

American Indian & Alaska Native Healthcare in Hawaii



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First of all...

- Question sheet...
- This exercise I did at staff meeting



Native Americans

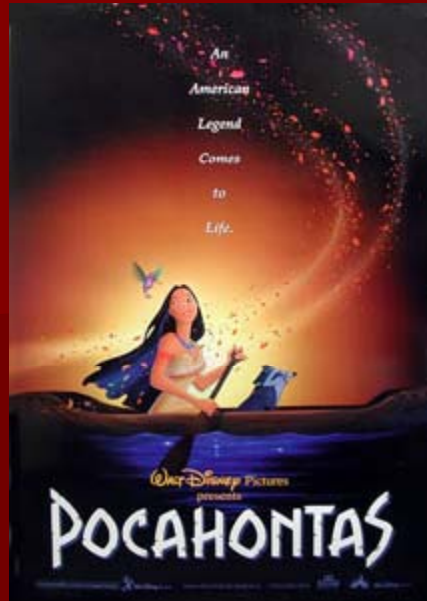
- Native American is a collective term to mean American Indian, Alaska Native or both.

"Eskimo?"

- It may or may not be offensive to be called "eskimo."
- New term, "Inuit."

How many U.S. tribes?

- Approximately 564 federally recognized tribes



Irene Bedard

Pow Wow

- Literally translated, “spiritual leader”
- Cultural gathering where people meet to sing, dance, socialize, pray, cleanse...
- Can last anywhere from 5-6 hours to 3 days
- Special occasions can last up to 1 week



Eagle Feather

- Yes, it is illegal to possess an eagle feather or any other body part if you are not from a federally recognized tribe.
- And, you must have it for religious ceremonies/purposes only.
- See "Eagle Permit Application."



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Indian Reservation

- Area of land managed by a Native American tribe under the U.S. Dept. of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Considered federal territory
- Limited national sovereignty, so tribal laws vary
- About 310 reservations in the U.S.

24-hour day or night?

- It depends...
- Alaska is 2x large as Texas
- Alaska has more coastline than all the other states combined
- Varies in climate, daylight hours



What the heck is...

- An Indian Taco???



Purpose

- To provide Alcoholism and Substance Abuse services, including general medical and dental care to American Indians and Alaska Natives in Hawaii.
- Funded by the Indian Health Service for FY 2009

