Indigenous Data

RESTORING CULTURE. BUILDING BEAUTY.

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Who is the Urban Indian Health Institute?

- One of 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs)

- Serves Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) since 2000

- Supports the Urban Indian Health Network
  - 62 organizations including Urban Indian Health Programs and urban Indian social and health service organizations

- UIHI serves to improve the health of AI/AN by:
  - Identifying & understanding health disparities and resiliency
  - Strengthening public health capacity
  - Disease surveillance and disease prevention
  - Health promotion and disease prevention grounded in indigenous methodologies
“It’s hard to bridge that gap between what the Elders know and how to show it in numbers”
STORY CREATES meaning
I sing songs for your children's children.

Stop The Violence

Women Are Sacred
Public Health calls them data points.

I call them *Storytellers Of Health.*
Why are stories important?
• DATA IS STORY
What is our responsibility to the storyteller?
• Care and protect them from harm
What is our responsibility to the story?
• Meaningful intent for the good and wellbeing of the people
How big is your BRAVE