

Understanding Community Long-Term Services and Support Needs

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 - The National Resource Center for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders (Alaska)
 - National Resource Center for Native Hawaiian Elders (Hawaii)



❖ NRCNAA established in 1994, at the Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences



Administration for Community Living

Vision:

"All people, regardless of age and disability, live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society".

Web site: http://www.acl.gov



NRCNAA MISSION

"Identify and increase awareness of evolving Native elder health and social needs".

❖ Web site: www.nrcnaa.org



NRCNAA AIMS

Empowerment of Native American leaders and service providers

Honoring and maintaining cultural values while providing high-quality services



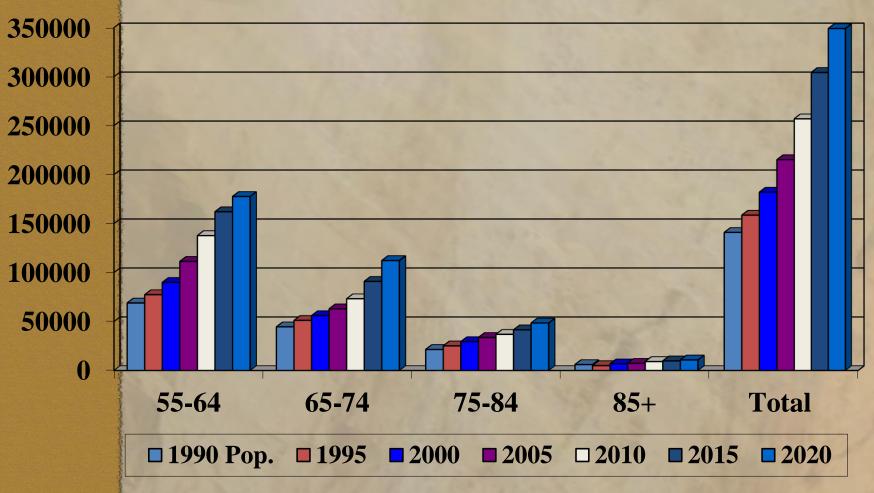
Tribal Participatory Model

Fisher & Ball (2003)

- Tribal Participatory Mechanisms:
 - Tribal Oversight
 - Tribal Resolution
 - Tribal Capacity Building
 - Culturally-Fit Method and Assessment
 - Applicable, Interpretable, and Usable Results
 - Tribal Data Ownership



Native Elder Population Projections 1990-2020





"Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders"

- Assesses elders' health and social needs
- Run in three year cycles and currently in cycle VI
- Tribes have the opportunity to collect information about their community
- Funded by ACL/AOA for past 20 years





Purpose of Needs Assessment

- Assists tribes in assessing options and developing an action plan to address local needs.
- ❖ Provides documentation required for planning and grant purposes including fulfilling requirements for tribes' Title VI elder nutrition program grant applications.
- Provides documentation (Family caregivers percentages) to apply for elder caregivers grant applications.



LTSS needs assessment

- An ongoing, definitive, and "big picture" process
- ❖ A process where local interests or issues are defined.
- A method by which the nature and extent of needs can be both assessed and documented.
- *A basis for planning that is evidence based.



Population

- Native American elders residing primarily on reservations, Alaskan villages and Hawaiian homesteads.
- ❖ Individuals age 55 and over living on or around Indian areas.
 - ❖ Age 55 is considered comparable to 65 and over in the general population
 - Data is age adjusted



Tribal Diversity

- NRCNAA's model addresses diversity between and within tribes:
 - Measures local community needs which are then unique to that community and fit only that particular community.
 - Model utilizes a custom-fitting measure.

One Size Does Not Fit All



Aggregated Representation

Not a single representative sample of nation's Native American Elders

- Represents an aggregation of representative samples from participating tribes
- Survey and methodology has stayed constant from Cycle II through Cycle V



Regional Variance

- NRCNAA model also addresses regional variance:
- Such as variance in life expectancy and chronic disease
 - California Indian Health Service Area life expectancy at 76.3 years is close to nations; however, Aberdeen Area is 64.3 a difference of 12 years.
 - Alaska Area has a diabetes rate slightly higher than the general population at 16%; whereas, the majority of other regions area at 37% or more.



