



**NORTHWEST TRIBAL DENTAL
SUPPORT CENTER**

2019 Portland Area Dental Meeting

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NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Established in 1972, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB or the Board) is a non-profit tribal advisory organization serving the forty-three federally recognized tribes of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Each member tribe appoints a Delegate via tribal resolution, and meets quarterly to direct and oversee all activities of NPAIHB.

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



NORTHWEST TRIBAL DENTAL SUPPORT CENTER

The Dental Support Center serves 36 dental programs. Out of the 43 federally-recognized tribes NPAIHB serves, 30 tribes have dental clinics.

- Oregon
 - Six tribes
- Washington
 - Twenty-one
- Idaho
 - Three

The other six programs are:

- Chemawa
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- NARA
- Two satellite clinics for Colville
- One satellite clinic for Yakama



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Overall Goal: Improve the Oral Health of AI/AN people in the Northwest

- Provide training, quality improvement, and technical assistance to IHS/Tribal dental programs
- Provide Prevention program support
- Implement an Area-wide oral health surveillance system
- Provide continuing dental education opportunities



SITE VISITS

WHY?

- Program review or concerns about your dental program
- New dental staff
- Just a friendly visit, but still discussing important issues

WHO?

- Dr. Bonnie Bruerd, Dr. Bruce Johnson and Dr. Cheryl Sixkiller. Sometimes Tacey too

HOW OFTEN?



SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- On-site program reviews
- On-going technical assistance and communications
- Assist with grant writing
- On-site and regional CDE courses
- Annual Dental meeting
- Baby Teeth Matter Initiative
- Elder Initiative
- Dental Roster updates



CALL US OR EMAIL US

- Site Visits
- New Dental Staff
- Technical Assistance
- Sign up for CDE opportunities



A TRIBAL PERSPECTIVE

- To continue to make all of our meetings culturally appropriate and have them at tribal sites
- Development of an orientation packet for new dental staff who are new to working in Indian country



QUESTIONS?

