



# American Indian Health Commission for Washington State

*Improving Indian Health Through a Collective Tribal Voice and Tribal-  
State Collaboration*



# AIHC

- The American Indian Health Commission was created in 1994 by federally recognized tribes, Urban Indian health organizations, and other Indian organizations in Washington to provide a forum for addressing tribal-state health issues.
- The Commission works on behalf of the 29 federally-recognized Tribes and 2 Urban Indian Health Organizations in the state.
- Delegates are officially appointed by Tribal Councils to represent each individual Tribe, and Urban Indian Health Organization representatives serve as members-at-large. All decisions and activities are driven by the delegates.



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- Mission: To improve the health of AI/AN people through tribal-state collaboration on health policies and programs that will help decrease disparities.
- Key Activities:
  - Identifying health policy issues and advocating strategies to address Tribal concerns
  - Coordinating policy analysis
  - Soliciting and collecting information from the state for Tribal review and response
  - Disseminating information Tribal health programs and leaders
  - Promoting government-to-government relationship between Tribes and State health agencies



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- Some of the AIHC's current projects include:
  - Tribally-Driven PHEPR Capabilities Planning Project
  - Immunizations
  - Maternal Child Health
  - Healthy Communities
  - Tobacco Prevention
  - Home Visiting
  - Washington Health Benefits Exchange
  - Tribal Centric Behavioral Health Design Project

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