

California Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CTCCCP)

The California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.



PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to plan and implement strategies which:

- Emphasize the Primary Prevention of Cancer
- Facilitate Screening/Early Detection of Cancer
- Improve Cancer Survivors' Quality of Life
- Promote Health Equity in Cancer Control



NEED/FOCUS

American Indian/Alaskan Native individuals suffer from greater health disparities compared to the general population (1). AI/AN individuals also experience higher instances of poverty, shorter life expectancy, chronic disease, and substance abuse.

Successful knowledge and understanding of Tribal Health Programs (THPs) will allow CRIHB to help reduce this burden of cancer in a systematic and culturally focused manner.

4 PRIMARY GOALS



Evidence Based Intervention (EBI)

EBIs are specific interventions proven effective through outcome evaluation. This program utilizes 12 EBIs focused on the 4 program strategies above.



Partnerships

Promoting partnerships has allowed THPs to work with one another and to troubleshoot EBI implementation issues.



Collaboration

THPs work with CRIHB, the CTCCCP Coalition, and various cancer groups to facilitate and coordinate cancer control efforts.



Cancer Plan

A Tribal focused Cancer Plan is under development to serve as a resource for THPs and Tribes in need of Cancer Control intervention.



YEAR 1 SUMMARY

8 THPs conducted cancer control work throughout the state of California between 2017-2018. Year 1 work included:

- Nine EBIs in total were conducted by 8 THPs throughout Year 1.
- The most frequent EBIs focused on: 1) Providing reminders (with provider education) to decrease commercial tobacco use and 2) Use of linguistically and culturally appropriate health education materials to promote health equity.
- THPs reported successes in networking/ forming partnerships, social media outreach, and increasing knowledge of cancer in Tribal communities.

FUTURE WORK

Future work for Year 2 includes:

- Development of the California Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.
- Increase in EBIs implemented throughout California Tribal communities.
- Continued evaluation and development of Cancer Control program strategies.

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