

IHS Injury Prevention Program



California Area Indian Health Service

Three California Area Representatives Selected for the IHS Epidemiology Fellowship

(Pictures top to bottom): **Sherron Prosser** (Feather River Tribal Health) **Susan Ducore**, Area Indian Health Service (IHS) Nurse Consultant, and **Janae Price**, Area IHS Epidemiologist were selected to the 2007 - 2008 IHS Injury Prevention Fellowship class. The Epidemiology Fellowship is a 12-month, advanced learning experience for individuals promoting injury prevention in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.



The Epidemiology Fellowship provides practical knowledge and skills for injury prevention practitioners in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.



Building on the IHS Injury Prevention Program Short Courses and the prior experiences of the participants, the fellowship offers advanced training in injury epidemiology, program evaluation, scientific presentation skills, and field work. Each fellow applies this training by working on a special project involving data collection and/or program implementation and evaluation to reduce the injury

problem in their service area. Guidance will be provided by faculty throughout the year.

What is the Epidemiology Fellowship curriculum?

- Injury prevention project development: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta: May or June 2007 (one week)
- University of Michigan Summer Epidemiology Courses, Ann Arbor: July 2007 (three weeks)
- Injury prevention field work: Tucson Area: September or October 2007 (one week)
- Scientific presentation skills: Albuquerque: February 2008 (one week)
- Symposium: May or June 2008 (two days)
- Completion of a project that will have an impact injuries to American Indian and Alaska Natives



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Capacity Building

IHS Injury Prevention Courses Offer Unique Training

Many California Indian health care providers have attended IHS injury prevention training over the last three decades. The IHS contracted with the University of North Carolina (UNC) to improve the injury prevention training program. The revised courses have been met with great approval and have received exceptionally high evaluations from recent graduates.

Seven core topics are covered in the courses: public health approach to IP, program design, coalitions and collaborations, program evaluation, injury data, marketing and advocacy, and program management. These core topics are introduced and explored in a progressive manner throughout the three courses. The presentation of the subject matter allows students to build on each course. The closely intertwined curriculum incorporates the latest practical information and approaches proven to reduce injuries in Indian country.

The highly-acclaimed IHS Injury Prevention Fellowship training program also continues to evolve. There are now two tracts: (1) Program Development and (2) Epidemiology. The IHS IP Fellowship provides advanced learning from experts at top IP research centers. The IHS IP Fellowship is recognized as one of the most comprehensive IP training programs in the world. The IHS provides funding for health program staff to attend.

The basic IHS courses (*levels I-II*) are prerequisites for persons that want to pursue the IHS IP Fellowship program. Health programs with trained staff that have taken these courses also receive extra points to qualify for IHS injury prevention program capacity building grants.

SNAP 12 hour Child Passenger Training Available

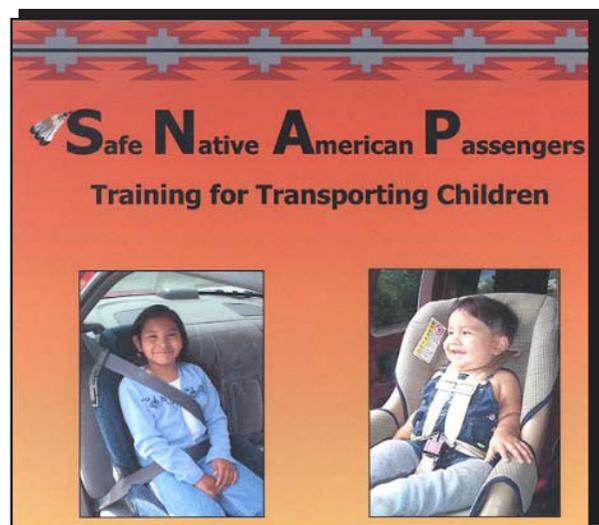
A workgroup of IHS and tribal staff has developed a 12-hour course (Safe Native American Passengers) to introduce basic concepts of child passenger safety. The course is divided into 8 hours of instruction and four hours of hands-on experience.