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The Needs Assessment Survey

- The primary method of data collection is the survey instrument (administered face-to-face with the elders).
- *A standardized assessment instrument
 - Surveys provided to the tribes by NRCNAA at no cost.
 - Surveys processed (optical scanner) by NRCNAA at no cost.
 - A copy of the survey can be viewed at http://ruralhealth.und.edu.projects/nrcnaa/pdf/cycleiv.survey instrument.pdf



Sample Needs Assessment Survey

Funding for this project is provided by Cooperative Agra 90-AM-0003, from the Administration on Aging (an agency • Use black or blue pen or a number 2 pencil.	
Make dark marks that fill the oval completely. Correct	Make no stray marks and do not bend survey.
1. Would you say your health in general is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor 2. During the past 12 months, how many different times did you stay in the hospital overnight or longer? NUMBER OF	6. Because of a health or physical problem that laster longer than 3 months, did you have any difficulty (Please mark all that apply) Preparing your own meals? Shopping for personal Items (such as toilet Items or medicines)? Using the telephone? Doing heavy housework (such as scrubbing floors or washing windows)? Doing light housework (such as doing dishes, straightening up, or light clean up)? Getting outside?
OVERNIGHT STAYS	SCREENING 7. About how long ago has it been since you last visited
3. Has a doctor ever told you that you had any of the following diseases (Please mark all that apply) Arthritis? Prostate Cancer? (For men only) Stroke? Cotaracts? Coton(Rectal Cancer? High Blood Pressure? Lung Cancer? High Blood Pressure? Cervical Cancer? Osteoporosis? Perast Cancer? Depression Diabetes? Do you take oral medication? Do you take insulin? Are you on dialysis? Was this only during a pregnancy? (For women only) Are you a diabetic amputee? 4. How many falls, if any, have you had in the past year?	a doctor/health care provider for a routine check-up? Never had a checkup Within the past year Within the past years Within the past years 8. How long has it been since you had your blood stool tested for blood using a home kit? Never had a checkup Within the past year Within the past year Within the past year Within the past year Within the past of year Within the past of year Within the past of year So or more years ago 9. (FOR WOMEN ONLY) How long has it been since you had your last mammogram? Never had a checkup Within the past of year
5. Because of a health or physical problem that lasted more than 3 months, did you have any difficulty (Please mark all that apply) Bathing or showering? Dressing? Eating? Getting in or out of bed? Walking? Using the toilet, including getting to the toilet?	I1. (FOR MEN ONLY) How long has it been since you had your last PSA, prostate-specific antigen test, a blood test used to check MEN for prostate cancer? Never had a checkup Within the past 3 years Within the past 4 year Within the past 5 years 5 or more years ago



