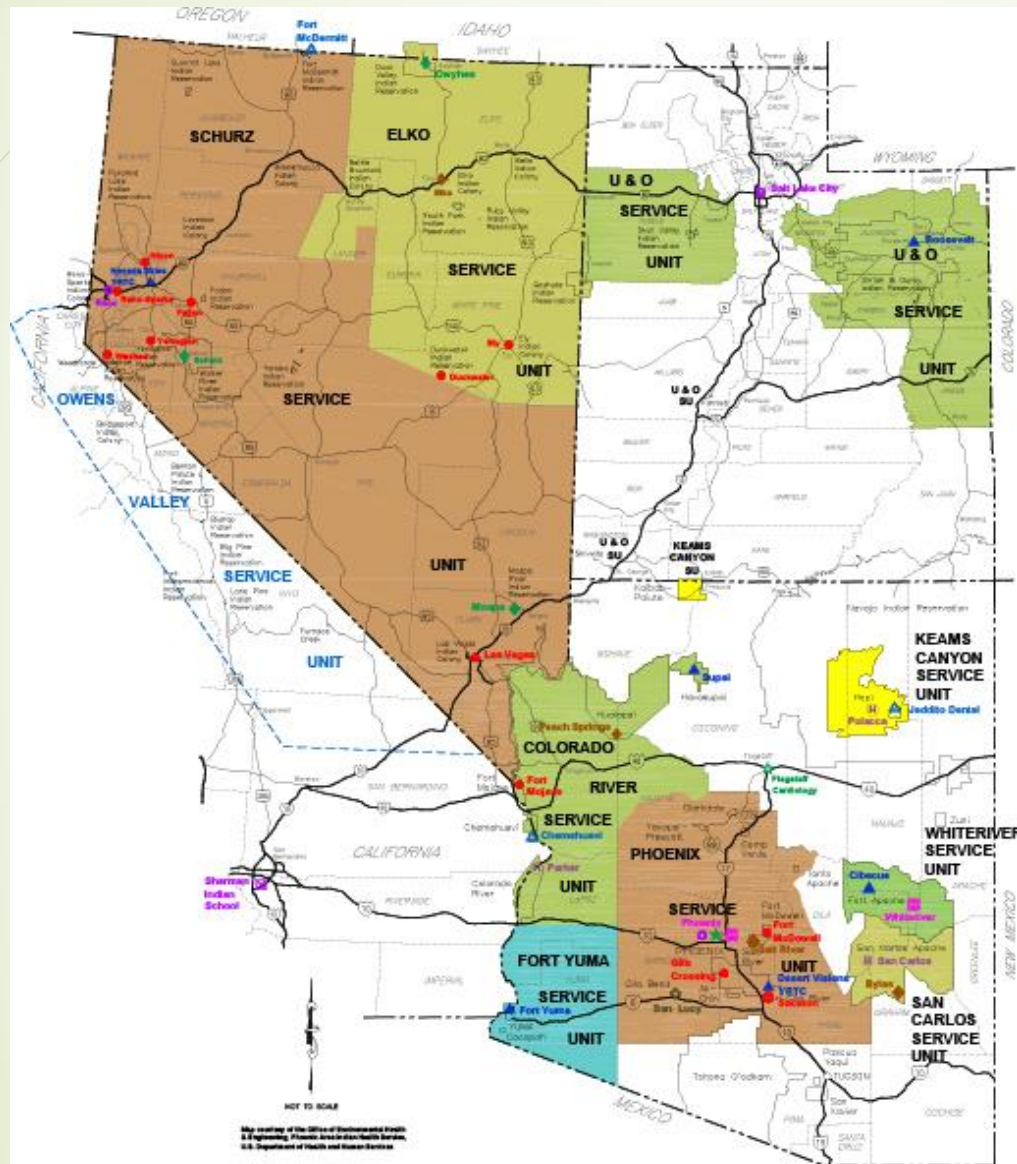




# **FY 2019 IHS Budget Recommendations from Phoenix Area Indian Health Service**

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# Phoenix Service Area



The Phoenix Area Indian Health Service serves American Indian and Alaska Natives in the states of Arizona, Nevada and Utah and portions of California.

# Service Demographic information

- ▶ *The Phoenix Area user population in 2015 was 174,260. There has been a 28.5% growth in the user population since 2001.*
- ▶ *There 51 Tribes and Bands in the PAO Service Area; including 27 in Nevada\*<sup>1</sup>, 20 in Arizona\*<sup>2</sup> and 4 in Utah.\*<sup>3</sup>*
- ▶ *At this time, the Area consists of 8 Self-Governance Tribes and 8 operational Service Units including Schurz, Elko, Uintah & Ouray, Colorado River, Fort Yuma, Hopi, Whiteriver, and Phoenix. 8 Self-Governance Tribes, and 3 Urban Indian Organizations – Nevada Urban Indians, Inc., (Carson City, NV), Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake (Salt Lake City, UT) and Native Health, Inc. (Phoenix, AZ).*
- ▶ *There are 17 IHS/Tribal facilities in Arizona, 14 in Nevada and 5 in Utah. In 1975 there were 9 hospitals. Today there are 5 hospitals and they are located in Arizona. The IHS Youth Regional Wellness Center is in Sacaton, AZ and the satellite is in Wadsworth, NV.*
- ▶ *In 2010, the U.S. Census\*\* reported the American Indian/Alaska Native population in AZ is 394,196. In Nevada, 69,150 and in Utah 59,338.*



# Phoenix Area National Budget Priorities (+33%)

1. **Purchased Referred Care (+\$125 million)**
2. **Hospitals & Clinics (+\$437.4 million)**
3. **Mental Health (Behavioral Health) (+\$55 million)**
4. **Dental Services (+\$30 million)**
5. **Alcohol & Substance Abuse (+\$55 million)**
6. **Sanitation Facilities Construction (Water) (\$55 million)**
7. **Health Education (+\$7.5 million)**
8. **Facilities Construction (+\$175 million)**
9. **Urban Health (+\$20 million)**
10. **Community Health Representatives (+\$7.5 million)**



# Area Top Hot Topics

- ▶ Advanced Appropriations for the IHS – Two Year Funding Cycle
- ▶ Special Diabetes Program for Indians - Permanent Reauthorization & Increase Funding
- ▶ Nationalization of the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) to the lower 48 states - Amend Federal/State laws to allow Dental Health Aide Therapy
- ▶ Tribal Correctional Health Care Services – Increase BIA/IHS/Tribal Resources to Address Inmate Health Care Needs
- ▶ Treatment of Co-occurring Substance Abuse & Mental Health Disorders – Increase Resources for Crises Response and Access to Higher Levels of Care
- ▶ Increase Access to Rehabilitation Services for Injuries and Illnesses
- ▶ Continue the Tribal Health Steering Committee for the Phoenix Area IHS. Sustain Commitment to Meaningful Tribal Consultation in the new Administration.