**Mission:** To demonstrate a respect for sovereignty and advocate for tribal nations by fostering inclusive partnerships using sound public health practices.

**We Recognize**

- **Tribal Sovereignty**
  Oklahoma tribal nations possess inherent self-governance powers over their citizens and lands.

- **Collaboration**
  Tribal and state collaboration yields greater impact for healthier indigenous people and Oklahoma overall.

**Our Partners**

- **Tribal Nations**
  Tribal leaders, health directors, public health managers, and health board members

- **Oklahoma State Department of Health**
  Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) leadership, county health department regional directors, managers, and colleagues

- **Tribal Serving Entities**
  Indian Health Service, urban health clinics, tribal public health authorities, researchers, universities, foundations, etc.

**Core Values**

- Integrity
- Equity
- Respect for Sovereignty
- Collaboration
- Accountability

- Achieving Tribal-State Synergy for Optimal Holistic Health

**What We Do**

- Conduct **government-to-government** tribal consultation
- Foster **collaboration** among customers and partners at community, state, tribal and federal levels
- Coordinate **cultural competency training** to foster diversity and build OSDH staff capacity
- Implement culturally appropriate and **open communication** between tribal partners and OSDH
- Appropriately **disseminate and translate** American Indian public health findings into practical knowledge
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Key Successes for 2020 & 2021

Data Sharing
Successfully navigated and facilitated 3 tribal and OSDH partnerships granting data sharing access to the statewide infectious disease monitoring system (PHIDDO).

COVID Response
Established a process and facilitated tribal-OSDH joint partnerships for tribal and tribal-serving contact tracing and case investigation programs

Emergency Response
Worked closely with the OSDH Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse, Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal emergency preparedness programs to assure PPE and other resources were shared and distributed.

Training & Cultural Competency
Conducted cultural competency trainings for central office and county health departments statewide to build staff competencies in better working with tribal nations and Indigenous people in Oklahoma.

Policy Efforts & Tribal Consultation
Conducted annual and ad hoc government-to-government tribal consultations on agency rules promulgation and possible impacts to tribal health systems and Indigenous people in Oklahoma.

Vaccine Planning
Coordinated tribal/state/federal vaccine planning efforts. Facilitated and supervised contact tracing call center operations and revised processes to assure tribal/state partnership efficiency.

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