## Tribal Health Systems and the Role of Tribal Epidemiology Centers

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#### Background on Tribes in California

- 109 federally recognized Tribes
  - Two methods of recognition
    - Restoration of status (tribe was terminated)
    - Newly recognized (Congress, BIA, Executive)
  - Non-Federally recognized tribes
  - Sovereignty
    - Inherent right to self-governance
    - Health, education, housing, etc.
  - Lands
    - Often small/isolated (Rancheria/Reservation)
  - Cultural diversity

#### California Indian Houses



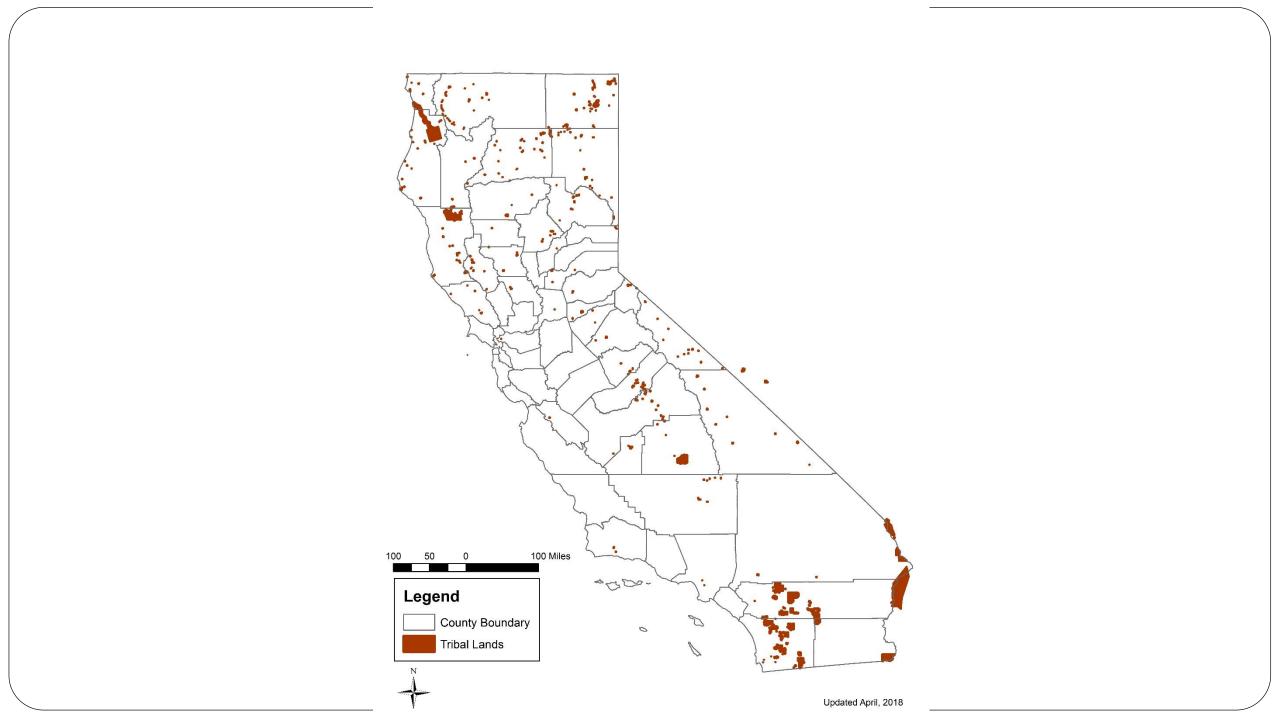


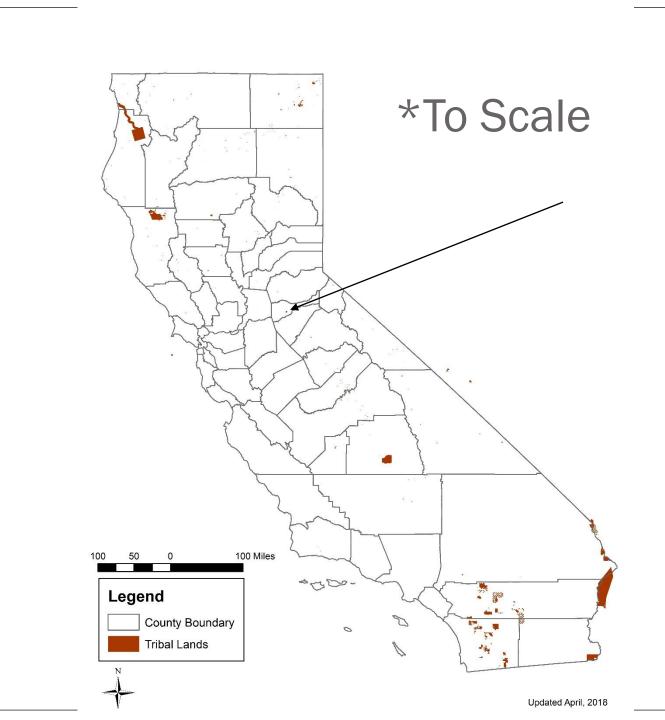




#### AIAN Demographics in California

- US Census counts for AIANs (2010)
  - 723,225 (Alone or in combination)
  - 362,801 (Alone)
- Indian Health Service estimates (2017)
  - 88,888 (IHS User Population)

