

## **SECTION 904 TASK FORCE: REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is accepting nominations to serve on the federal advisory task force that supports the U.S. Department of Justice's program of research on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Nominees must be representatives of tribal governments, tribal domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofits, or national tribal organizations.

Members provide feedback on research priorities, design strategies, research and evaluation protocols, findings, and policy and practice recommendations. Nominations should follow official tribal protocols (e.g., Tribal leader can nominate a representative on the tribe's behalf or an executive director can nominate a staff person from their organization or nonprofit). Learn more about the program of research and the task force's role by going to <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force> or <https://nij.gov/topics/tribal-justice/pages/welcome.aspx>.

**[Read the Letter Calling for Nominations for the Task Force.](#)**

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## U.S. Department of Justice

### Office on Violence Against Women

Washington, DC 20530

September 20, 2017

Dear Tribal Representative:

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is seeking nominations for members of the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women (Task Force). First chartered on March 31, 2008, the Task Force has assisted the United States Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and OVW in the implementation of a program of research that examines violence against Indian women in Indian Country, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, murder, and sex trafficking, and in evaluating the effectiveness of federal, state, tribal and local responses to these crimes. The Task Force was authorized by Section 904(a)(3) of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-162) and is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. To ensure that the Department of Justice continues to receive timely advice from the Task Force, the Task Force was re-chartered and filed with Congress on July 13, 2016.

The Task Force last met in March of 2013. Because so much time had passed since the last Task Force meeting, some members could no longer serve. In October of 2016, OVW sought nominations for new Task Force members. OVW received only nine submissions in response to last year's request for nominees; therefore we have decided to re-solicit for nominations to ensure that we have a nominee pool that reflects the entities described in the statute and that has diverse expertise and experience. By statute, Task Force members must be representatives of one of the following entities: tribal governments; national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault non-profit organizations; or national tribal organizations.

Task Force members have provided valuable feedback on NIJ's program of research priorities, research design strategies, research and evaluation protocol issues, and research and evaluation findings from studies conducted to date. Moving forward, the Task Force will continue to play an important role in shaping the program and will assist NIJ and OVW with disseminating results that will influence policy and practice. The Task Force is a working body that will produce reports and other important documents. Task Force members are expected to: attend meetings that usually last 1-2 days; be prepared to discuss topics and materials distributed in advance of each meeting; and draft written recommendations and reports, as necessary. Additional information on the Task Force can be found on the OVW and NIJ websites at: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force> and <https://www.nij.gov/topics/tribal-justice/vaw-research/pages/task-force.aspx>. OVW and NIJ hope to schedule the next meeting for the spring of 2018.

For each nominee, the nominating entity should submit a cover letter recommending the individual to serve and explaining the individual's qualifications to serve on the Task Force, as well as a copy of the individual's resume or curriculum vitae. The cover letter and supporting documentation should be submitted by e-mail to [OVW.taskforce@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.taskforce@usdoj.gov) **no later than**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017.** OVW will conduct a vetting process on the nominations, which will include a telephone interview, public records search, input from NIJ, and forwarding the nominees' names to the Attorney General, including those recommended by OVW for selection, for his approval.

Please feel free to contact Sherriann C. Moore, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs at (202) 616-0039, if you have questions regarding the nomination process. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and working with the new Task Force. Thank you for your continued dedication to addressing violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nadine M. Neufville". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Nadine M. Neufville  
Acting Director



# SAVE-THE-DATE

## 8th Annual THRIVE Conference

### June 25-29, 2018

**WHO:** For American Indian and Alaska Native Youth 13-19 years old

- 1 Chaperone for every 4 youth attending. \*\*Background checks are required for all adults facilitating or attending who did not attend in 2017.
- Activities, materials, lunch and snacks Mon-Thurs. will be provided.
- Travel, parking, lodging, breakfast and dinners are not included.

**WHERE:** To be determined in Portland, Oregon

**LODGING:** Once a location is set we will circulate group rates for a local hotel.

**WHY:** Build protective factors and increase your skills and self-esteem, connect with other young Natives, learn about healthy behaviors (suicide prevention, healthy relationships, etc.) and how to strengthen your nation through culture, prevention, connections, and empowerment!