The intended audience of this course is anyone who works in American Indian communities and is interested in child passenger safety: health educators, EMS personnel, fire fighting personnel, law enforcement, Tribal environmental health specialists/practitioners, and child care providers.

Included in the course materials are the videos - “Don’t Risk Your Child’s Life” and “Securing Our Future.”

What makes this course different from other short Child Passenger Safety (CPS) courses?

The SNAP training includes statistics relevant to Native Americans. The course has culturally appropriate videos and addresses CPS issues unique to American Indians such as cradleboard use. The SNAP course was professionally reviewed to achieve the appropriate literacy level for the intended audience.



Training

Introduction to Injury Prevention Course a Success at CRIHB in Sacramento

The California Rural Indian Health Board sponsored an IHS Introduction to Injury Prevention Course (Level 1) in Sacramento during November 2006. The course was a huge success with 17 students participating.

Student groups were able to make first-class Power Point presentations using the learning objectives from the course. The students presented to a critique panel which was formed as a “funding review panel”. With most actual proposals in California funded by sources other than the tribes, this arrangement gave the students an excellent opportunity to meet some of the actual grant reviewers from agencies in California. The professional grant reviewers had excellent questions and really challenged the students with their critique and comments.



Students Worked in Groups to Develop Case Study Presentations



Students participated in a seat belt use observation exercise

Upcoming IHS Injury Prevention Courses

Introduction to Injury Prevention (Level 1)
Oklahoma City, OK April 10-13

Advanced Injury Prevention (Level 3)
Navajo Reservation April 10-13

Intermediate Injury Prevention (Level 2)
Ft. Duchesne, Utah April 17-20

Introduction to Injury Prevention (Level 1)
Billings, Montana April 24-27

Advanced Injury Prevention (Level 3)
Pheonix, AZ September 18-21

Sleep Safe Training Summer 2007

The national IHS Sleep Safe training will be held in California this summer. The exact dates and location has not been determined yet. This is a great opportunity for head starts programs to get a US Fire Administration-funded fire safety program into their community.

The goal of the Sleep Safe program is to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries among AI/AN children enrolled in tribal head start programs. The objectives for the Sleep Safe program include:

- ◆ Providing a fire safety curriculum module for the head start program.
- ◆ Providing smoke detectors for each child's home.
- ◆ Providing project implementation training for a minimum of one head start staff member.

The short application for this mini-grant program will be released in March or April and will be mailed to each head start director.

In addition, the US Fire Administration and the Indian Health Service have produced a fire safety video entitled, "Practicing Home Fire Safety." This 9 minute video features American Indians in the cast and was produced specifically for use in conducting American Indian and Alaska Native fire safety projects. The video features an American Indian family as they make a comprehensive fire safety plan for their home.



Website Information: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/InjuryPrevention/index.cfm?module=toolbox&option=sleep>

IHS Injury Prevention Website New and Improved!

The IHS Injury Prevention website has recently been completely redone and updated. The latest information on IP opportunities and resources can now be found at the new site. The internet address is: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/InjuryPrevention/index.cfm>



Child Passenger Protection Videos Available

The California Area Indian Health Service, Injury Prevention Program maintains a video lending library. Included are several videos that health program staff have found very useful in child passenger protection (CPP) education. Specific titles include:

- ◆ "Securing our Future": an 11 minute video featuring American Indians exploring traditional issues.
- ◆ "Protecting our Most Cherished Gift": filmed with American Indians in North Dakota. 13 minutes.
- ◆ "Don't Risk Your Child's Life" Version 6: a contemporary approach to CPP with information to train health providers. 21 minutes.
- ◆ "Sizes": a booster seat video produced by Boost America, 5 minutes.
- ◆ "Cradleboards, A Tradition of Safety and Security" Yakima Nation: Discusses relationships between traditional cradleboards and child passenger protection devices. 12 minutes.

