

The Indigenous HIV/AIDS
Syndemic Strategy: Weaving
Together the National HIV, STI,
and Viral Hepatitis Plans.



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The Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy

Weaving Together the National HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Plans

One of Indigenous peoples' strengths is our ability to understand our interdependence – with each other, the land, generations past, and those to come. This type of "big thinking" naturally lends itself to recognizing that the complex issues we face often require solutions that are equally as nuanced.

To support the development of comprehensive solutions to end the HIV epidemic in Indian Country, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, alongside the Indian Health Service National HIV Program, and other partners, created [The Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy: Weaving Together the National HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Plans](#). This document contains emerging practices, existing initiatives, as well as traditional Indigenous knowledge that can be used by Tribal decision-makers to develop community-tailored interventions that address the syndemics of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis.

Access [The Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy: Weaving Together the National HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Plans](#) below.



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Vision

We envision a world in which all Indigenous people are healthy in mind, body, and spirit; the spread of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis is prevented; every person knows their status and lives free from stigma and discrimination; and every person has access to high quality, holistic care that reflects Indigenous values, promoting relationships with each other, the land and all beings.



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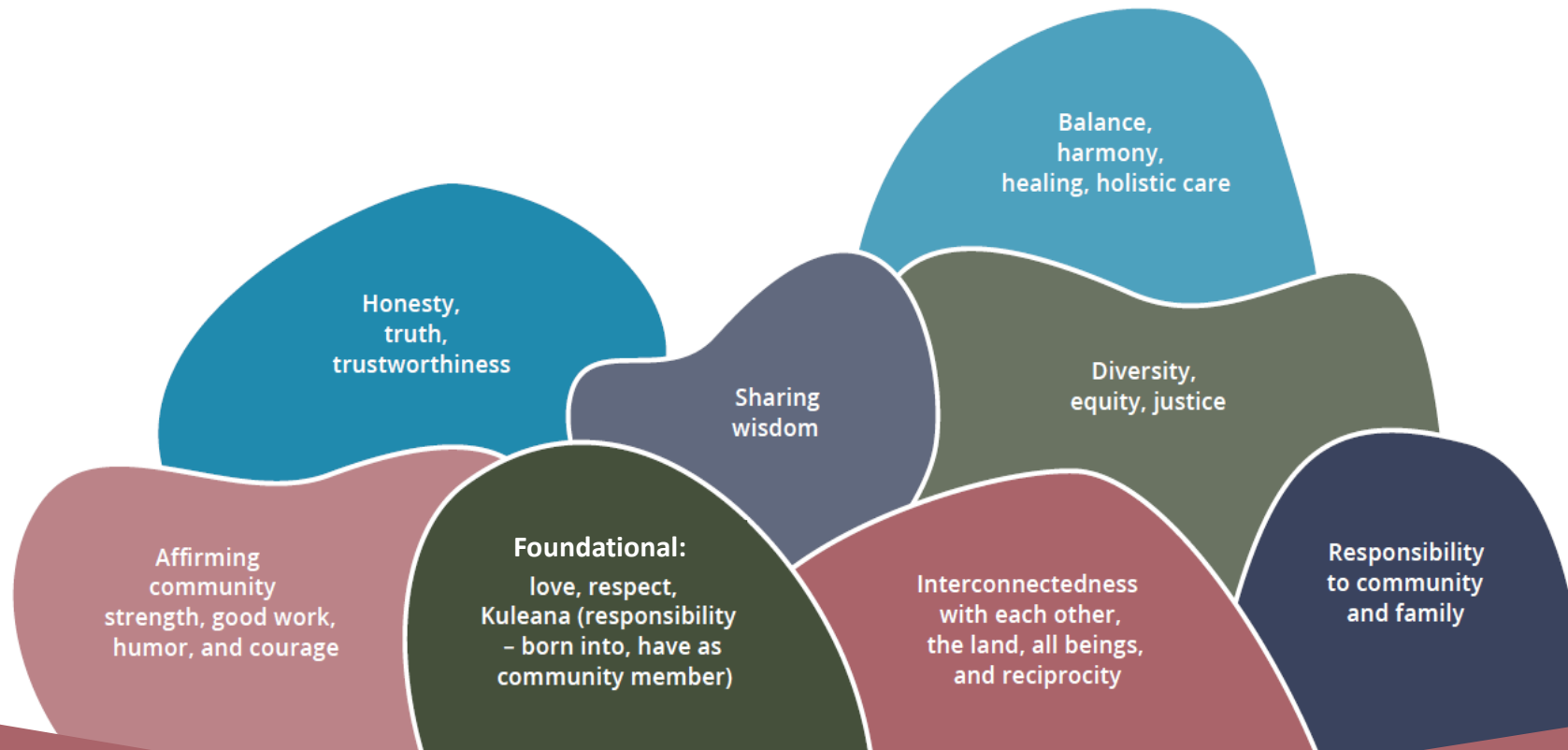
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Overview