**WHAT:** This conference will be made up of FIVE (or six) workshop tracks and at registration each youth will need to rank their preference for which workshop they want to be in. Tracks may include: digital storytelling, movement, nutrition, art creation, physical activity, beats lyrics leaders (song writing and production), We Are Native youth ambassador leadership (additional application required), or a science and medical track sponsored by the Oregon Health and Science University.

**NEW WORKSHOPS IN 2018!!**  
Registration (free) will open  
the first week in April!!

**#WeNeedYouthere**

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November 16, 2017

For the NPAIHB Posting-

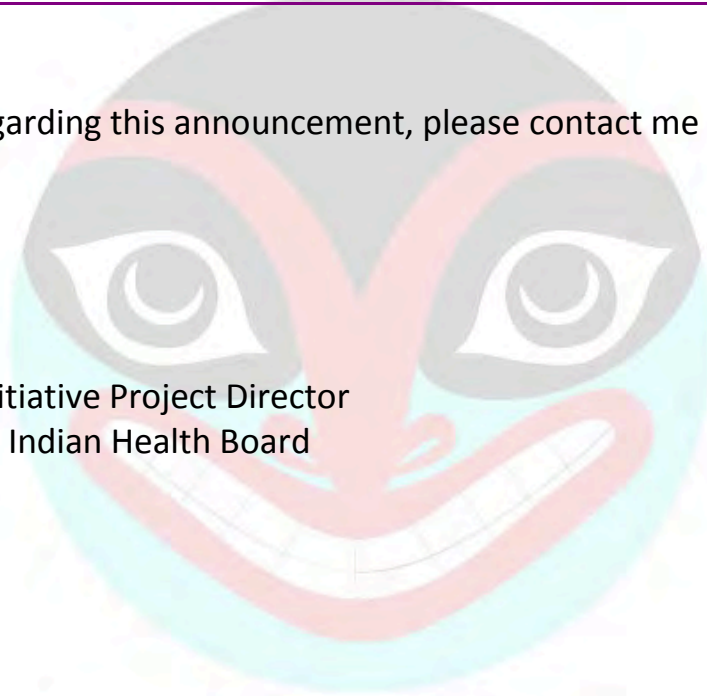
The application for Alaska Dental Therapy Educational Program (ADTEP) Student 2018 admission (class of 2020) for the ANTHC/Illisagvik DHAT education program in Alaska is open.

[https://anthc.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&id=23&jobid=224567&company\\_id=15902&version=1&source=ONLINE&JobOwner=992670&level=levelid1&levelid1=43662&startflag=2](https://anthc.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&id=23&jobid=224567&company_id=15902&version=1&source=ONLINE&JobOwner=992670&level=levelid1&levelid1=43662&startflag=2)

For more information regarding this announcement, please contact me

Thank you  
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*Our mission is to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Natives by supporting Northwest Tribes in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high quality healthcare.*


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### Alaska Dental Therapy Educational Program (ADTEP) Student

**Tracking Code**  
20180033

#### Job Description

**JOB SUMMARY:** The Alaska Dental Therapist Educational Program (ADTEP) is a two calendar year program based in Alaska, which seeks students who are culturally sensitive and motivated to make a difference in Alaskan Native and American Indian communities. ADTEP Students learn the skills need to become certified Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHAT). Students can obtain Tribal Health Organization (THO) sponsorship from participating organizations as part of the admissions process. Tribal sponsorship guarantees employment upon successful completion of the 2 calendar year Alaska based program. It is through our THO Sponsorships, Ilisagvik College, and funding from ANTHC, Rasmuson Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation that make this program possible. The benefits of being a Tribally sponsored student may include: guaranteed employment upon successful completion of two calendar year program, no upfront tuition costs, stipends to help with monthly living costs and travel assistance through sponsoring THO and/or ADTEP.

The following duties are intended to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities and **ARE NOT** intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

#### REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

ADTEP Students are required to enroll as an Associate Degree candidate through Ilisagvik College and to participate in and pass all ADTEP courses and clinical rotations. Participation is full time. Students with prior post-secondary education credits can apply for transfer credits; however, participation in the two calendar year program is required. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM with one-hour lunch break. Some work outside of standard hours is necessary to complete assignments and clinical work. Breaks are built into the course schedule. Participation in lecture and completion of all assignments on time is considered in assigning course grades. Full-time attendance is required during the school year.

