



Swab Squad to the Rescue!

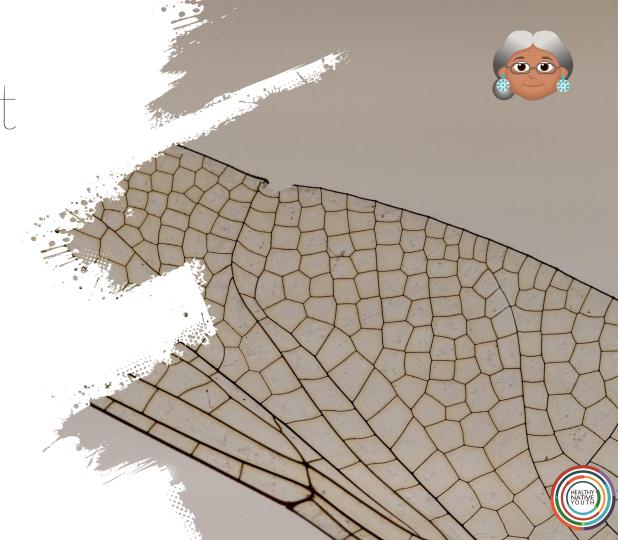
Land Acknowledgement

NPAIHB serves the 43 federally-recognized tribes of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and our office is located within the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin, Kalauya and many other indigenous nations of the Willamette and Columbia River regions.

Let us Start
with a
Blessing

"Ish dom hoh icheema." (I cherish you.)

Zuni Pueblo



Waqaa! Hello! Waỳ!



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Live Virtual Training Logistics

Logistics

- You are muted
- If comfortable, share video

Engagement

- Chat box
- Icons (Zoom & More)



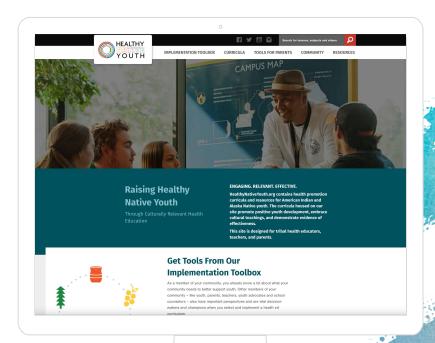












Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

Please introduce yourself in the chat box. Include your:

- ★ Name, Pronouns
- ★ Tribe/ Organization
- ★ What are you hoping to learn today?

Safe Spaces



https://www.healthynativeyouth.org/curricula/nativ e-stand-2-0/



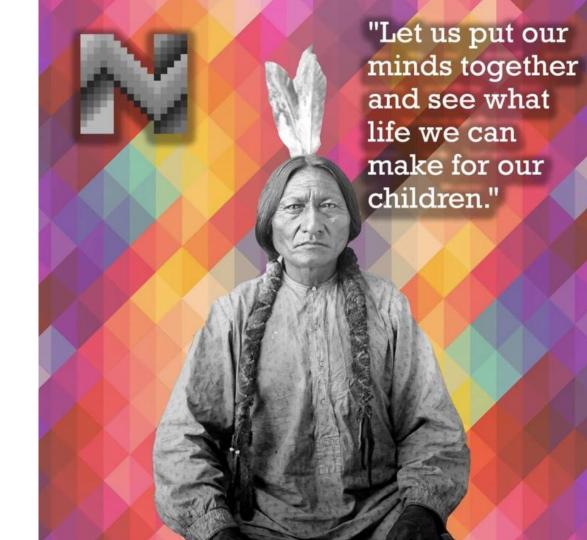
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We've Got Goals!

By the end of today's session, you will be able to...

- ★ Learn about the Swab Squad: IndigiHASS, Indigi IWTK, Native Health Resources
- ★ Access Swab Squad resources and materials





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Indigi-HAS

Developing the Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Dena'ina people, on whose traditional lands we gather in Anchorage, AK. We also acknowledge the Creator and all Indigenous people and tribes of this land. Thank you for your past and present stewardship of the waters, plants, animals and spiritual practices of this place.