AIANH Goal

- To expand statewide and provide services on all the major islands by FY 2010

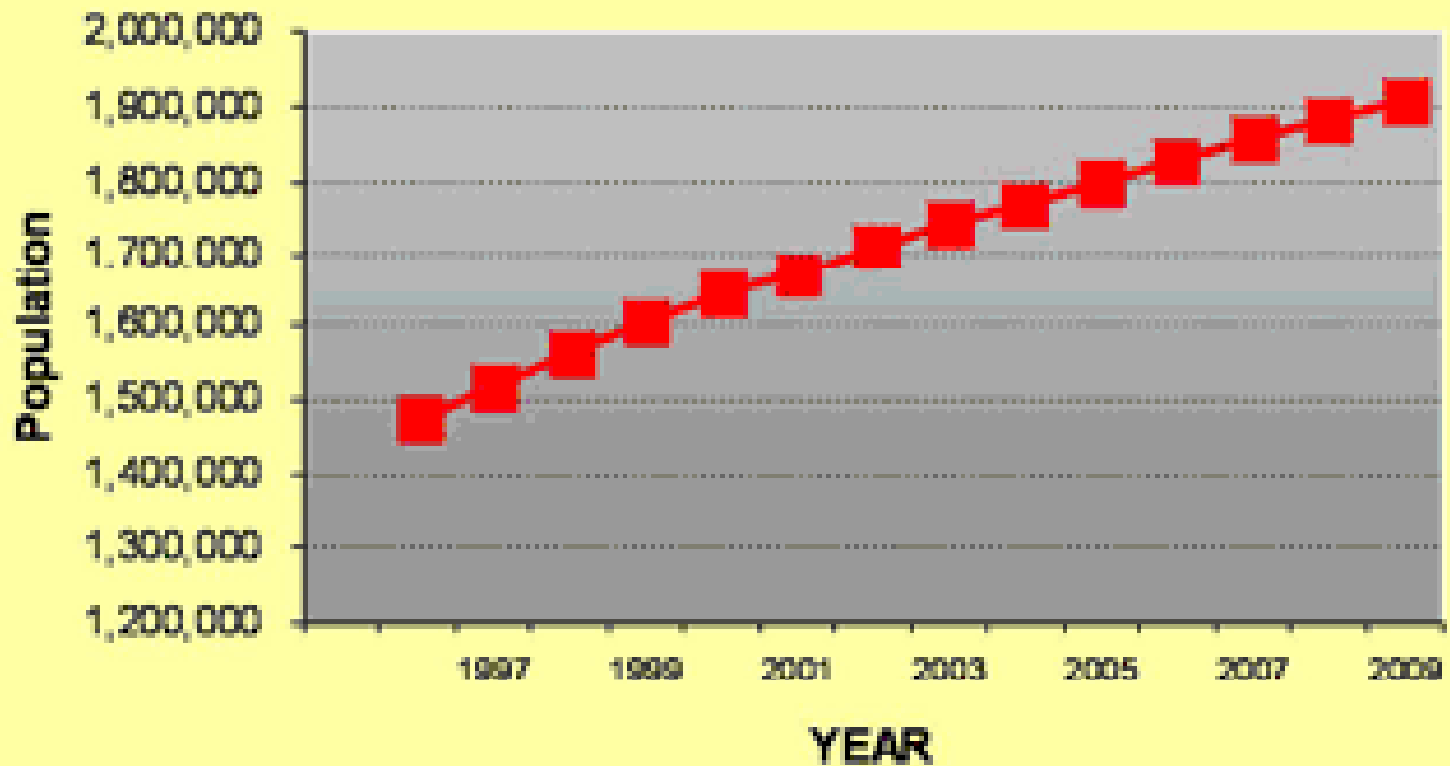


Current Status

- Contract transitioned from Papa Ola Lokahi to Ke Ola Mamo as of September 1, 2008.
- Ke Ola Mamo is providing tribal registration, case management services and dental
- Kalihi-Palama Health Center is providing primary care services

Current Status

IHS SERVICE POPULATION GROWTH



Oahu Data

- 16,530 AIANs on Oahu
- 200 registered
- 3 member Advisory Council assists in appropriateness of activities
- Outreach by going to Pow Wows on Oahu, Hawaii and Kauai
- Most popular information taken

Vision

- A statewide program where all of the Native Hawaiian Healthcare Systems are involved, along with all the Community Health Centers

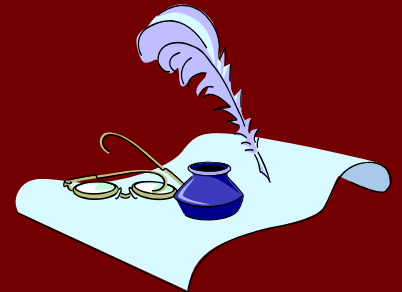


Statewide Data

- Census 2000, AIAN Population in Hawaii
 - Honolulu County 16,530
 - Hawaii County 4,623
 - Maui County 2,884
 - Kauai County 1,655
 - TOTAL 25,707

Health Care Provider & Advocate for Indian People

- Est. 1787 based on treaties, judicial determinants and acts of Congress
- Gov't-to-gov't relationships between tribes and the Federal Government
- Primary healthcare source for 55%/2.4 million Indian people



Birth of Indian Health Service

- The Federal Government acknowledged certain responsibilities toward the indigenous people, thus began the formalization of AIAN rights.
- Treaties identified health services as part of the Govt's payment for Indian land.
- Snyder Act of 1921 – Identified the "relief of distress and conservation of health of Indians" as one of the Federal functions.

IHS Regional Map



Comprehensive Network

- 12 “area offices” throughout the U.S.
- 550 facilities
- 54,127 admissions/yr
- 10,711,925 outpatient visits/yr
- 3,290,894 dental visits/yr



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Comprehensive Network

- FY 2008 IHS budget appropriation
 - \$3.35 billion
- FY 2009 IHS budget appropriation
 - \$3.58 billion
- AIANHH budget
 - \$179,201
- Per Capita Health Care Expenditures
 - IHS \$2349 / Total US \$6538

Comprehensive Network

Total IHS Employees	Physicians	Nurses	Dentists	Rx	Engineers	Sanitarians
15,676 (71% Indian)	836	2,356	302	533	429	299
Vacancy rates	21%	26%	24%	11%	5%	3%

IHS Goal

- To assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable, personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indians and Alaska Natives



Mahalo

