

TRIBAL STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP AND TRIBAL TOBACCO PROGRAMS

American Indian communities and is deliberate in honoring and uplifting the cultural diversity that American Indians contribute to a vibrant and healthy Minnesota.

The Tribal SHIP and Tribal Tobacco Grants Program strives to provide opportunities for tribal communities to actualize culturally driven healthy eating, active living and traditional and commercial tobacco efforts. This effort has not only been successful in Minnesota, it is now seen as a model for how states can successfully partner with tribal nations to lower chronic disease incidence and mortality rates.

At a glance: Tribal SHIP and Tribal Tobacco Grants Program successes

- MDH and technical assistance providers have developed and implemented working relationships with all ten of the tribal grantees.
- More than 250 training and technical assistance activities have been provided since June 2016.
- Six tribal communities have health coalitions and committees each with their own structure, goals and objectives developed by community members to drive and support their initiatives.
- Sustainable efforts and policies have been implemented to uphold the special relationship tribes have with traditional tobacco, to support healthy foods policies for meetings and events, to provide support for breastfeeding areas/policies, to incorporate indigenous language in community walking/biking paths, to develop community medicinal and Indigenous food gardens and to support educational classes, among others.



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