

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIVISION OF EH SERVICES

National Indian Health Board

Tribal Public Health Summit

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Our Mission

Through shared decision making and sound public health measures enhance the health and quality of life of all American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level by eliminating environmentally related disease and injury.

“Healthy Environments – Healthy People”

5 Focus Areas



Children's Environment

Prevent illness and injury by reducing risk factors where children live, learn, and play.



Safe Drinking Water

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Food Safety

Prevent foodborne illness and promote food safety and security.



Vectorborne and Communicable Diseases

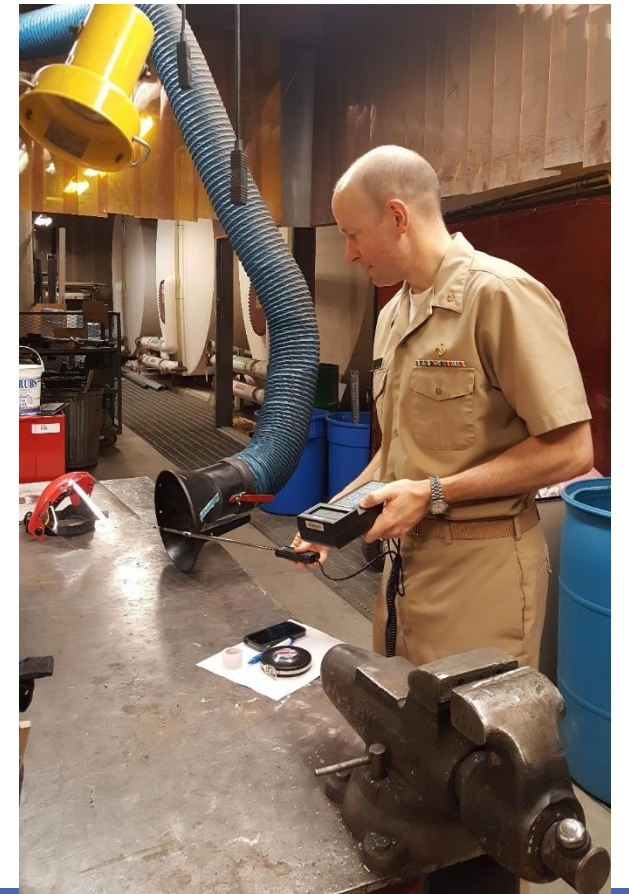
Prevent diseases transmitted by insects, animals, humans, and the environment.



Healthy Homes

Prevent diseases and injuries in homes caused by unhealthy living conditions.

DEHS is Community-based



Role of Headquarters DEHS

- Facilitate information exchange among Areas and external EH partners
 - Web presence:
 - www.ihs.gov/dehs Common communication methods
 - <https://www.ihs.gov/InjuryPrevention/>
 - Distribution of Annual Reports
- Provide technical assistance to facilitate federal/tribal determination of objectives
- Establishing nationwide EH objectives and priorities
- Assuring actions and services are in the public interest of the federal/tribal EH system

Role of Area DEHS

- Assess health needs within the Area based on Area-wide data collection;
- Establish Area-wide health objectives
- Assure there are adequate policies for health activities;
- Provide access to necessary services; and solve problems related to health;
- Support Service Unit and Field capacity, especially when there are disparities in Service Unit and Field ability to administer