#### Additional duties/student work:

Assists program staff in maintenance of dental clinic: ordering supplies, cleaning, infection control and equipment maintenance. Participate in continuing education and professionalism courses as necessary.

Provide patient care in structured learning environment under supervision of an ADTEP Instructor.  
Provide chairside dental assisting to peers.

Remote village field travel by small aircraft to participate in community projects at assigned times throughout the school year is required.

#### Required Skills

##### KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS

- Knowledge of customer service concepts and practices.
- Knowledge of computers and comfortable with their use, familiarity with standard Microsoft office suite of applications.
- Skill in strong communication, verbal and written.
- Skill in problem solving.

#### Required Experience

##### MINIMUM EDUCATION QUALIFICATION:

High school diploma or GED.

##### MINIMUM EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATION:

None

##### PREFERRED EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATION:

Prior health care work experience is preferred. Experience in a Tribal Health System is preferred. Preferred bi-lingual American Indian or Alaska Native speaker. Prior experience living and working in remote communities in Alaska Native or American Indian Communities. Knowledge of Alaska Native and American Indian culture(s).

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Must satisfy applicable criminal background and character standards, and pass mandatory drug screening. Any positive drug tests will result in immediate dismissal from the ADTEP. Must abide by ANTHC and Tribal Sponsors (if any) drug policy as a student in the ADTEP.

#### MINIMUM PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following demands are representative of those that must be met by an ADTEP student to successfully perform the essential functions of this job: Must be able to lift approximately 50 pounds. Must be able to sit and stand for prolonged periods. ANMC/ADTEP is not a latex free environment; therefore, some latex exposure can be expected.

#### Job Location

Anchorage, Alaska, United States

#### Position Type

Full-Time/Regular

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# CMS ITU Outreach & Education Event April 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Seattle

**Holiday Inn Seattle Downtown**  
211 Dexter Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98109 / Phone: 206-728-8123

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to helping the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribal Health Programs, and Urban Indian Programs (ITU) to maximize their ability to access third party resources. To meet this objective, CMS, in partnership with the States, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, the Office of the Inspector General, and IHS, provides training to patient benefits advocates on the programs and benefits available through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The target audience for CMS ITU trainings is:

- Business Office staff
- Benefits Coordinators
- Patient Registration staff
- Medical Records staff
- Purchased and Referred Care staff

You can register at: <https://www.cmsitustrainings.com/seattle-event-page/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rhonda Martinez-McFarland, CMS Seattle Region Native American Contact, at [Rhonda.Martinez-McFarland@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Martinez-McFarland@cms.hhs.gov) or Georgeline Sparks, CMS Tribal Affairs, [georgeline.sparks@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:georgeline.sparks@cms.hhs.gov)







Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Sent to all CSTE members

We are pleased to announce that CSTE will again partner with CDC to offer a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Intensive Writing Training. The training will include three 60-minute webinars and a two day in-person training in Atlanta, GA. Travel funding is expected to be available.

This training is intended for entry-level State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) epidemiologists who would like to increase the quality of their writing knowledge and skills. In addition to providing general writing strategies, the training will explore topics such as conducting literature reviews, developing a research question, legal and ethical aspects of reporting public health data, social media and communication with the press, peer review, and MMWR writing best practices. Interested applicants should have supervisory support to participate in the training. Those selected to participate should plan to submit an article to MMWR by September 2018.

**Each applicant must complete and submit the application by Monday, December 11, 2017.**

The application for the training can be found

here: [https://cste.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aYvSdp1FRZAVpeR](https://cste.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYvSdp1FRZAVpeR)

To be eligible for participation, applicants must:

1. Be currently employed at a state, local, territorial, or tribal health department
2. Have never published in MMWR as a first or senior author
3. Have published less than five professional publications as a first or senior author
4. Have an idea for an MMWR article as lead author
5. Have supervisory and agency support to participate in the training

For questions or more information, please contact CSTE's Director of Workforce Development, Amanda Masters at [amasters@cste.org](mailto:amasters@cste.org) or 770-458-3811.