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	Do you have trouble seeing (even when wearing corrective lenses)?	(If you answer No skip to question 30) 29. How were you disabled?
	○ Yes ○ No	Congenital (from birth)
	Have you seen an optometrist (eye doctor) in the past year? Yes No	Ongenital (Iron birth) In military service Due to chronic disease Due to accident/injury
		O Due to accident/injury
	Do you now have total deafness?	
	○ Yes ○ No	HEALTH CARE ACCESS
17.	Do you use a hearing aid?	Total Marking of Bridge
	○ Yes ○ No	30. What type of health care coverage do you
	Do you have trouble hearing (even when wearing your hearing aid)?	have? (Please mark all that apply) Medicare Medicaid Veteran's Administration Indian Health Services
	○ Yes ○ No	O Private Insurance: Alaska Native Health Health/Medical Organization
	Have you had a hearing test in the past year? Yes No	O Private Insurance: O Indian Health/Tribal Insuran
	Have you seen a dentist or dental hygienist in the past year?	31. Do you have one person you think of as your personal doctor or health care provider?
	○ Yes ○ No	○ Yes, only one ○ No
	tanti grafing most decide a something from	○ More than one ○ Don't know/not sure
	What type of dental care do you need now? (Please mark all that apply)	32. When you are sick or need professional advice
	 Teeth filled or replaced (for example, fillings, crowns, and/or bridges) Teeth pulled 	about your health, to which of the following places do you usually go? (Please mark all that apply) A doctor's office Urgent care center
	O Gum treatment	A clinic Community health
	O Denture work (new dentures)	
	O Relief of pain	department O Traditional healer
	 Work to improve appearance (for example, braces or bonding) 	O A hospital emergency Other:
	Other	10011
	○ None	33. Have any of the following kept you from medical
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ME	MORY & DISABILITY	apply)
22.	Have you been diagnosed with Alzheimer's	○ Cost ○ No child care
	disease, dementia or other problems with	 ○ Distance ○ Office wasn't open ○ No access for people
	memory or thinking?	when I could get there with disabilities
	○ Yes ○ No	○ Too long a wait for an ○ Too long a wait in
		appointment waiting room No one spoke my None
	Has someone you are helping care for been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other problems with memory or thinking?	○ No one spoke my
	○ Yes ○ No	TOBACCO & ALCOHOL USAGE
(If ye	ou answer No to questions 22 & 23 skip to question 28)	TOBACCO & ALCOHOL USAGE
		34. Do you smoke tobacco now?
24.	I or the person I am helping care for was diagnosed	○ Yes, everyday
	in a timely way once we started noticing problems.	Yes, some days (e.g. ceremonial, social)
	○ Yes ○ No	O No (If no, skip to question #36)
	I know what to do to help myself or the person I'm caring for and I know where to get help if I need it.	35. How many cigarettes do you smoke per day?
	○ Yes ○ No	NUMBER OF
	The people helping me care for myself or me if I'm	CIGARETTES
	a caregiver feel well supported.	and a particular to the partic
	○ Yes ○ No	



36.	Do you use chewing tobacco or snuff?	SOCIAL SUPPORT/HOUSING
	○ Yes ○ No	
37.	How many containers of snuff or chewing tobacco per week do	44. Do you participate in cultural practices that includ traditional food, music, and customs?
	chewing tobacco per week do you use?	 All of the time Most of the time A good bit of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time
38.	The next few questions are about drinks of alcoholic beverages. By a "drink," we mean a can or bottle of beer, a glass of wine or a wine cooler, a shot of liquor, or a mixed drink with liquor in it. How long has it been since you last drank an alcoholic beverage?	45. How often do you get out and socialize? (attend church/ religious meetings,clubs/ organizations you belong to or cultural activities/traditional ceremonies)?
	Within the past 30 days More than 30 days ago but within the past 12 months More than 12 months ago but within the past 3 years More than 3 years ago I have never had an alcoholic drink in my life (skip to question #31)	46. How long have you lived at your present address? Less than 5 years 6-10 years Over 10 years
	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have five or more drinks on the same occasion? (By "occasion," we mean at the same time or within a couple hours of each other). None 3 to 5 days 1 or 2 days 6 or more days	47. What type of housing do you presently have? Single family residence An apartment Sleeping room/boarding house "Retirement home "A health facility (available medical personnel) Homeless Other
	How tall are you without shoes? FEET INCHES	*(If retirement home/health facility is marked, skip to question #53.)
41.	How much do you weigh today? POUNDS	48. Are you living with family members, non-family members, or alone? With family members With non-family members With both family and non-family members Alone
42.	Are you presently trying to lose or gain weight? Yes, trying to lose weight Yes, trying to gain weight No	49. How many (including yourself) live in your household?
43.	Over the past 30 days, what vigorous exercises did you	50. Do you have a family member who provides care for you? Yes No
	do? (Please mark all that apply) Aerobics Bicycling or bicycling on a stationary bike Weight Lifting	51. Do you take care of grandchildren? Yes No
	Gardening Yard Work Jogging Traditional Dancing Running (Pow-wow, Hula)	52. Are you the primary caregiver of grandchildren? Ves No
	Please mark all that apply to your nutritional health.	SOCIAL FUNCTIONING
	I have an illness or condition that made me change the kind and/or amount of food I eat. I eat fewer than 2 meals per day.	
	I eat fewer than 2 meals per day. I eat few fruits or vegetables or milk products. I have 3 or more drinks of beer, liquor or wine almost everyday.	53. During the past month, how much of the time were you a happy person? All of the time Some of the time
	I have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard for me to eat. I don't always have enough money to buy the food I need.	Most of the time A good bit of the time None of the time
	I eat alone most of the time. I take 3 or more different prescribed or over-the-counter	54. How much of the time, during the past month, hav you felt calm and peaceful?
	drugs a day.	All of the time Some of the time



