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CRIHB RECEIVES \$2 MILLION GRANT FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

Sacramento, CA- The California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB) was recently awarded a new five-year Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program (TPREP) grant to aid American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) youth in Tribal communities. CRIHB was one of eight Tribal grantees to receive the Tribal PREP funding nationwide.

"I am proud of the work we do to educate Native youth in California, and the Tribal PREP grant will ensure that we continue the progress we have achieved," said CRIHB CEO, Dr. Mark LeBeau.

Funded by the Administration for Children and Families, the TPREP program will educate AIAN youth about abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and HIV/AIDS. Nine Tribal Health Programs, one Tribe, and one Native organization will be working in partnership with CRIHB during the project's duration: Feather River Tribal Health, Greenville Rancheria Tribal Health Program, Karuk Community Health Clinic, Mathiesen Memorial Health Clinic, Pit River Health Service, Sierra Native Alliance, Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Tule River Indian Tribe, Warner Mountain Indian Health Program, and United Indian Health Services. CRIHB staff will provide technical assistance and trainings throughout the extent of the grant.

"CRIHB is dedicated to ensuring all programs are successful. Given this, the Tribal PREP grant will likely have a similar result. The additional funding we received this year will undoubtedly make a positive impact on teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention and related health concerns," said CRIHB Chairwoman, Lisa Elgin.

CRIHB staff is grateful for renewed funding from the Administration for Children and Families and looks forward to working with the participating Tribal Health Programs and communities.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Tribal PREP project, contact Daniel Domaguin, Behavioral Health Clinical Manager, at daniel.domaguin@crihb.org.

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