Kind regards,

Amanda E. Masters, MPH  
Director of Workforce Development



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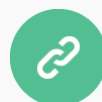
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**TRIBAL RESOURCE DIGEST**

Welcome to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) tribal resource digest for the week of November 13, 2017. The purpose of this digest is to help you connect with the tools and resources you may need to do valuable work in your communities.



*Visiting Lower Brule Sioux Tribe’s Earth Mound  
 Photo courtesy of Christina Iyengar*

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## Request for Photos

Please send any photos of GHWIC work (community gardens, events, team meetings, etc.) to Anisha Quiroz, [AQUIROZ@cdc.gov](mailto:AQUIROZ@cdc.gov) with a short description of the photo.

## Announcements

### New Online Diabetes Education Lesson Plan Outlines

**D**iabetes Education Lesson Plan Outlines provide information about diabetes self-care and many can be adapted for diabetes prevention education. These abbreviated lesson plans also offer quick access to related education materials, as well as background materials for educators to reference as they prepare for the lesson. Read more [here](#).



### 13th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

**T**he Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum provides an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, community members, and others to present their findings to tribal leaders, policymakers, and tribal members during NCAI's Mid Year Conference. Proposal due: December 15, 2017. Read more [here](#). Conference [website](#).

When: **June 2, 2018**

Where: **Kansas City, MO**

## Articles of Interest

### Community Living for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Elders

**P**resented is an issue brief detailing commonalities in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities with respect to Native Elders. Discusses historical trauma, the resulting treaties, health disparities, and traditional practices of Native Elders. Looks at how Native Elders interact with the healthcare system and the programs and services designed to support them within their communities. Read more [here](#).

## Funding Opportunities

### Honor the Earth Native Food Security Grants

**T**his program provides grants to Native organizations working to create food security utilizing traditional seeds, foods, and growing methods. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

## Webinars

### NNN & UIHS HP/DP Webinar: "Traditional Tobacco"

**T**he Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's National Native Network, in conjunction with the Indian Health Service Health Promotion and Disease Prevention present a webinar series: Cancer Risk Reduction in Indian Country. You will examine the cultural and spiritual importance of traditional tobacco employed by the Lakota/Dakota. Differentiate between traditional tobacco and commercial tobacco health effects. Educate tribal communities on the harmful health effects of commercial tobacco use and assist with identifying resources for prevention and control. Register [here](#).

When: **November 29, 2017—3:00pm ET**



### Healthy Native Youth Webinar

**T**his webinar will explore trends in health information-seeking by AI/AN teens and young adults, and will introduce viewers to [HealthyNativeYouth.org](http://HealthyNativeYouth.org), a one-stop-shop for health advocates who want to expand learning opportunities for Native youth. Guest speakers will share tips for navigating the Healthy Native Youth website, highlight a few of the health curricula available on the site, and will encourage viewers to engage youth in their own health and wellbeing. Register [here](#).

When: **November 16, 2017—10:00am PST**



### Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Community Health Webinar Series

**T**he Community Health Department will be hosting monthly webinars for tribal partners. Contact information below regarding times and dial-in information.

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Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board  
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| Date     | Topic  | Presenter(s)  |
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| 12/13/17 | <b>***REVISED TOPIC***</b> Components of a Tribal Policy Toolkit | Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board & National Indian Child Welfare Association |

## Contact Information

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<http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/index.htm>

The digest serves as your personal guide to repositories of open and free resources where you can find content to enrich your program or your professional growth. Please note that CDC does not endorse any materials or websites not directly linked from the CDC website. Links to non-Federal organizations found in this digest are provided solely as a courtesy. CDC is not responsible for the content of the individual organization web pages found at these links.

If you have comments or suggestions about this weekly update, please email Anisha Quiroz at [AQUIROZ@cdc.gov](mailto:AQUIROZ@cdc.gov) with the words "TRIBAL DIGEST" in the subject line.



Newly released data on Cardiovascular Diseases among AI/AN in Washington

Links to:

[http://www.npaihb.org/download/authoring\\_project/idea-nw/WA-CVD-Data-Brief-2017\\_FINALemail.pdf](http://www.npaihb.org/download/authoring_project/idea-nw/WA-CVD-Data-Brief-2017_FINALemail.pdf)