	How much of the time, during the past month, have you been a very nervous person?				DEMOGRAPHICS			
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Survey Needs Data

- General health status of elders
- Indicators of chronic health
- Indicators of visual, hearing, and dental
- Tobacco and alcohol use patterns
- ❖ Diet, nutrition, and exercise
- Social support patterns, housing and work
- Health care access
- Unmet needs
- Use and acceptance of services



National Resource Center Provides:

- ❖ Survey instruments a standardized tool
- Assistance with sampling
- *Training on data collection
- *Technical support
- Data entry
- Data analysis
- Statistical profiles of your elders
- Comparisons with national norms



Local Communities Provide:

- *A resolution from their tribal councils
- A number or count of the elders in the community
- Data collection
- A repository for the findings and are responsible for getting them to the right people
- Local implementation and coordination



Post Data Collection

- NRCNAA receives completed surveys from participating tribes.
 - Surveys are scanned and coded for statistical analysis
 - ❖ A data file is created for each tribal participant
 - Standard measures are created (such as Body Mass Index, ADL and IADL limitations, chronic diseases and service uses).



Result Tabulations

- NRCNAA prepares comparison sheets for all participating tribes:
 - Includes each tribe's data, national data, and data for all Native American elders (tribal aggregate).
- Sample comparison sheet can be seen at:
 http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/nrcnaa/pdf/comparison.pdf
- The comparison sheets allow a context for interpretation:
 - *Helps to determine whether each tribe's elders are healthier or less healthy than the norm or whether they have more chronic disease.



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Visualizing Disparities

Data Comparison

Comparisons between our tribe, regions and the U.S. general population provide documentation of disparities on specific diseases where American Indian people appeared to be at greater risk than others in the nation. This information assists in identifying diseases where health promotion efforts will assist in making significant improvements in health status for our elders. The table on the next slide presents these diseases.



NRCNAA Data Use Template

* Chronic diseases with higher rates than the nation

	All Tribes	Nation
Congestive heart failure	9.1%	8.2%
Stroke	7.8%	6.3%
Asthma	13.6%	12.0%
High blood pressure	58.2%	55.2%
Diabetes	40.7%	18.0%
Cervical cancer	1.6%	0.3%
Osteoporosis	10.6%	4.6%



Visualizing Unmet Needs

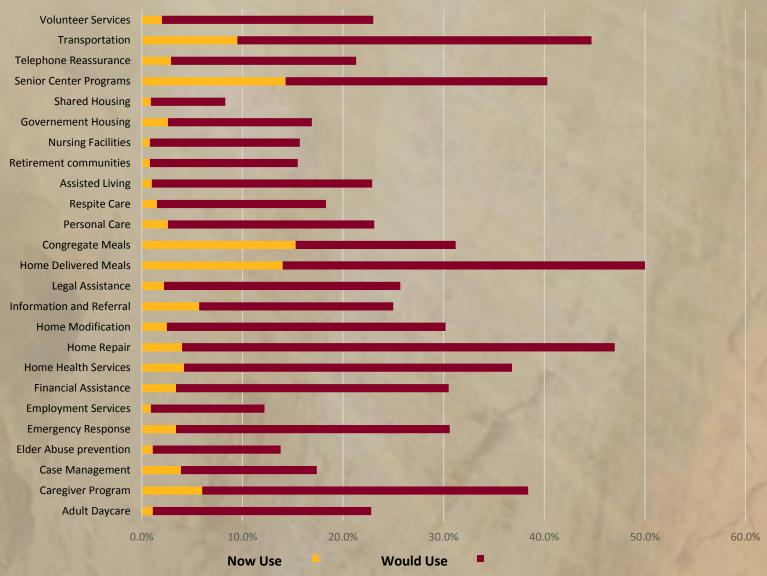
59. Are you now using, or if at some point you became unable to meet your own needs, would you be willing to use the following services? (Please mark all that apply)

(Interviewer, please see guide for definitions).