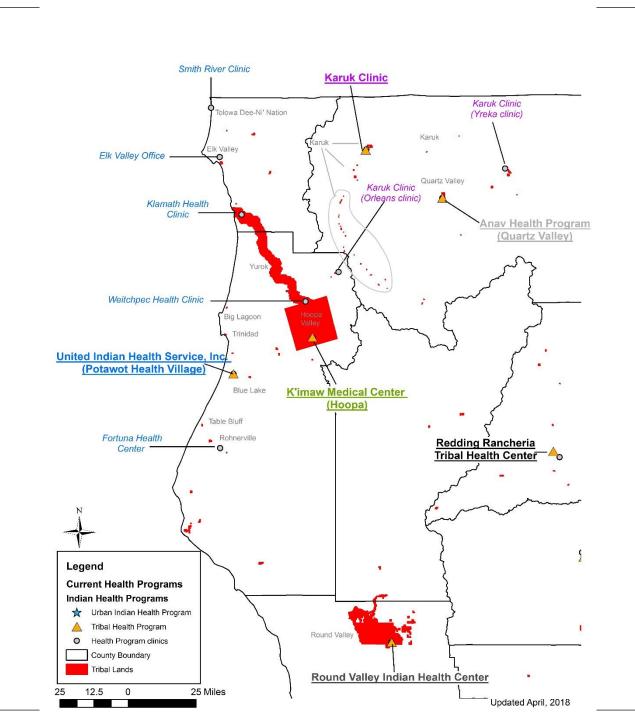


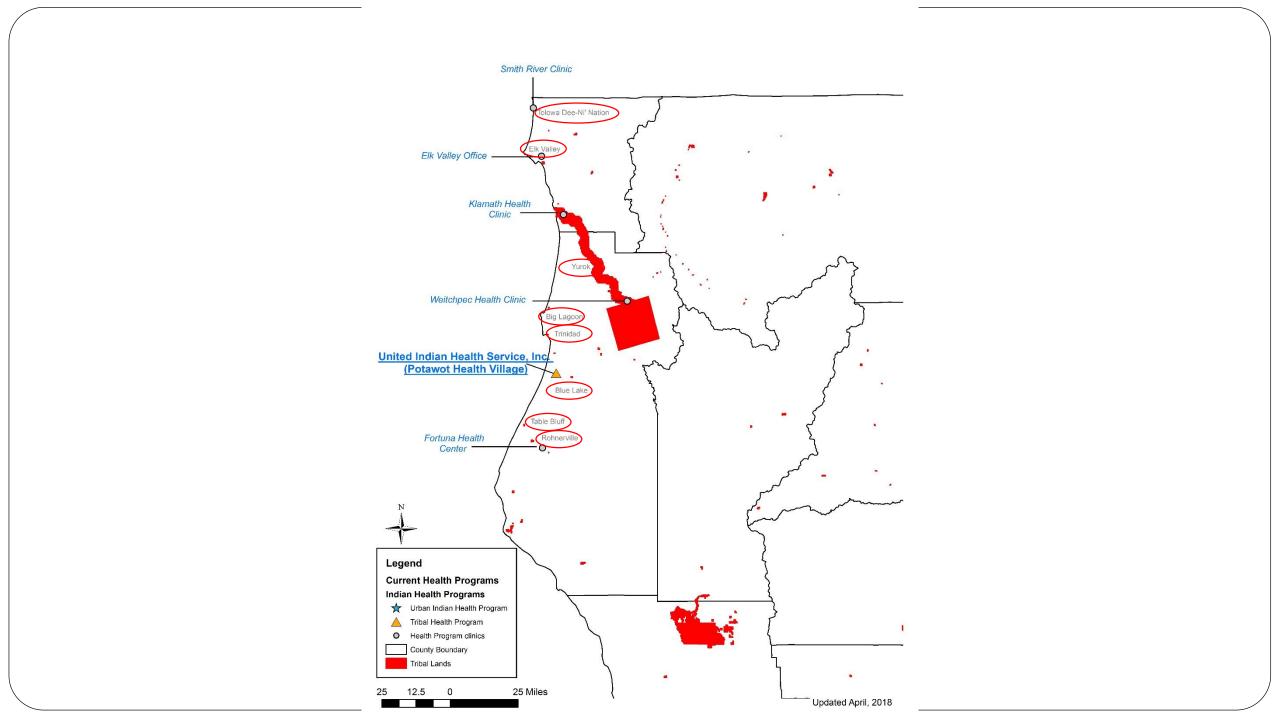


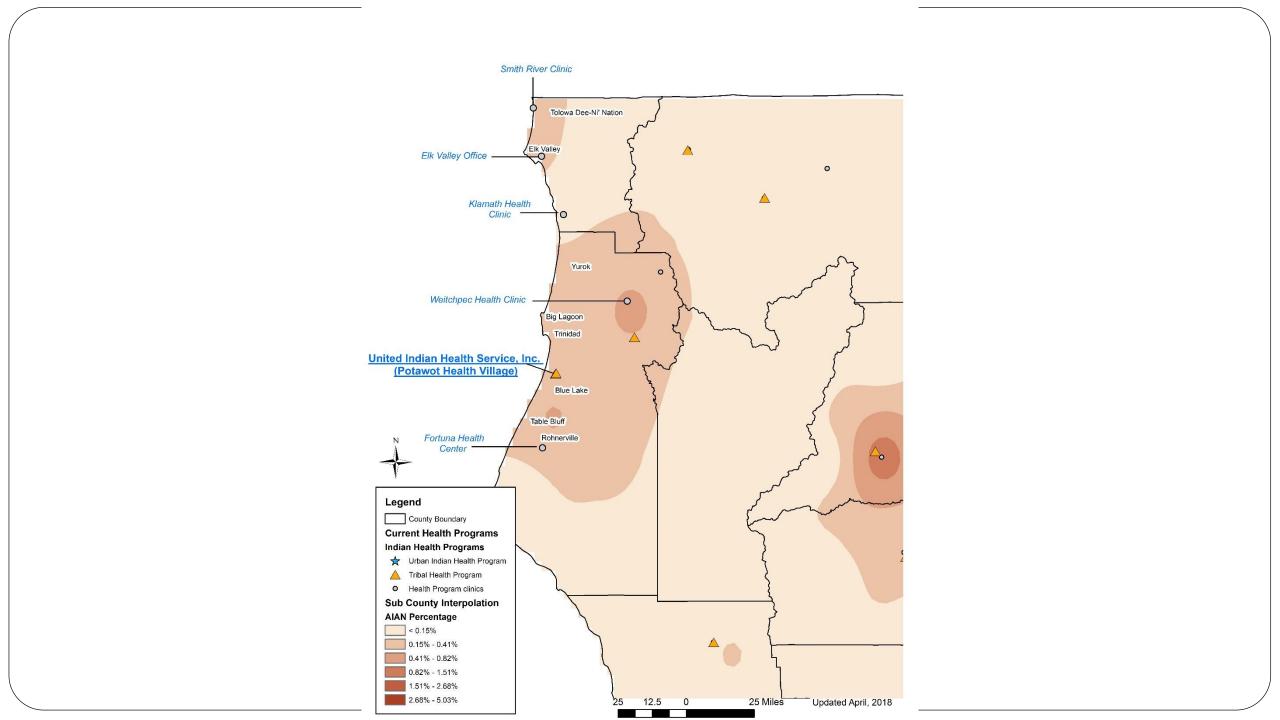
#### Indian Health Programs

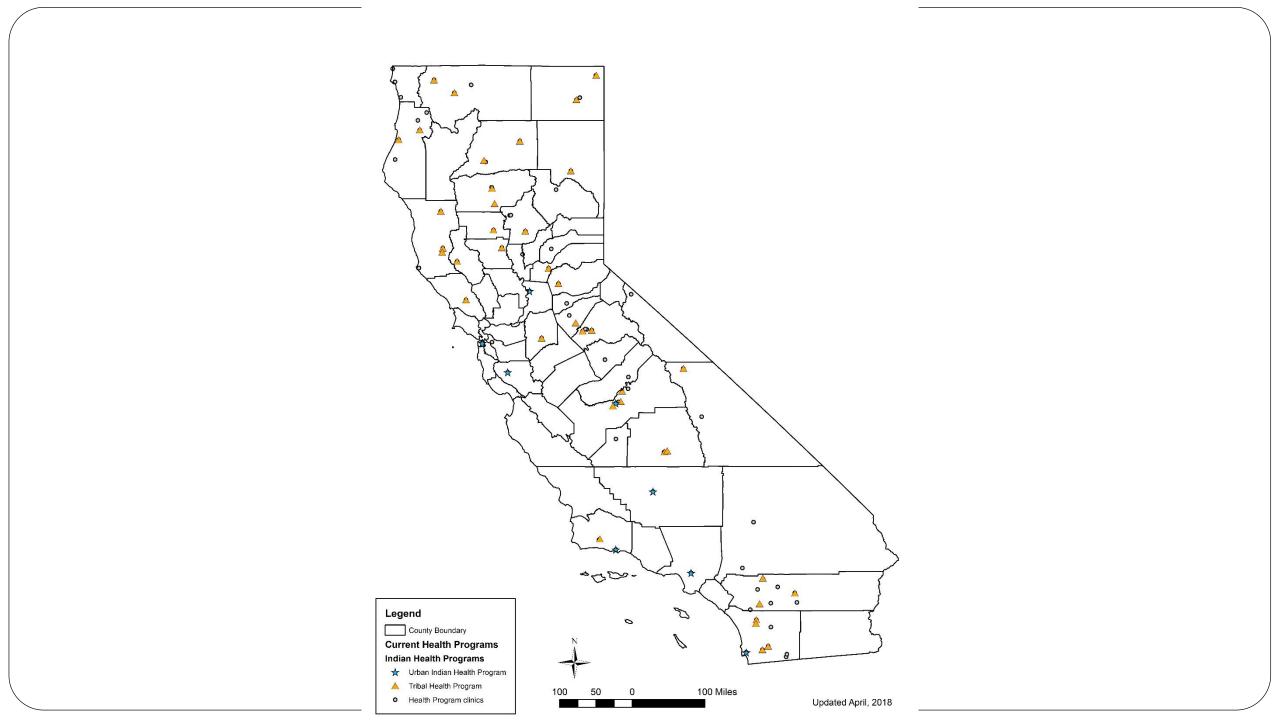
- PL 93-638
  - Tribes contract directly with Indian Health Service to administer their own health programs
  - Many California Tribes opt to pool their resources together
    - Creates 1 Tribal Health Program that serves Tribes
    - Health Program governed by multiple Tribes
    - Some Health Programs can have multiple clinics that serve different regions
    - Tribal/Urban Indian Health Programs