Role of Field Level Staff

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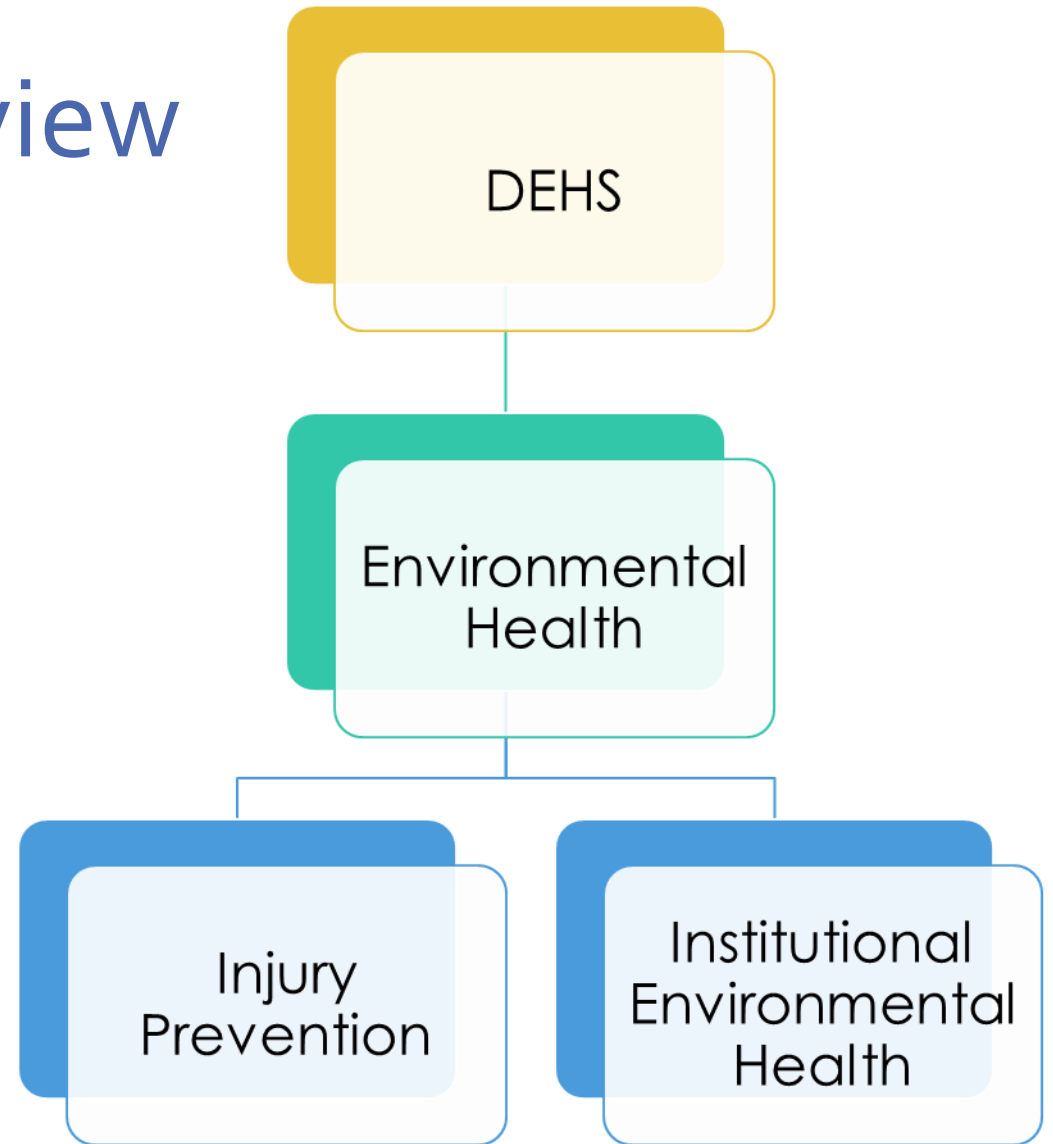
- Develop policy and provide leadership that fosters local involvement and a sense of ownership, that emphasizes local needs, and that advocates equitable distribution of resources;
- Assure that high-quality services are available and accessible to all persons;
- Assure that communities receive proper consideration in the allocation of resources; and
- Assure that the community is informed about how to obtain those services.

Regional and Local Priorities

- Work with tribes to identify and address issues of local concern
 - Sustainability
 - Climate Change
- Projects in tribal communities include:
 - E-waste recycling programs;
 - Community gardening and seed storage projects;
 - An aquaponics program that provides produce to a school lunch program and the community;
 - Community composting that is contributed to by casinos and other large food service operations;
 - Energy audits that lead to more efficient public buildings;
 - Localized food systems including fisheries, farms and community food plots; and
 - Reducing waste in community facilities.

