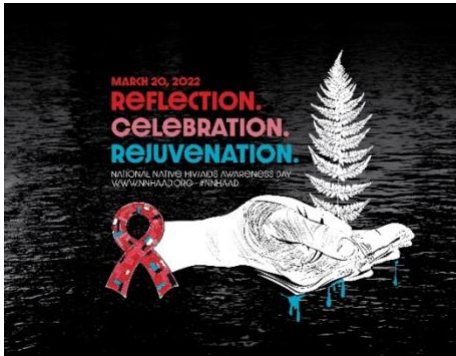


National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2022



National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NNHAAD) is observed on the first day of Spring each year. The first NNHAAD was observed on March 20th, 2007. The observance is a national mobilization effort designed to encourage Native people (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians) across the United States and Territorial Areas to get educated, get tested, get involved in prevention, and get treated for HIV. ([HIV.gov](https://www.hiv.gov), 2022)

[HIV and American Indian/Alaska Native People](#)

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people represent about 1.3% of the United States (US) population. In 2018, less than 1% (186) of the 37,986 new HIV in the US and dependent areas were among AI/AN people. Most new HIV diagnoses among AI/AN people were in gay and bisexual men (75%). (CDC, 2022)

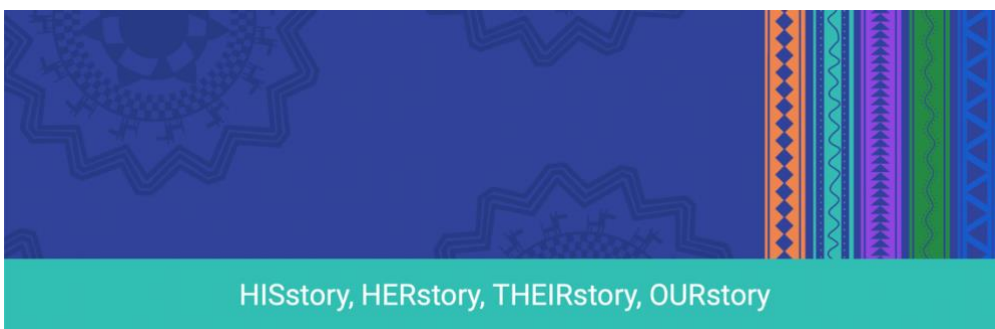


[Indian Health Services](#)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) National HIV/AIDS Program (HIV/AIDS) coordinates and promotes HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment activities specific to Indians as part of a comprehensive public health approach and system. The goals of the HIV/AIDS Program are to prevent further spread of HIV and improve health outcomes for those already living with HIV and AIDS.

[The National Institutes of Health Tribal Health Research Office](#)

The Tribal Health Research Office (THRO) is the central hub of coordinating Tribal health research across the NIH; gathering meaningful and timely input from Tribal communities on NIH policies, programs, and activities; and creating opportunities for the next generation of American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) researchers at the NIH.



[“HISstory. HERstory. THEIRstory. OURstory: A Journey Through the Native HIV/AIDS Timeline”](#) is a historical account celebrating the contributions that American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians

made over the past 40 years of the HIV epidemic. OURstory, told in a VoiceThread slide series, features the grass-roots efforts that created strong leaders who paved the way for a new generation of providers and advocates. OURstory showcases the actions of these early leaders that ensure that Natives are heard, counted and included in the U.S. HIV/AIDS policies, initiatives, and funding. (NNHN, 2022)