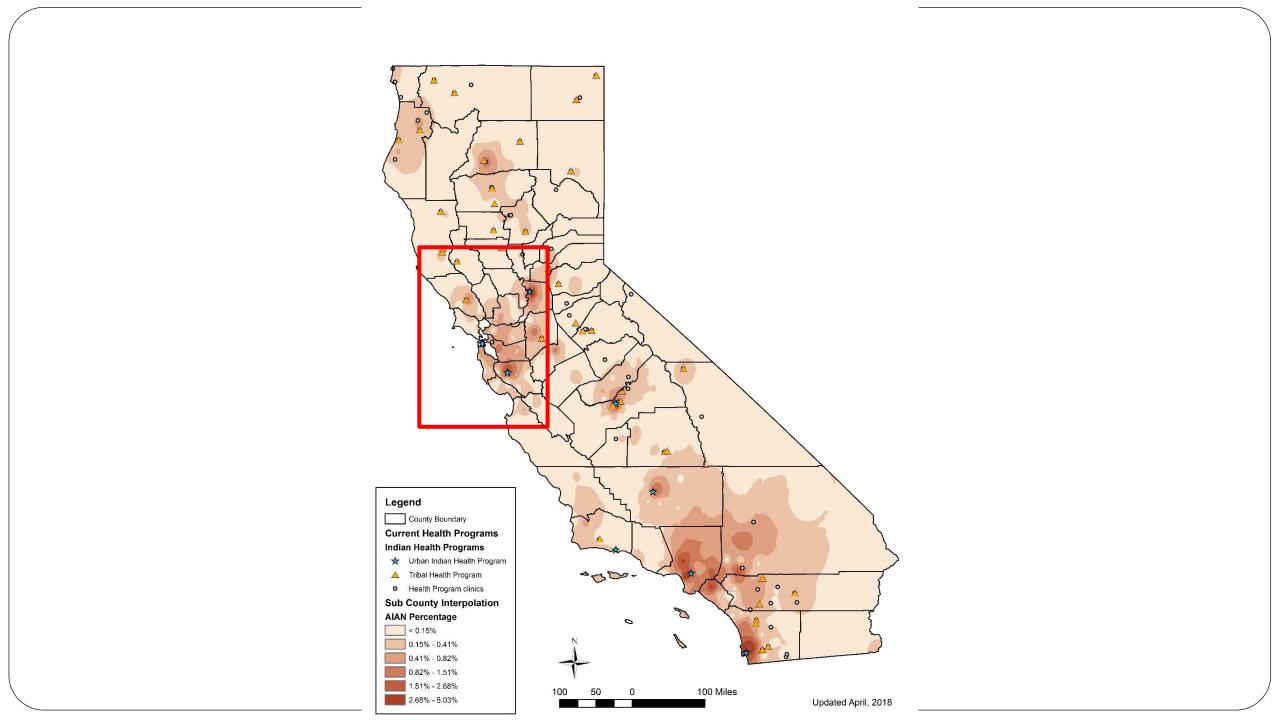


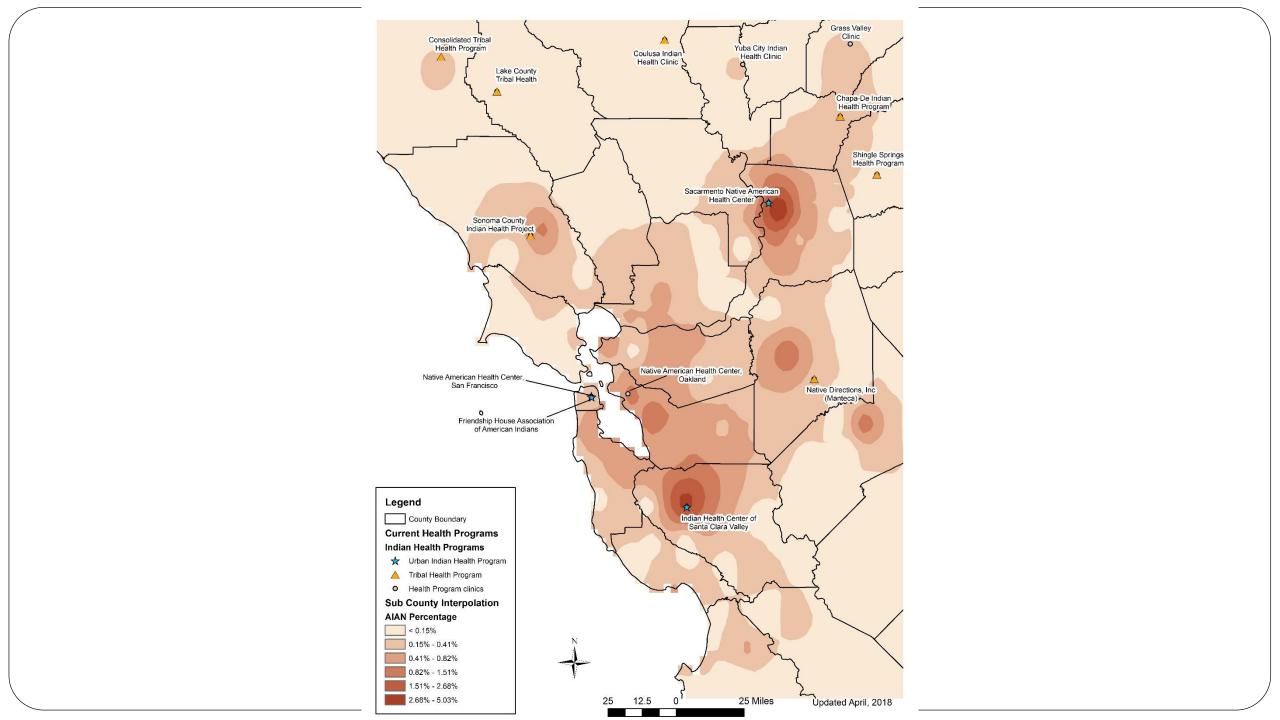


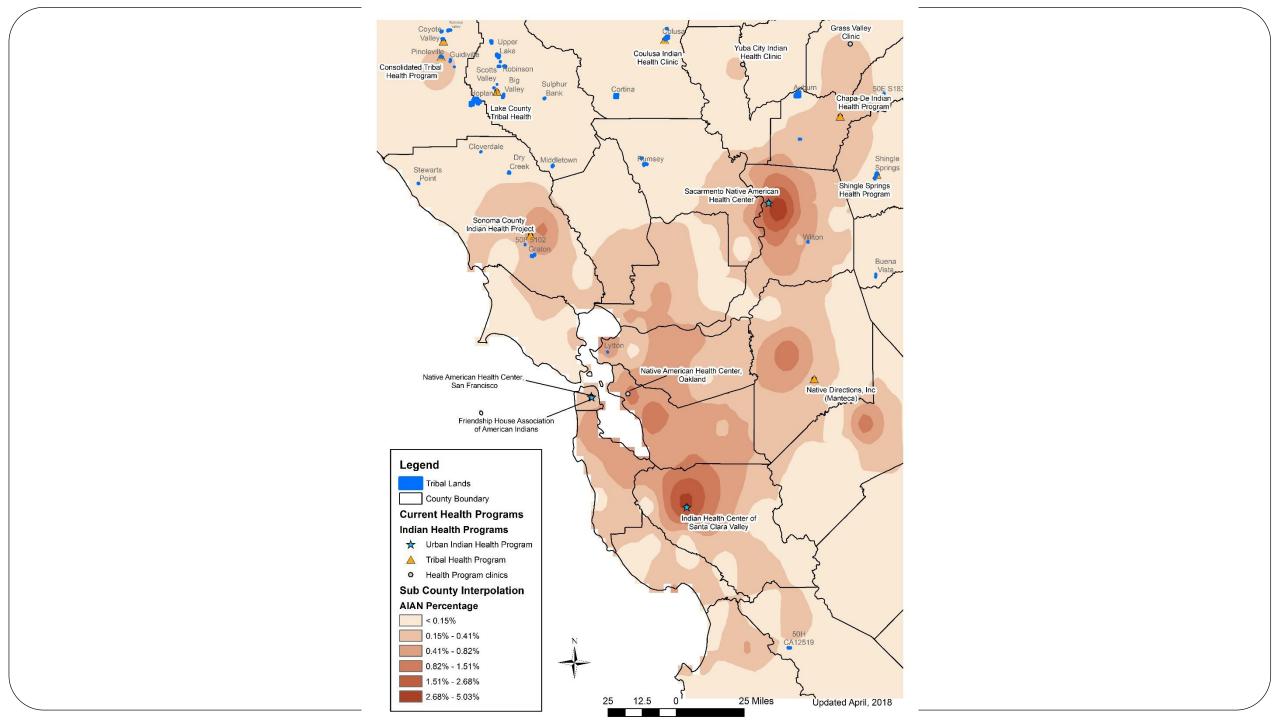












#### 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers















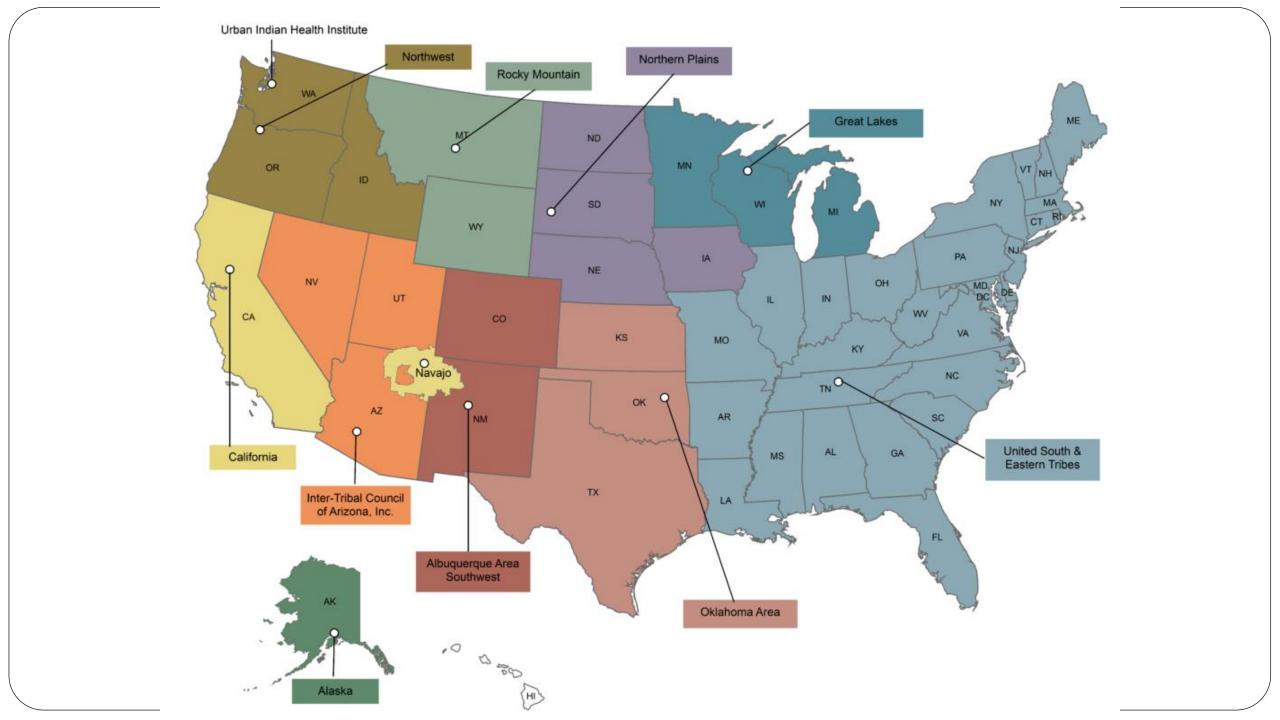












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- 7 core functions
  - 1. Collect data
  - 2. Evaluate
  - 3. Assist
