IHS Injury Prevention Specialist Fellowship Program:

“Building infrastructure one participant at a time”

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Why an IHS Injury Prevention Fellowship Program?

- High rates of injury among AI/AN
- Over 550 Tribes
- Delivery system: 12 IHS Areas with IP specialists, Tribal IP coordinators
- Part of a broader training program: local, Area and national trainings
- Unique circumstances
## Indian Country: Jurisdiction Chart for Crimes on Tribal Lands

Adapted from Stephen Wall, 2006

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# IHS IP Fellowship Program

Focus on:
- AIAN communities: presenters, case studies, data, literature
- Primary prevention
- Evidence-based strategies
- Practical skills

# Building infrastructure: Fellowship Objectives

- Enhance the knowledge and skills needed by individuals to fulfill their roles as IP practitioners
- Enhance networks of support
- Promote a sense of competence
- Instill hope: success stories, role models, funding opportunities
Enhance skills and knowledge

- Year-long project
- Classroom work and field course (4 sessions)
- Between-course assignments
- Computer labs
- Mentoring: local, academic
- Symposium

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<td>2 core courses 3 yr. PH 2 yrs. IP</td>
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Enhance networks of support

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**Promote a sense of competence**

- Adult learning – sharing experiences, small groups
- Project: one-on-one interactions with mentors and facilitators
- Field course: deliverables, deadline
- Skills: GPS devices, digital cameras, computers, Internet, presenting at the Symposium, grant reviews, focus groups
“Building infrastructure”

Immediate:
- New IP resources: tools, methods
- Individuals with unique expertise

New IP Resources
- Evaluating a smoke alarm distribution program: home inspection form, standardized interviews: Chickasaw Nation
- Geocaching exercise to teach GPS skills: LCO Tribe
- Focus group moderator's guide: San Carlos Apache Nation

Lt. Michelle Begay: Police and IPV
Shelli Stevens-Stidham: State/Tribal collaboration

“Building infrastructure”

Long-term:
- Continue to work in IP
- Implement new initiatives
- Successful funding applications
- Assume prominent roles in IP: trainers, decision-makers, policy makers
- Project impact
- Publications

Long-term Follow-up Survey

1987-2006: 227 participants

Response rate = 75% (86/115)

Average years since graduation = 9
Long-term Survey Results

At least 5% of current work is IP = 71%
At least 25% of current work is IP = 48%

Working for:
- IHS = 59%
- Tribes/AN Corps. = 14%
- Other Federal agencies (CDC, HRSA, FDA, NIOSH, US Coast Guard) = 15%

Was the fellowship year worth the time and effort you devoted to it?

100% (86/86) = “Yes”

Did the Fellowship influence your professional career in any way?

83% (71/86) = “Yes”
“I stayed in injury prevention when I could have left for a promotion.”

“The value of IP had been impressed upon me and it became much more than ‘just a job’...”

“I have made it (IP) my career in PHS.”

“It presented additional career opportunities through networking, certification, and visibility.”

Did your fellowship project lead to some positive results?

Yes: 66%
No: 20%
Not sure: 12%

“It has provided the justification to offer a degree in injury prevention at a tribal college.”

“My project resulted in over $500,000 in roadway improvement for the San Carlos Apache Nation.”

“The Native Peoples’ Brain Injury Council has formed with representation from Native regions within the United States.”

“The firearm storage project is still being conducted in Alaska.”
Publications

- Journal articles: see handout

Prominent Positions in IP

National Tribal IP Steering Committee
9 members from 6 Areas:
  California     Tucson
  Aberdeen       Albuquerque
  Nashville      Alaska
IHS Area IP Specialists: 85% (23/27)