



### Center for Rural Health

- Established in 1980, at the University of North Dakota - Grand Forks, ND
- Focuses on access, financing, quality, and information dissemination through:
  - Education, Training, and Awareness
  - Community Development & Technical Assistance
  - Native American Health
  - Rural Health Workforce
  - Rural Health Research
- Web site: <a href="http://ruralhealth.und.edu">http://ruralhealth.und.edu</a>



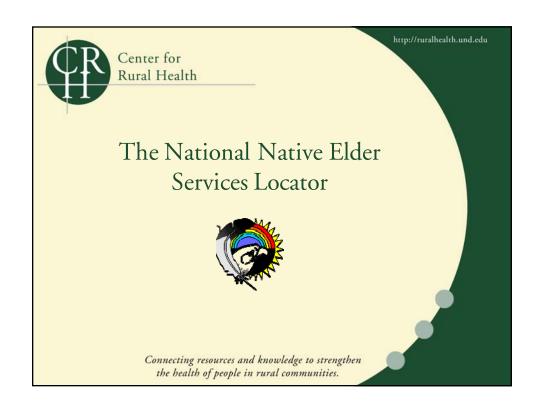




# National Resource Center on Native American Aging

- Established in 1994, at the Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Focuses on:
  - Education, Training, and Research
  - Community Development & Technical Assistance
  - Native Elder Health, Workforce, & Policy
- Web site: www.nrcnaa.org







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#### Overview

#### The Native Elder Services Locator Project:

- Serves as a resource to assist Native elders, families and service providers to locate services in specific communities.
- Provides a networking resource to tribes seeking a model for the provision of long – term care services.

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### Background

- Title VI Directors were contacted by phone (July- August 2007) regarding the following questions:
  - Senior services, tribal management of services, site contact information, and interest in sharing information with the Eldercare Locator, N4A (National Association on Area Agencies on Aging).
- Data was merged into useable tables to map the results.
- Interactive mapping was created using a FLASH component and inserted into the NRCNAA website.

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### Application

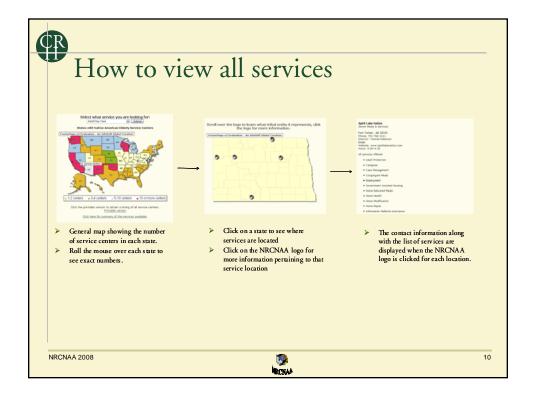
# The Native Elder Service Locator can be used to:

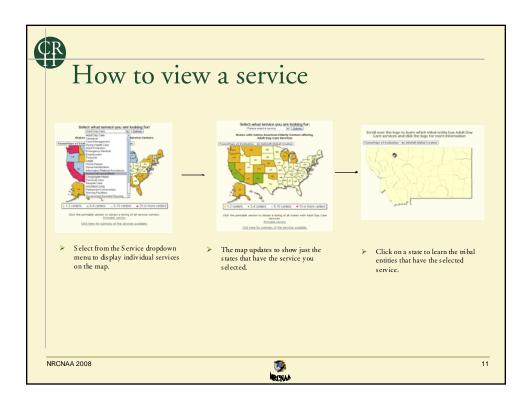


- Find services in a tribal/village/homeland locations;
- Print the locations of all services located within each state;
- Print a list of information available at each tribal location;
- Print a list of all tribes participating in the project;
- Print a list of all tribes that have a specific service such as Emergency Medical Services; and
- Print a list of the service definitions as defined by the Administration on Aging



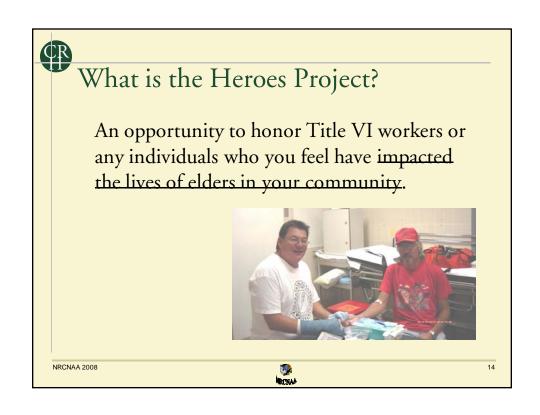














## Background Information

- Collaborative project with tribal, state, and national aging partners
- Developed by our late Director, Dr. Alan Allery.

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#### What will we do with this information?

• Collect nominees by September 30th, 2008

Awardees (and those who nominated them) notified by October 2008

- Awards sent to Community for local celebration in October-November, 2008.
- Create a booklet of Elder Heroes in Native committees that will be dispersed by the NRCNAA and AoA, and made available on the website.
- National Ceremony April, 2009.

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#### Bill Rossig - Wiyot Tribe



- World War II veteran.
- He coached youth football and baseball teams for 45 years,
- Built homes, children's playgrounds
- Started his own Elder Wood Program
- Volunteering for the Blue Lake Rancheria Elder Nutrition Program (even while through cancer treatments).

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#### Claire Hughes - Hawaii

- Dr. Hughes is a respected Native Hawaiian elder.
- She partnered in developing use of the traditional Native Hawaiian Diet (THD)
- After retirement, she has been working for American Cancer Society in the Hawaiian communities.



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### Gregorita Chavarria Kha'p'oo Owinge (Santa Clara Pueblo)

- Testified before the New Mexico Legislature for "Gregorita's Dream", a Regional Adult Day Care Facility which began construction this year.
- At 102, her coherent mind and willingness to share her cultural knowledge and momentous memories make her our blessing.







# Do you have anyone in mind?

- Is there anyone in your community who has or continues to dedicate their time, talent, and energy to help our elders, to solve local problems, and to build stronger communities???
  - Examples: A tribal council member, a volunteer, a Title VI Director, a CHR????

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