The Indigenous HIV, STI, HCV Strategy Advisory Committee



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Vision

We envision a world in which all Indigenous people are healthy in mind, body, and spirit; the spread of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis is prevented; every person knows their status and lives free from stigma and discrimination; and every person has access to high quality, holistic care that reflects Indigenous values, promoting relationships with each other, the land and all beings.

This vision includes all Indigenous people, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, geographic location, socioeconomic circumstance, or health status.



Developing the Strategy



Advisory Committee

NPAIHB convened an Advisory Committee to guide the development of the Syndemic Strategy

The Advisory Committee participated in monthly meetings to review materials and provide strategic advice on the direction of the Strategy, including:

- ★ Identifying emerging practices
- ★ Identifying existing initiatives
- ★ Sharing and integrating traditional Indigenous knowledge
- ★ Contributing clinical, professional, and community perspectives



Listening Sessions

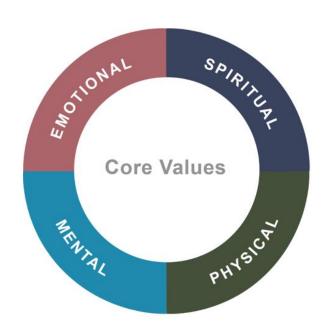
With guidance from the Advisory Committee, the partners conducted 22 interviews and two focus group discussions representing Indigenous communities nationally

Advisory Committee members...

- ★ Identified listening session participants
- ★ Supported introductions to those participants
- ★ Participated in listening sessions



Medicine Wheel



The Medicine Wheel is used across Indigenous communities as a framework for health and healing

This strategy centers the Medicine Wheel as a framework for improving the health and well-being of Indigenous people



Core Values

The Strategy centers core values that partners perceived to be common across many Indigenous communities, including...



Strategy Components



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Main Messages to guide the strategy Goals to specify areas of focus

Objectives to reach goals

Strategies to meet objectives

Programs & Practices to highlight Indigenous work



Indicators

to measure progress to achieve goals



HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Connections

to demonstrate alignment with national plans



Strategy Components

Icons Indicate how the goals relate to types and levels of interventions

Type of Intervention









Prevention

Treatment

Diagnosis

Response

Level of Intervention







Community

System

Source for icons: https://www.indiancountryecho.org/sud-resource-hub/





Cultural Awareness Partnerships Sovereignty Responsiveness & Stigma Clinical Data Resources **Systems**

& Services



Indicators

The strategy includes indicators to measure progress, which align with the goals, objectives, and strategies

- ★ Key measures are included in each section
- ★ An indicators table is included, which provides an extensive list of indicators from a variety of existing data sources on Indigenous health and wellness



Programs & Practices

The strategy includes examples of programs and additional resources that...

- ★ Illustrate current work in Indigenous communities
- ★ Support Indigenous communities in continuing to work towards the outlined goals, objectives, strategies, and indicators



The Strategy

To access the full Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy, scan the QR code or go to this link:

https://www.indiancountryech o.org/indigenous-hiv-aids-synd emic-strategy/





Building Relationships for Better Health

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the development of this strategy, including those who participated in listening sessions and interviews to guide framing



Building Relationships for Better Health

This strategy is the result of a collaboration between NPAIHB, IHS, and the Indigenous HIV, STI, HCV Strategy Advisory Committee, with support from Cardea.







Indigi I Want to Kit (IWTK) & Native TEST

Southern Plains Tribal Health Board

I Want the Kit (IWTK) Program Overview

The I Want the Kit (IWTK) Program offers free, accurate, and confidential in-home specimen collection and lab-based testing for two common STIs, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, as well as Trichomoniasis testing for those assigned female at birth. You can order by going online to iwantthekit.org or texting "NATIVE TEST" to 55251.

What States is this available in?

Currently available in Maryland, Alaska, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oregon, Idaho, and Baltimore City residents.

