

**Title: Enhancing the HIV/AIDS Care Delivery System for American Indian/Alaska Natives: Challenges and Integration**

**Track: CAL-455**

**Date/Time: Tuesday, 1:30 – 3:00**

**Moderator: Evonne Bennet**

**Presenters: Laura Shepherd**



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## Programs

- 1% of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients self-identify as AI/AN (2006)
- 44% of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C (community-based) programs served AI/AN in 2006
- Title III Early Intervention Services (EIS)
  - 1 grantee which focuses on AI/AN: Alaska Native Tribal Health
  - Consortium FY2008: \$487,500
- Minority AIDS Initiative: HIV Training for Health Care Providers Serving American Indian/Alaska Natives
  - Through AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs)
  - FY2008: \$400,000

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## Policies

- As a result of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, new HRSA policy (Policy Notice 07-01) was issued: Use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funds for AI/ANs and IHS Programs
  - First issued in 2000 as Policy Notice 00-01
  - Reissued in 2003 with a companion Q & A
  - To incorporate new legislative language, Policy Notice 00-01 was revised and Policy Notice 07-01 issued

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## Policies

- New language: Policy Notice 07-01
  - Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities or those operated by the IHS are now eligible to apply as direct grantees for Part C and Part D under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (in addition to previously authorized Urban Programs and 638 Tribal Facilities under Policy Notice 00-01)
  - Programs administered by or providing services of the IHS are exempt from the "Payer of Last Resort" restriction for Parts A, B, and C

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## Resources

- HRSA/IHS Collaboration
  - Mission statements of both agencies resonate and support a common basis for collaboration
- Areas of Collaboration
  - Training
  - technical assistance and capacity building
- Selected Projects
  - behavioral health training
  - HIV/AIDS telemedicine support network for health care providers
  - AI/AN AIDS Education and Training for Healthcare Providers Serving Tribal Areas and Communities

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## HAB/IHS HIV/AIDS Work Group

- Meets quarterly
- Representatives from both Agencies
- Share information on activities related to AI/ANs

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