

Outreach to Native Americans and Alaskan Natives

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Web Resources for Outreach to American Indians and Alaska Natives

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This list highlights easily accessible resources on the subject of American Indian and Alaska Native groups. This list was developed with advice from John Battaglia, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry, University of Wisconsin Medical School and medical director of the Meriter Hospital Adult Psychiatry Program. While not intended to be all-inclusive, it suggests a number of Web sites and bibliographic resources that may serve as a starting point for those interested in learning more about the issues involved in providing mental health outreach and education to the American Indian and Alaska Native populations. (*Some individuals will feel more comfortable identifying themselves as either "American Indian," "Native American," or "Alaska Native"; when in doubt, it is best to ask the individuals to state their preference.*)

Federal Government Links:

1. The U.S. National Library of Medicine associated with the National Institutes of Health offers MEDLINE Plus Health Information on Native American Health. Information on a variety of health-related issues can be found at this site.
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/nativeamericanhealth.html>
2. The Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN), a service of the Center for Mental Health Services, provides information about mental health. This site details a number of organizations providing information and services to several different ethnic/racial groups.
<http://www.mentalhealth.org/publications/allpubs/sma01-3509/page6.htm>
3. The U.S. Census Bureau provides a report on American Indians and Alaska Natives, *We The First Americans*. September 1993. This is a direct link to the document.
<http://www.census.gov/aprd/wepeople/we-5.pdf>

Information on population estimates can be found at the following site, by following the link and scrolling down to find American Indians, Eskimo, and Aleut.
<http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/nation/intfile3-1.txt>
4. The Office of Minority Health Resource Center offers a free newsletter, *Closing the Gap*. In the February 1998 issue the topic of "Tribal Colleges and Universities" is discussed.
<http://www.omhrc.gov/ctg/na-13.htm>
5. The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), offers resources that enhance the quality of life of American Indians throughout the nation.
<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>
6. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers through its National Center for Injury Prevention Control home page information on "American Indian and Alaska Natives Intimate Partner Violence." This document highlights some of the concerns within these populations that could lead to a need for mental health services.
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/natamer.htm>

7. The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing Federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The following link connects to the IHS Behavioral Health Programs. There is also a directory of different regions of the country that can be accessed from this site. <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/Alcohol/Index.asp>

Non-Federal Government Links:

8. The National Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research (NCAIANMHR), a program in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, is one of five minority mental health research centers. The NCAIANMHR is sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health and is the only program of this type in the country focusing specifically on American Indian and Alaska Native populations. <http://www.uchsc.edu/sm/ncaianmhr/>.
9. The Center for American Indian Health, The Johns Hopkins School of Public Health link addresses a number of topics related to projects in Native American health and offers other links to American Indian health and culture. <http://ih.jhsph.edu/cnah/>
10. The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center's American Indian Programs offer information on several health programs targeting the different groups within the American Indian population. http://hsc.unm.edu/nmhealth/na_hsc.html
11. Healing of Nations—Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention Among Native American Youth. This site includes links to topics related to suicide prevention and crisis intervention. <http://www.indian-suicide.org/menu2.html>
12. Center for American Indian Research and Education (CAIRE) located at the University of California at Berkeley. CAIRE's priorities are (1) the identification of barriers impeding optimal health care utilization, and (2) the development of culturally sensitive health and social service intervention models. <http://www.caire.org/>