

## Mission



***IHS Mission***...to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

***IHS Goal***...to assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available & accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.



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## Phoenix Area Indian Health Service

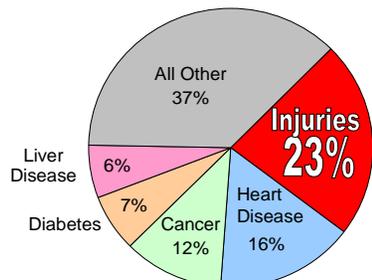


## Injury Prevention Program



## Injuries Among Native Americans

Leading Causes of Death - Phoenix Area IHS Native Americans, 1999-2002



N=5,552  
Source: CDC WISQARS query of AZ, NV, and UT

### Injury Facts:

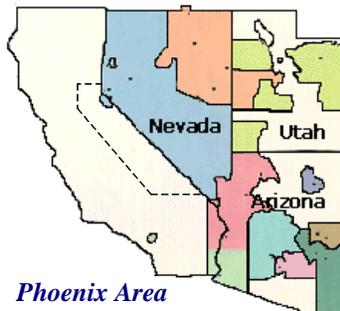
- \* The injury death rate among Native Americans in the Phoenix Area is two times that of the US All Races injury death rate.
- \* Injury accounts for 62% of deaths among Native American children (ages 1-14) in the Phoenix Area.
- \* Injuries account for 18% of IHS (CHS) expenses.
- \* More than \$300 million is expended annually to treat injuries in the IHS.



## The Phoenix Area Injury Prevention Program

**IHS Injury Prevention Mission...**to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest possible level by:

- \* decreasing the incidence of severe injuries and death to the lowest possible level;
- \* and increasing the ability of tribes to address their injury problems.



Phoenix Area

**The Phoenix Area Injury Prevention Program provides direct services to over 40 tribes in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and California. Our services include:**

### PROGRAM SUPPORT

- ◆ Provide program guidance and recommendations as requested.
- ◆ Provide technical support in the development, implementation, and evaluation of injury prevention projects.

### INJURY PREVENTION TRAINING

- ◆ Coordinate IHS Injury Prevention training courses for the Tribes.
- ◆ Support and mentor IHS Injury Prevention Fellowship students.
- ◆ Provide specialized injury prevention training courses tailored to tribal requests.

### PROJECTS

- ◆ Assist with design and implementation of community-based injury prevention interventions.
- ◆ Identify external sources of funding to support tribal IP programs and projects.
- ◆ Assist in grant proposal writing.
- ◆ Administer a mini-grant program to fund IP projects, including:
  - \* Child passenger safety projects
  - \* Smoke alarm distribution
  - \* Bicycle safety activities
  - \* Carbon monoxide monitors
  - \* Elder fall prevention
  - \* Community awareness campaigns

### INFORMATION SHARING

- ◆ Collect, analyze, and share injury data with tribes.
- ◆ Provide guidance to local injury surveillance systems.
- ◆ Share new and innovative findings from injury prevention literature.

### COALITIONS & COLLABORATION

- ◆ Provide support to community based injury prevention coalitions.
- ◆ Assist in coalition formation, training, and maintenance.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for collaboration between Tribes on injury prevention projects.
- ◆ Facilitate networking between tribes and state, federal, and other public health entities.
- ◆ Share injury prevention program accomplishments with Tribal leadership.