Mose	Would	
0	0	Adult Day Care
0	0	Caregiver Program
0	0	Case Management
0	0	Elder Abuse Prevention Programs
0	0	Emergency Response Systems
0	0	Employment Services
0	0	Financial Assistance
0	0	Home Health Services
0	0	Home Repair/Modification
0	0	Information and Referral/Assistance
0	0	Legal Assistance
0	0	Home Delivered Meals
0	0	Congregate Meals
0	0	Personal Care
0	0	Respite Care
0	0	Assisted Living
0	0	Retirement Communities
0	0	Nursing Facilities
0	0	Government Assisted Housing
0	0	Shared Housing
0	0	Senior Center Programs
00000	0	Telephone Reessurance
0	0	Transportation
0	0	Volunteer Services
	0	Long Term Care Services



Cycle V Tribal Aggregate Unmet Need





Community Level Data Uses

- ❖ Renewal of Title VI Native Elder Nutrition and Caregiving Grants
- Strengthening of grant proposals
- Documentation of health disparities
- ❖ Documentation of need for health promotion, home and community based services, and assisted living



Regional and National Data Use

- **❖**The applications for data at these levels are numerous and focus on:
 - Training for increasing skills for Native elder service providers
 - Advocating for resources at the state, regional, and national level



Regional and National Data Use continued

Developing policy for informing national Native elder organizations

❖ Filling the research gap for Native elder related publication

Training Native researchers in the aging field



Examples of Application of Assessment Data

- Tribal support for service program justification
- Proposals
 - Health Care Center
 - New Gym
- Tracking
- Gain partnerships
- Information sharing with community & government
- Identifying needs and resources
- * Assessing mental health needs
- Enhancing Tribal Leadership



Service Locator for Native American Elders

The NRCNAA maintains a web-based service locator for Native American elders. Services vary by location, but some examples include help with chores, personal care, home-delivered meals, financial assistance, senior citizens programs and assisted living. You can search by service or by area or both. Please visit us online at http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/nrcnaa/servicelocator.php to check for services available in your area.







Past Cycles I-V

Cycle I 9,403 Elders

Cycle V 17,049 Elders

Cycle II 10,743 Elders

Cycle IV 18,089 Elders



Cycle III 15,565 Elders



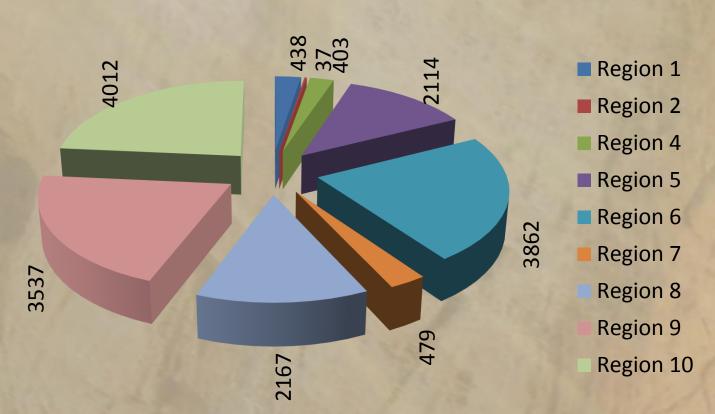
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Regional Participation

Participation





Current Status of Needs Assessment

- Cycle V (ended March 31, 2014)
 - *262 Tribes/Alaska Native Villages/Hawaiian Homelands from 142 sites
 - ❖ 17,049 Native elder participants have filled out the needs assessment survey
 - ❖ 10 I.H.S. Regional Areas are represented in the national file.



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