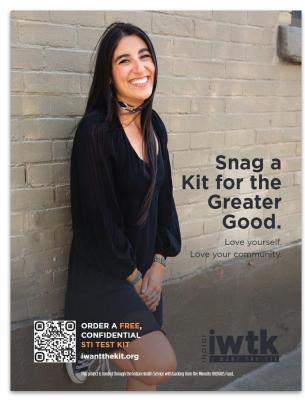
What States is expanded testing available in?

You can receive expanded testing for Syphilis, HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Pregnancy testing in Oklahoma and Kansas. Other States will have expanded testing available soon.



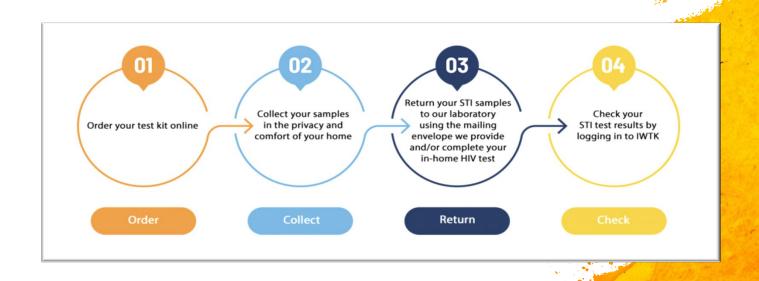
IWTK Marketing







IWTK End User Process



Packaging





Outer packaging



Kit Contents

For Blood Samples (if ordered):

- Alcohol Wipes
- Safety Lancets (3)
- Collection Tube
- Tube Holder
- Bandage
- Small Transport Bag

For Swabs and Urine (if ordered):

- Sawbs (1-3 depending on order) labeled by body part
- Transport Bag for Each Swab
- Pouch (Male Urine Sample Only)
- Bottle (Male Urine Samples Only)

Additional Items for All Kits:

- Condoms
- Welcome Card
- Resource Booklet
- Pregnancy Tests (2) (Only if Vaginal Swabs Ordered)



I Want the Kit Follow-Up

IWTK notifies linkage to care partners of test results and enters the tests results into state reporting system.

Patients receive test results through IWTK messaging system.

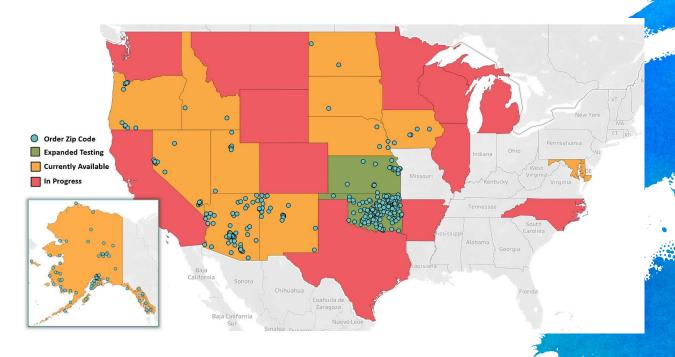
Case Investigators (CI) call positive individuals to provide education, resources, and answer any questions they may have regarding their results and appropriate protocol.

The OKTEC provides linkage to care for treatment in Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada.

National expansion continues as new regional linkage to care partners are established.



IWTK Distribution



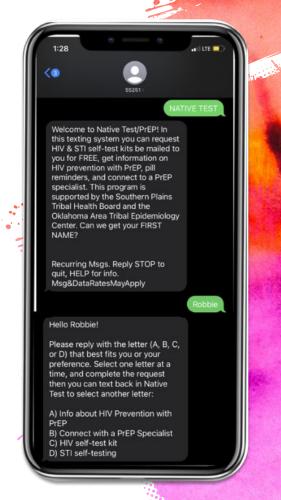
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Differences between Native Test and the IWTK Program

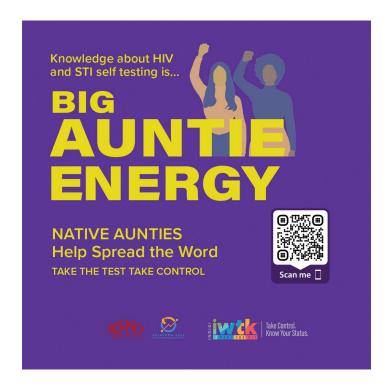




- Nationwide distribution of self-test kits, reaching all 50 states.
- 63 Community Partners across Indian Country.
- Provides Native and Non-Natives 13 years or older with access to free HIV self-testing, information on PrEP, and links to free STI self-collection testing.
- Over 6,219 HIV self-test kits distributed nationwide, in addition to over 93,324 condoms and educational materials.
- 30 Individuals linked to PrEP care.