Specialty Services Overview

- Injury Prevention Program
 - Work with Tribes and other partners to prevent injuries and fatalities
- Institutional Environmental Health Program
 - Protects occupants from chemical, biological, radiological, and ergonomic hazards in built environments



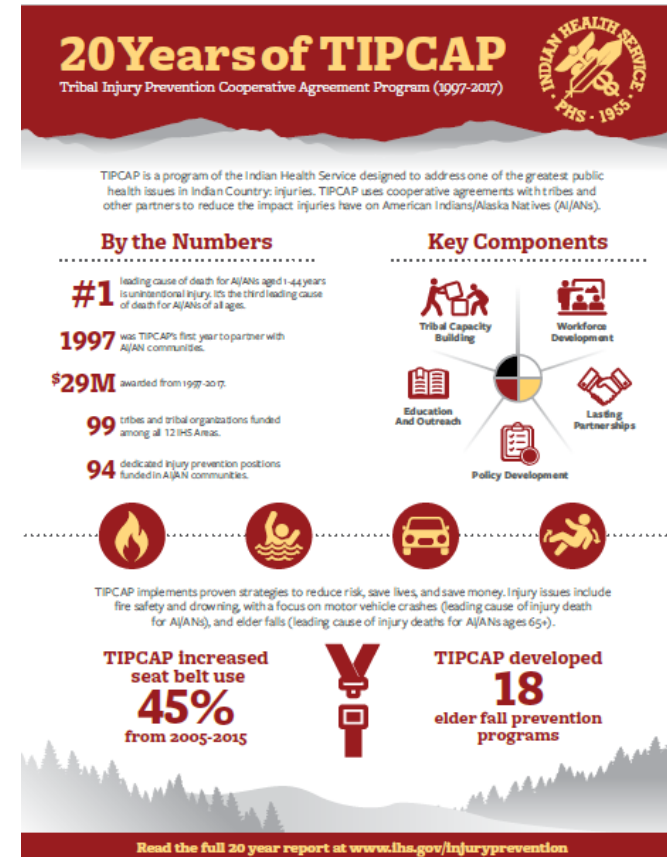
IP Program Components

- Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program (TIPCAP)
- Training
- Technical Assistance for Tribes
- Local projects



Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program (TIPCAP)

- Currently in 5 year cycles
- 110 Tribes, Tribal organizations, or urban programs
- More than \$90,000,000 in total funding
- 2021-2025; 27 sites awarded \$2,436,525



Training

- Short Courses
 - Introduction to Injury Prevention
 - Intermediate Injury Prevention
 - Safe Native American Passengers (SNAP)
 - Car seat training
- Injury Prevention Fellowship
 - Training
 - Public Health Project completion



IHS Area Projects

- Fall Prevention – 5
- Traffic Safety - 5
- Opioid poisoning prevention – 3
 - Lockboxes in homes
 - Drug disposal units in health centers
- Other – injury atlas, co-sleeping death prevention, CO detectors, youth violence prevention

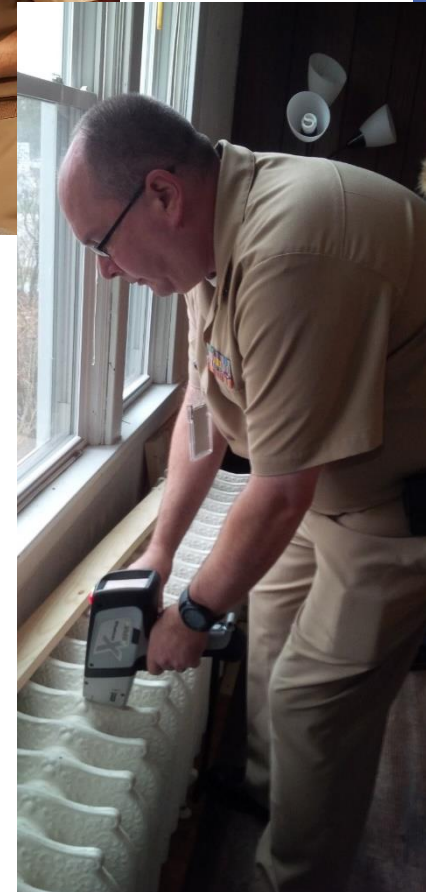
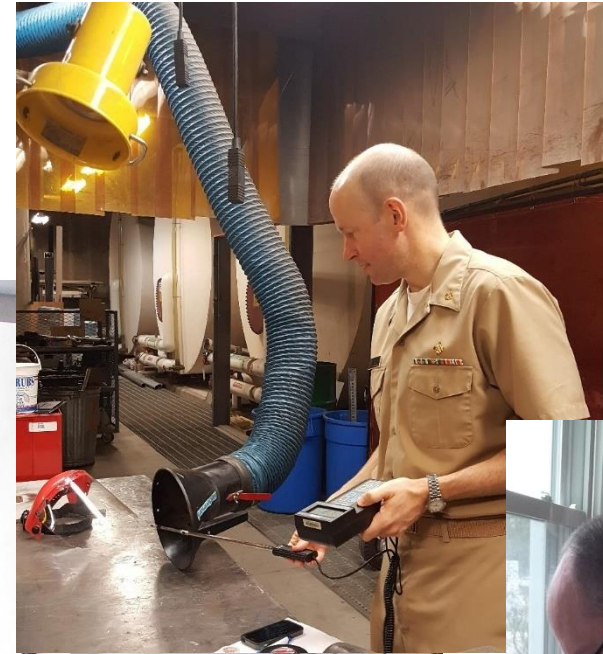
Institutional EH Program Components

