

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) MATERNAL HEALTH IN ARIZONA

Join Arizona's Maternal Mortality Review AI/AN Subcommittee

SCOPE

To conduct a holistic review of all identified deaths of AI/AN persons that occur during pregnancy or within one year after pregnancy ends. This includes deaths in Arizona and deaths of Arizona residents that happen in other states. The review will examine all causes of death.

MISSION

To respect tribal sovereignty, honor lived experiences, and integrate traditional knowledge by providing culturally-rooted, community centered recommendations that address maternal health disparities impacting AI/AN persons to public health and health care systems in Arizona.

VISION

Cultivating a future where AI/AN maternal and family health and well-being thrive by promoting culturally-affirming, long-term, sustainable solutions.

Representation needed from Tribes in Arizona, especially those in the following areas:

TRIBAL & COMMUNITY LEADERS

- Tribal leaders
- Elders
- Cultural advisors

COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS

- National Indian Child Welfare Association representative
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women organization representative
- Community organizations engaging with local Indigenous communities
- Community members with long-term experience serving AI/AN communities

HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

- Tribal mental health professionals or advocates with expertise in historical trauma
- Clinicians (especially obstetricians and midwives) serving IHS and 638 facilities
- Birth and postpartum doulas and birth attendants serving Indigenous communities

PUBLIC SERVICES & GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

- AHCCCS American Indian Health Program representatives
- Department of Child Safety representatives
- Tribal social services representatives
- County-level tribal liaisons
- Tribal first responders



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