

## Using Law to Advance Tribal Public Health Law: The Public Health Law Program's Role

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### ADVANCING TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH LAW:

**Legal Technical Assistance and Resources for Tribes and Tribal-Serving Organizations**

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## **Presentation Overview**

- ❑ Mission and Services of CDC's Public Health Law Program (PHLP)
- ❑ PHLP Tribal Public Health Law Tracks
- ❑ Discussion Questions

**MISSION AND SERVICES OF CDC'S  
PUBLIC HEALTH LAW PROGRAM**

## **CDC's Public Health Law Program**

- ❑ What we do
  - Advance the use of law as a public health tool.
- ❑ How we do it
  - Provide technical assistance, publications, legal epidemiology, education, and training.
  - Create tools that can be used to influence public health outcomes.
- ❑ Whom we serve
  - Serve CDC programs and state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) communities.

**PUBLIC HEALTH LAW PROGRAM  
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH LAW TRACKS**

## PHLP Tribal Public Health Law Tracks

- ❑ Tribal Engagement and Outreach
  - PHLP efforts to support agency-wide tribal engagement efforts and to market our services to tribes and tribal-serving organizations.
- ❑ Tribal Law
  - PHLP research on the laws of each individual tribe including tribal codes, case law, constitutions, and customary law.
- ❑ Federal Indian Law
  - PHLP research on Federal Indian Law, the legal framework that defines the rights, responsibilities, and relationships among tribes, states, and the federal government.

## Tribal Engagement and Outreach

- ❑ Tribal Engagement
  - Facilitate and support the NCEH/ATSDR National Tribal Environmental Health Think Tank.
  - Interview tribal leaders and professionals in the Public Health Law Program News.
  - Train tribal judges training on emergency preparedness laws.
  - Conduct trainings on public health law at national conferences.
- ❑ CDC Workforce Development
  - Facilitate and support CDC's Working Effectively With Tribal Governments course.
  - Support the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support's Tribal Support Unit.
  - Present on tribal public health law issues for CDC workgroups.

## Tribal Law and Federal Indian Law

- ❑ Technical Assistance
  - Research to Support Tribal Public Health Law Code Development
  - Hunting and Fishing Rights
  - Federal Indian Law Trainings
- ❑ Resources
  - 10 Great Public Health Achievements: Tribal Examples
  - Hunting and Fishing Rights Issue Brief
  - Principles of Federal Indian Law
- ❑ Projects in Development
  - Tribal TB Prevention and Control Laws
  - Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Law
  - Affordable Care Act and Tribes

## Discussion

- ❑ How does law relate to your work in tribal public health?
- ❑ What kinds of tribal public health law resources would be useful to you?
- ❑ What tribal public health law topics are important to you and your constituents?

## For More Information

- ❑ Submit a technical assistance request to PHLP at [www.cdc.gov/phlp/technicalassistance](http://www.cdc.gov/phlp/technicalassistance) or email me at [ahoss@cdc.gov](mailto:ahoss@cdc.gov).
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- ❑ Subscribe to the CDC Public Health Law News at [www.cdc.gov/phlp/news/current.html](http://www.cdc.gov/phlp/news/current.html).

Thank you!

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