  - 4. Recommendations for targeting of services
  - 5. Recommendations to improve health care delivery
  - 6. Technical Assistance
  - 7. Disease surveillance
- Each TEC addresses these in their own unique way

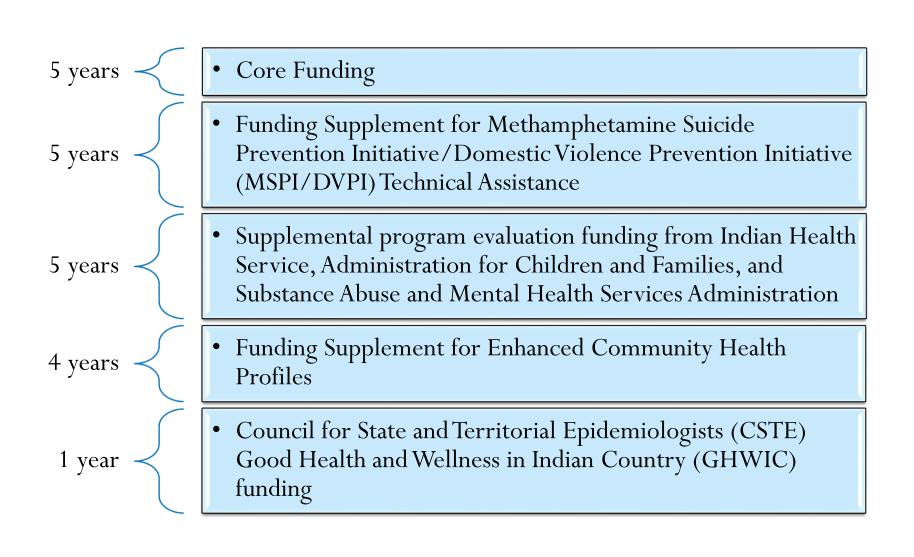
### California Tribal Epidemiology Center

- Est. 2005
- Housed within the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB)
- Director, Epidemiologist, Evaluators, Outreach Coordinator, Research Associate, and others
- Advisory Council
- Improve the overall health of AIANs in CA



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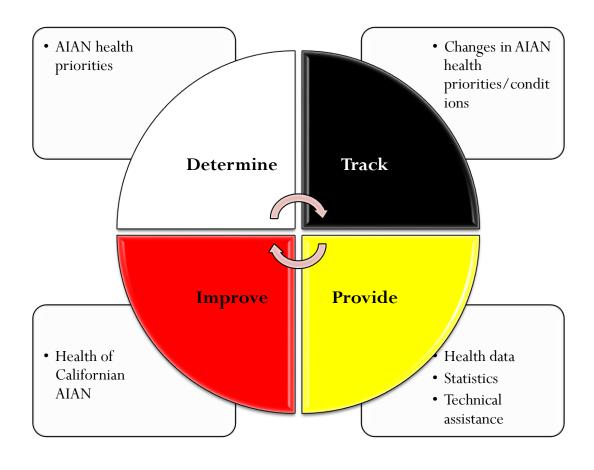
- Core Funding
  - Indian Health Service DEDP
- Supplemental Funding
  - Various State and National grants (CDC, RWJ, etc.)



