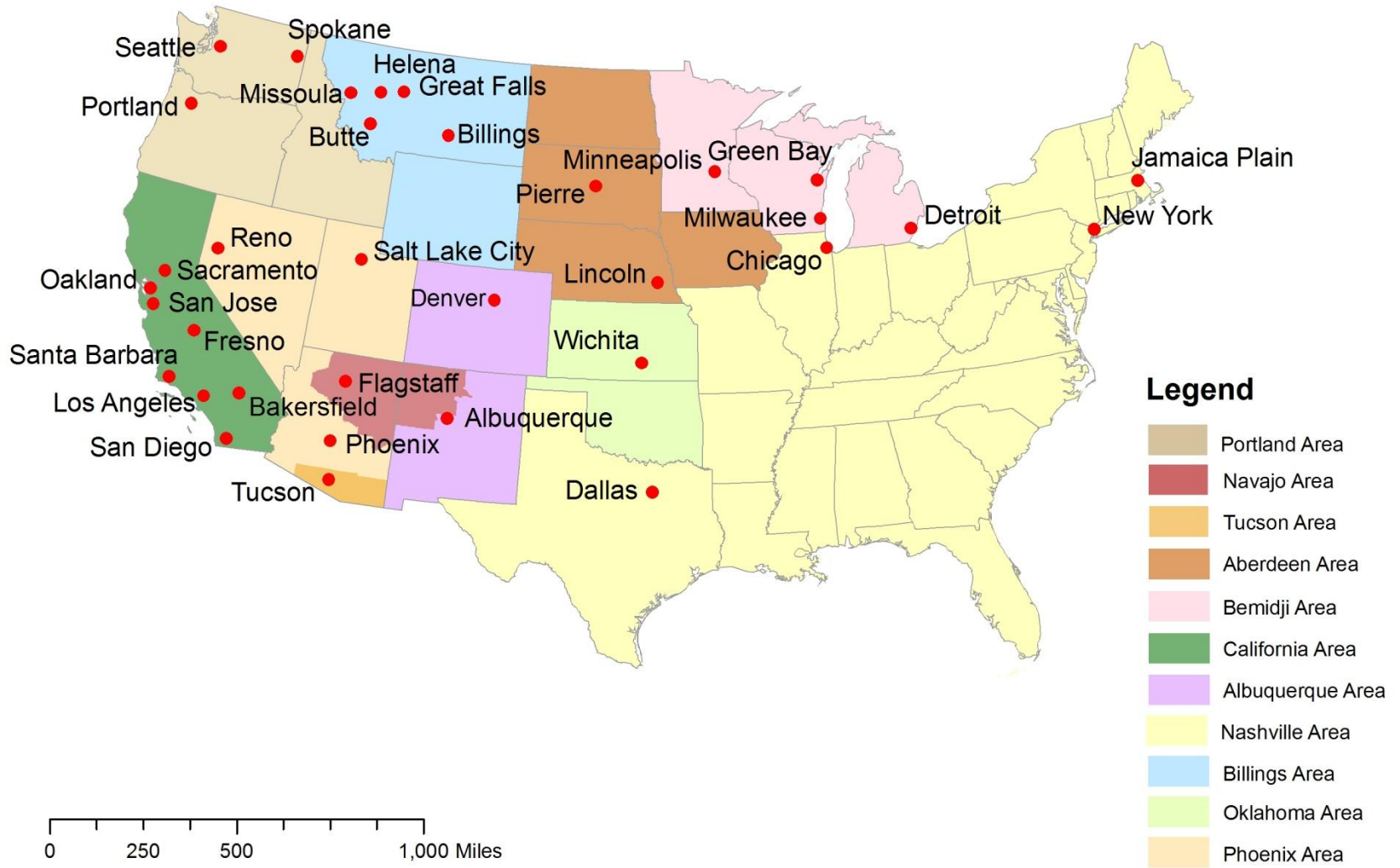
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# Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI)

[www.uihi.org](http://www.uihi.org)

- Established in 2000 as a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board
- One of 12 tribal epidemiology centers
- Mission: To support the health and well-being of Urban Indian communities through information, scientific inquiry, and technology

# Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs)



0 250 500 1,000 Miles

# TECs

- surveillance for disease conditions
- epidemiological analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of surveillance data
- investigation of disease outbreaks
- development and implementation of epidemiological studies
- development and implementation of disease control and prevention programs
- coordination of activities with other public health authorities in the region.

# TECs

- Alaska Native Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.anthc.org/cs/chs/epi/contact.cfm>
- Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.aastec.net/>
- California Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.crihb.org/health-resources/california-epi-center.html>
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.glitc.org/epicenter/staff.html>

# TECs

- Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.itcaonline.com/epi/contact.html>
- Navajo Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - (928) 871-6254
- Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.aatchb.org/epi/index.htm>
- Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - [http://www.npaihb.org/epicenter/epicenter\\_staff/](http://www.npaihb.org/epicenter/epicenter_staff/)

# TECs

- Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.rmtec.org/>
- Southern Plains Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.ocaithb.org>
- United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - <http://www.usetinc.org/Programs/USET-THPS/TribalEpiCenter.aspx>

# Secondary Data Analyses

<b>YRBS</b>	Health risk behaviors in urban AI/AN
<b>Birth &amp; Death files (PPOR)</b>	Periods of highest risk for infant mortality among AI/AN in WA, OR and ID
<b>NSFG</b>	Unintended pregnancy, sexual and contraceptive risk factors, and sexual violence in urban AI/AN
<b>PRAMS</b>	Stressful life events, social support and prenatal care among AI/AN in WA and OR *In collaboration with WA PRAMS and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board



# Data Collection

data from urban Indian health organizations  
(UIHO)

disease surveillance

needs assessment

utilization of best practices

# Technical Assistance

program evaluation

coordination of research studies

database management

qualitative and quantitative information gathering  
and analysis

reporting

information technology support

# Bemidji needs assessment

- Multi year project
- 6 sites in the upper Midwest
  - Chicago
  - Detroit
  - Green Bay
  - Grand Rapids
  - Milwaukee
  - Minneapolis

# Bemidji needs assessment

- Collaborative effort
  - Great Lakes Tribal Epidemiology Center
  - IHS Bemidji Region
  - Office of Minority Health
  - IHS Urban Indian Health Program

# Bemidji needs assessment

- Community based participatory research
  - Focus groups first to document community needs and areas of interest
  - Advisory council formed to guide the project
  - Community members helped recruit and conducted in depth interviews

# Bemidji needs assessment

- Survey design
  - Developed from initial focus groups
  - Input from advisory council
  - Pilot tested in each community using Cognitive Interview process

# Bemidji Needs Assessment

- Findings and results
  - Are owned by the community and UIHO
  - Documented:
    - unmet needs
    - barriers to care
    - community perceptions of existing resources

Questions? Comments?

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