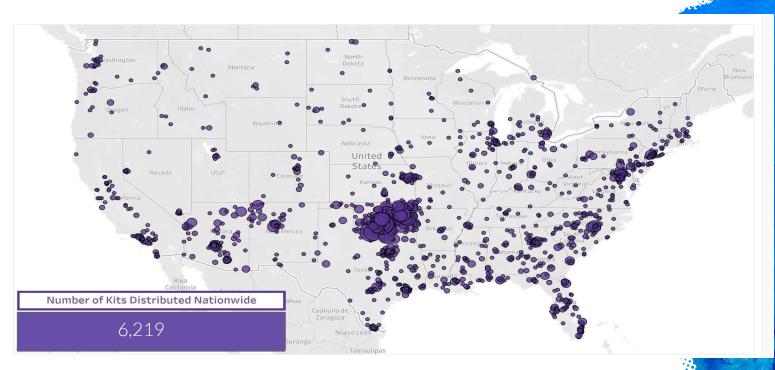
Native Test Marketing





National Distribution of Native Test

June 1, 2021 - March 7, 2024



For more information or to request resources, contact program staff at nativetest@spthb.org.











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Native Health Resources

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Syndemic Communications



National Indigenous HIV/STI Campaigns

- ★ Providers Have the Power Texting Campaign
 https://www.indiancountryecho.org/providers-have-the-power/
- ★ ECHO Resource Hubs <u>www.indiancountryecho.org</u> >> Resources >> Resource Hubs
- ★ Congenital Syphilis Campaign <u>www.nativehealthresources.com</u>
- ★ General Syphilis Campaign <u>www.nativehealthresources.com</u>
- ★ Sexual Health Pocketbooks <u>www.nativehealthresources.com</u>
- ★ HIV / PrEP Campaign <u>www.nativehealthresources</u>
- ★ Native Health Resources NEW one-stop shop for Indigenous health resources 🥖
- ★ Snag 101 Adult Sexual Texting Campaign https://www.indiancountryecho.org/snag-101/

National Indigenous Congenital Syphilis Campaign

Key Messages:



Syphilis is on the rise



Syphilis can be hard to spot



If not treated syphilis can have series consequences for you and your baby



Testing is easy and treatment is quick - it takes only one shot of antibiotics



Print Materials



Know your status, especially if you're pregnant.

Syphilis can be hard to spot, often starting with an easily missed sore or rash. While anyone can get syphilis, pregnant people and newborn babies face serious complications if left untreated.



Testing is easy and treatment is quick.

Protect your and your baby's future by getting tested today!



Syphilis while pregnant

Syphilis can be hard to spot, often starting with an easily missed sore or rash. While anyone can get syphilis, pregnant people and newborn babies face serious complications if left untreated.

How do I know if I have syphilis?

You can have syphilis and not have symptoms, so as part of your prenatal care, get tested! When caught early, syphilis can be treated with just one shot of antibiotics.

How often should I get tested?

Getting tested twice throughout your pregnancy and again during delivery is great prenatal care.

Why should my partner get tested?

Even if you've been tested and treated for syphilis, you can be reinfected if your partner is still carrying the infection.







