

NATIVE TELEHEALTH OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Summary

Development and dissemination of culturally-relevant health care information has traditionally taken a “top-down” approach, with governmental agencies and research institutions dictating the focus of health-related research. The goal of the Native Telehealth Outreach and Technical Assistance Program is to equip both lay and professional Native community workers with the means to use technology to address tribal health needs. The transfer of technical knowledge and skills enables participants to develop projects enhancing the community-wide dissemination of health care information.

Project Details

Nine community health advocates (CHA) participated in the initial cohort and four CHA's comprise the current cohort. Projects include Web sites, interactive CD-ROMs, and videos focusing on a variety of health concerns identified by the CHA/CHP in collaboration with a community stakeholder. At the conclusion of the 18-month program period, projects are disseminated throughout rural communities. Program staff is working to evaluate the use and benefits of these projects within the communities.

Project Website – Showcase of Community Health Advocate Projects

http://www.uchsc.edu/ai/cnatt/ntotap_index.htm

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