

AAIP LEGACY PROJECT

Changing the Environment to Support Chronic Disease Prevention: A Training to Build Healthier Tribal Communities"

AAIP kicked off its first Centers for Excellence in Eliminating Disparities (CEED) Legacy Training titled "Changing the Environment to Support Chronic Disease Prevention: A Training to Build Healthier Tribal Communities" June 16-17, 2010 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Downtown Oklahoma City. AAIP had a great turnout with 30 participants representing the Southern Plains Region of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

List of Participants:

- **Wewoka Indian Health Center** - Wewoka, OK
Kelli Wilson, Kandice Lowry, Stefanie McLain, Venus Uttchin, Pam Gray, and Andrea Beck
- **Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center** - Mayetta, KS
Verna Simon and Michelle Simon
- **Muscogee Creek Nation Health Systems** - Okmulgee, OK
Irene Culley, Melissa Scheef, William Fixico, and Rita Williams
- **Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma** - McAlester, OK
Lee Ann Griffin, Janet Maddox, Bernice Williams, and Eva Waymire
- **Kickapoo Diabetes Prevention Program** - Horton, KS
Grace Ross, Harvey Ross Jr., Laura Razo
- **Osage Nation Communities of Excellence** - Pawhuska, OK
Gail Boe, Renee Harris, and Kacee Poteet
- **Caddo Nation of Oklahoma** - Anadarko, OK
Bonnie Stephenson
- **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma** - Anadarko, OK
Terri Anquoe and Jessica Ward
- **Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Area Office** - OKC, OK
Don Carter and Jennifer Farris
- **Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Community Health Center** - El Paso, TX
Dr. George Haddy
- **Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Wellness Center** - Ardmore, OK
Nola Runyan



The focus of the training was to provide a skills-building opportunity for health care providers, health educators and members of coalitions or other health organizations to work to provide preventative, chronic disease strategies in the Southern Plains American Indians. The training also sought to build capacity of these coalitions/organizations to provide preventative services and environmental/policy changes in their communities by offering a funding opportunity upon completion of the training. The training participants were given the opportunity to design a work plan for their coalition/organization during the training. The training also included a section on success stories of national American Indian communities that have increased physical activity and healthy eating behaviors and decreased the use of commercial tobacco use. The participants also learned program planning and evaluation strategies. Upon submission of an approved work plan, the coalitions/organizations will be given \$1,000 stipends in order to implement these activities in their communities. In addition to the training, participants were treated to an Oklahoma City Redhawks baseball game and took part in a fun scavenger hunt that took them through the Oklahoma City Bricktown area.

Quotes from training participants:

"Thank you for providing this opportunity. I've learned a great deal and hopefully will be able to successfully take this information back and put it to good use."

"Thank you for providing this training...it was worth being here. I appreciate all your hard work!"

AAIP would like to thank all the participants for their hard work and valuable input. AAIP would also like to thank the Oklahoma State Department of Health and our knowledgeable presenters: Dr. Dee Ann DeRoin, Dr. John Sciacca, Gale Marshall, Mashell Sourjohn, Robert Whitebird III and Malinda Douglas. AAIP looks forward to long and successful partnerships with all of our training coalitions/organizations and we thank all of you for being a part of our training!