- Where IEH staff offer services
 - Health Care Settings
 - Educational Facilities
 - Correctional Facilities
 - Casinos
 - Support for Field EH staff



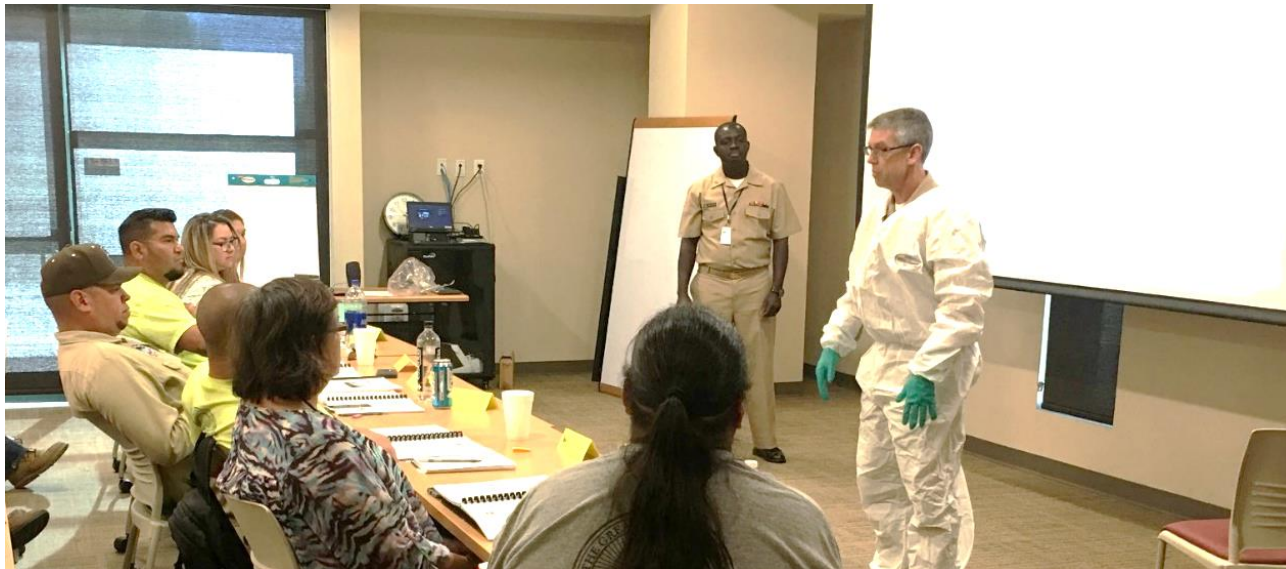
Institutional EH Services

- What services IEH staff offer:
 - Safety Management System Support
 - OSHA Compliance
 - Industrial Hygiene
 - Fire/Life Safety
 - Healthcare Accreditation
 - Environmental Infection Control
 - Emergency Management
 - Environmental Protection



IEH Areas of Emphasis

- Occupational Safety Systems
 - IHS OSH Program Policy –
 - IHS Safety Tracking & Response System (I-STAR)
 - OSHA Training Certifications
- Healthcare Accreditation
 - Program Evaluation
 - Program Management Support
 - Environmental Technical Assistance
 - Emergency Preparedness



COVID-19 Response

- Community-based
- Institutional EH
- Incident Command Systems



COVID-19 Response – Community-based



COVID-19 Response – Institutional EH



COVID-19 Response – ICS



