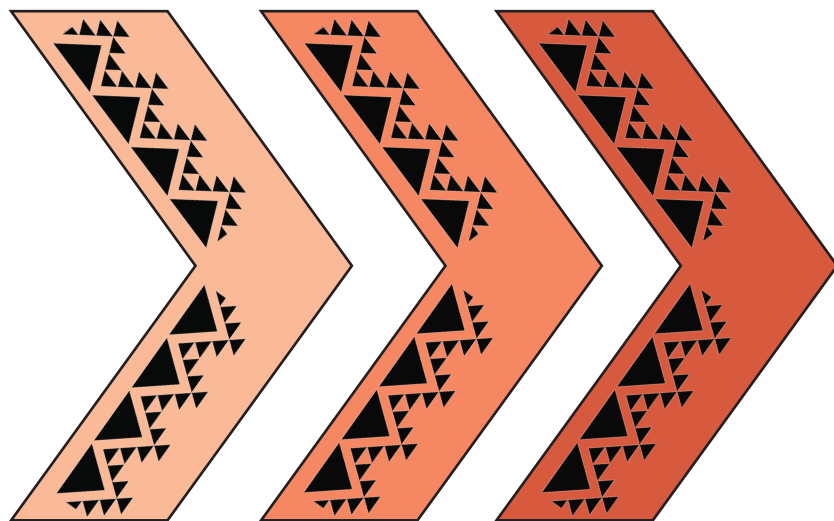


# Forensic Healthcare Services



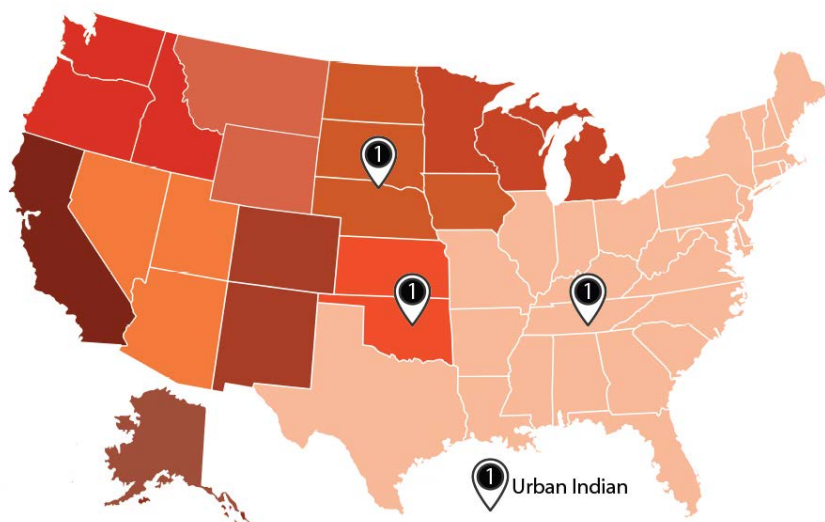
»»» The Forensic Healthcare (FHC) service program's intent is to impact FHC services provided by Tribal and Urban Indian organizations which includes promoting treatment, intervention, and prevention efforts for the social, spiritual, and emotional well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of domestic and sexual violence.

»»» In April 2022, the IHS Division of Behavioral Health, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services awarded 4 Tribal, Tribal organization, and Urban Indian organization FHC grants totaling \$1 million, over a 5-year period.

»»» The [4 FHC grantees](#) will focus on providing access to treatment for AI/AN victims of domestic and sexual violence by supporting the development of and/or expansion of FHC services that are culturally appropriate and trauma-informed.

»»» Sexual assault is a significant problem affecting AI/ANs. Sexual assault refers to sexual activity without permission or consent. This can occur in situations when a person is unable to give consent, for example when a person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Anyone can experience sexual violence, but most victims are female.

(Indian Health Service, <https://www.ihs.gov/forpatients/healthtopics/SexualAssault/>)



[Awarded Tribal, Tribal organization, and Urban Indian Organization FHC Grants by IHS Area.](#)



**38%**

AI/AN female victims most commonly needed medical care and were 2.3 times as likely as non-Hispanic white-only victims to need this type of care. (National Institute of Justice Journal Issue 277, 2016)

**84.3%**

AI/AN women have experienced violence in their lifetime. (National Congress of American Indians, 2018)

**56.1%**

AI/AN women have experienced sexual violence. (National Congress of American Indians, 2018)

**2.5x**

AI/AN women are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault crimes compared to all other races, and 1 in 3 AI/AN women reports having been raped during her lifetime.

(US Government Accountability Office, 2010)

National Sexual Assault Hotline

**800.656.HOPE**  
**online.rainn.org**

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