## 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"



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## STORY CREATES meaning

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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







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