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Providers Have the Power Text Message Campaign



Key Messages:



Providers have the power to end HIV in Indian
Country



PrEP 101 & PrEP Prescriptions



HIV Treatment Basics



The Syndemic - SUDs, HCV, STIs, and HIV



Providers Education Campaign

- ★ Free training for providers about HIV
- ★ After watching the five videos in the series, you can earn a free CE



https://www.indiancountryecho.org/providers%20have%20the%20power/



Indian Country ECHO Resource Hubs

- ★ Syphilis: Syphilis Resource Hub Indian Country ECHO
- ★ Sexual Health: <u>Sexual Health Resource Hub Indian Country ECHO</u>
- ★ PrEP: PrEP Resource Hub Indian Country ECHO
- ★ HIV: <u>HIV Resource Hub Indian Country ECHO</u>
- ★ HCV: <u>HCV Resource Hub Indian Country ECHO</u>
- ★ SUD: <u>SUD Resource Hub Indian Country ECHO</u>



National Indigenous Syphilis Campaign

Key Messages:



Syphilis is on the rise



Anyone can get syphilis



Testing is easy and treatment is quick - it takes only one shot of antibiotics



Snag safer! Get tested!



Print Materials











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Other Materials





Order Materials Today!



www.NativeHealthResources.com



Sexual Health Pocketbooks

About our pocketbooks:



Indigenized sexual health education



Wide range of topics, syphilis, gonorrhea, HIV, PrEP, PEP, safer sex, condoms 101, and more...



Lots of visuals and easy to understand





Check them Out

Place an order today!



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Indigenous HIV/ PREP Campaign

Key Messages:



Testing is the only way to know if you have HIV

- so get tested!



There are effective medicines to prevent HIV



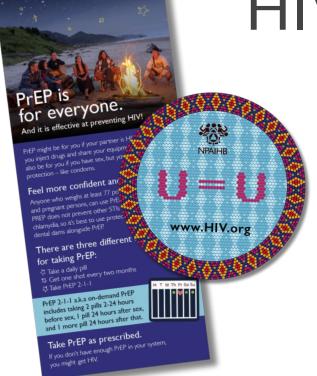
PrEP is for everyone



Undetectable = Untransmissible







Audience:



People Living with HIV Materials



PrEP for Women



PrEP for MSM



Youth



Indigenous HIV/ PREP Campaign

Order Materials Today!

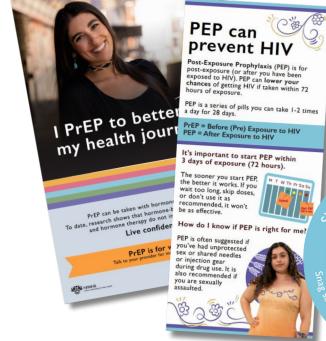


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Print Materials



76,000,000,000,000,000,000 PrEP is a medicine that prevents HIV infection.

And it might be right for you!

When to consider PrEP:

- If your partner is living with HIV and not taking medicines consistently or doesn't know their
- If you inject drugs and share your equipment. If you have sex but don't always use condoms.
- There are three options for taking PrEP:

Take a daily pill, or pills

In-Demand PrEP

On-Demand PrEP (aka PrEP 2-1-1) is an off-label method of taking PrEP but evidence shows it provides effective protection for gay and bisexual men when having anal sex without a condom, especially those living with HIV or with an unknown HIV status. We don't know how "on-demand" PrEP works for heterosexual men and women, people who inject drugs, and transgender persons Talk to your provider to learn more.

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Undetectable= Untransmittable



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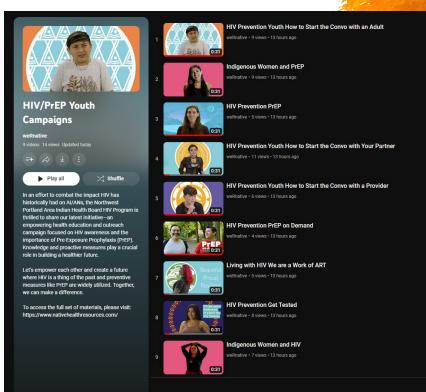
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Videos





YouTube Playlist:

