

National Indian Health Board



Seeking Tribal Nations Interested in Building Partnerships to Address Elevated Blood Lead Levels in Tribal Children



To assist Tribal Nations in building systems of support for Tribal children, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is working in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on a new initiative.

The purpose of this initiative is to convene state, county, and Tribal representatives from **rural and non-urban** communities to discuss how collaborative efforts can be initiated or strengthened to identify and address elevated blood lead levels (BLLs) in Tribal children. Additionally, we will explore current processes Tribal Nations use to test BLL and any known barriers and facilitators for testing and related activities.

At the convenings key stakeholders will work to generate region-specific solutions to enhance BLL testing and related activities. Additionally, Tribal participants will gain an improved understanding of how state and county lead programs might work with Tribal Nations, what resources and materials may be available, and potential opportunities for future Tribal-state and Tribal-county partnerships to accomplish this work.

NIHB will focus energies on two Indian Health Service regions, based on expressed interest from elected Tribal leaders, and Tribal programmatic and clinical staff who work in lead.

If your Tribe is interested in participating in this initiative, please contact Stephen Valliere, Public Health Coordinator, by Tuesday, April 30th COB at svalliere@nihb.org or (202) 507-4082.

Please note: NIHB will support the travel of all approved Tribal convening attendees.