Core Values

The Strategy centers core values that partners perceived to be common across many Indigenous communities, including...



Strategy Components

Icons Indicate how the goals relate to types and levels of interventions

Type of
Intervention



Prevention



Treatment



Diagnosis



Response

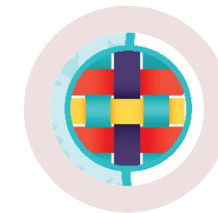
Level of
Intervention



Individual/Family



Community



System

Main Messages and Goals, Objectives & Strategies



Sovereignty



Sage

Cultural Responsiveness



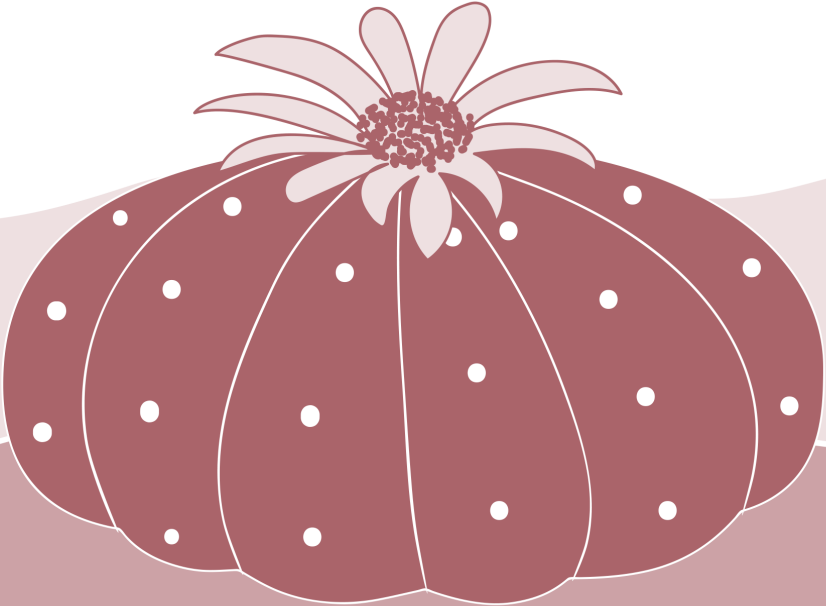
Water

Partnerships



Tobacco

Awareness & Stigma



Peyote

Clinical Resources & Services




Cedar

Clinical Resources & Services


Main message: Develop capacity to support diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and response to HIV/STIs/viral hepatitis

Goal 10. Increase the availability of accessible and sustainable clinical resources and services across IHS, Tribal, and Urban systems

- **Objective 10.1.** Develop and disseminate evidence-based and promising practices that center on Indigenous health and practices
 - **Objective 10.2.** Increase access to HIV/viral hepatitis/STI services
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Clinical Resources & Services

Goal 11. Increase the availability of accessible and sustainable community-centered health systems

- **Objective 11.1.** Support inclusive HIV/viral hepatitis/STI education and services
 - **Objective 11.2.** Address basic needs to address access issues across health programming, including HIV/viral hepatitis/STI prevention and care
 - **Objective 11.3.** Expand access to behavioral health services
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Clinical Resources & Services

Goal 12. Strengthen the workforce across clinical and community-centered health systems

- **Objective 12.1.** Increase health care professional capacity to prevent, screen, and treat HIV/viral hepatitis/STIs
 - **Objective 12.2.** Increase recruitment and retention of Indigenous health care professionals
 - **Objective 12.3.** Increase availability of HIV/viral hepatitis/STI services
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Data Systems

Sweet Grass



Indicators



Sassafras

Programs and Practices



Ginger



Thank You

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