### California Tribal Epidemiology Center, Contd.

- Collect and disseminate health data
- Produce regional and Indian Health Program specific health status reports
- Support Public Health emergency response
- Provide technical assistance to Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Indian Health Programs

#### Mission

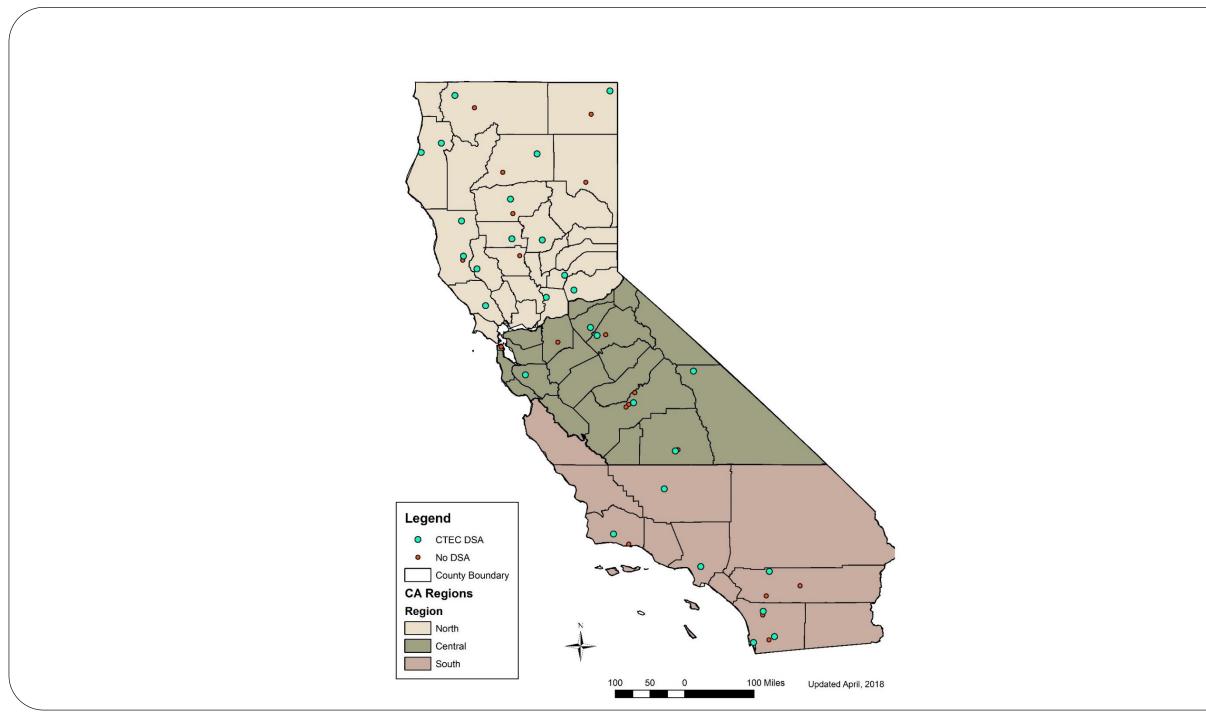


#### **CTEC Data Access**

- California BRFSS: 2001-2015
- California Area Epi Data Mart (EDM): Current
- California Health Interview Survey (CHIS): 2011-2016
- National Health Interview Survey (NHIS): 2016
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
  - Pending Heart disease and Opioid data
- OSHPD Hospitalization
  - Emergency Department: 2005-2014
  - Inpatient: 1990-2009

#### Data Sharing Agreements

- Signed between Indian Health Programs and CTEC
- Access to pertinent health information
  - Monitor pertinent health information
  - Monitor health status
  - Evaluate needs



### Establishing AIAN Health Priorities

Rank	Health Priorities
1.	Diabetes
2.	Alcohol/substance abuse
3.	Obesity
4.	Mental/emotional health issues
<b>5</b> .	High blood pressure
6.	Limited access to medical care
7.	Chronic pain
8.	Other
9.	Heart disease
10.	Suicide

#### Overview of CTEC Data Projects

- AIAN Health Priorities Project
- Community Health Profiles
  - Enhanced Community Health Profiles
- CTEC Portal
- Data Linkage Project
- Surveillance Database Project
- Tribal Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Tribal Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)

#### Overview of CTEC Data Projects, Contd.

- Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) Data Project
- Building Public Health Infrastructure (BPHI) Project
- Advanced California Opportunities to Renew Native Health Systems (ACORNS)
  Evaluation
- Hepatitis-C Monitoring Program
- Mini-Health Priorities
- Data briefs, fact sheets, surveillance updates, data booklets, etc.
- Technical Assistance
- Trainings to enhance CTEC capacity & infrastructure
  - GIS, SAS, SPSS, In-Design, Adobe, Microsoft Access, Grant Writing

#### Overview of CTEC Evaluation

- Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC)
- Tribal PREP Evaluation
- Native Connections Evaluation
- Project PaTHwAY Evaluation
- CRIHB Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI)/Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative (DVPI) Evaluation
- CTEC Core Objective Evaluation

# Questions?