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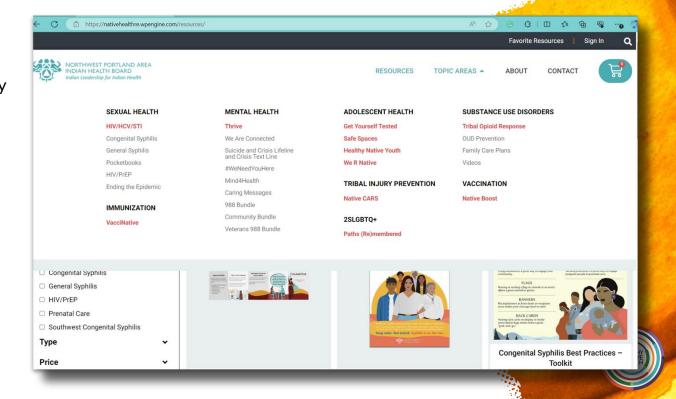






Native Health Resources

- ★ One-stop shop for culturally relevant health education materials
- ★ Board wide site
- ★ Looking to partner with others in the future



Thank you!

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4. Let's Talk About it!

Logistics

- Share Your Video
- Use the Chatfeed

Engagement

- Use the Chatfeed
- ASL
- Zoom Reactions













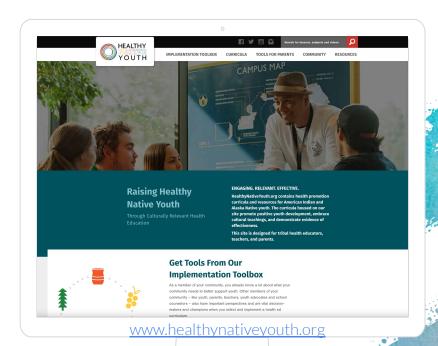


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Closing

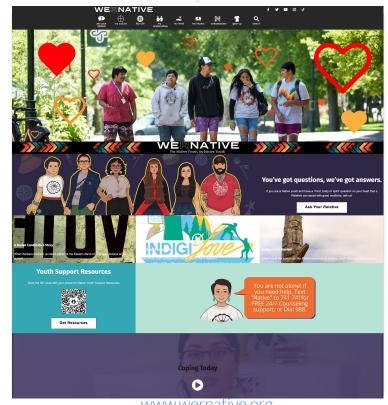
Healthy Native Youth Highlights





Healthy Native Youth

- ★ Implementation Toolbox
- ★ Filter & Compare Tool
- ★ Stand-alone Lessons
- ★ Tools for Caring Adults
- ★ Community of Practice
- Resources, Support, & TA
 - Upload & Submit Your
 Own Curricula



www.wernative.org



For Youth

- Multimedia health resource for Native youth by Native vouth
- "Ask Your Relative" Q&A Service
- Youth can text "NATIVE" to 94449
- ★ Follow on Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook

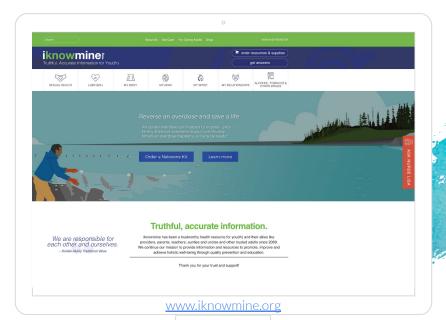












I Know Mine

For Alaska Native Youth

- ★ Get Condoms
- ★ "Ask Nurse Lisa" Q&A Service
- ★ Opioid Overdose Response Kit
 - AK Syringe Services Program
- ★ Follow on Twitter, YouTube, Facebook















Join the Healthy Native Youth Movement!

Sign up for Newsletter
Text "HEALTHY" to 94449

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram,

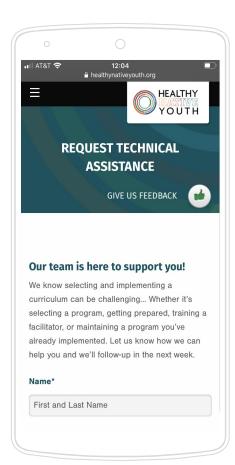
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Mark Your Calendars!





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Let us Close with a Blessing

"Out there beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. I'll meet you there."

- Rumi

