



State Partnership Initiative Fact Sheet

➤ **What**

In 2005, the HHS Office of Minority Health, announced funding under a State Partnership Grant Program to Improve Minority Health.

➤ **Who**

Funds are to show that partnerships with state offices can play a significant role and improve health in communities and address health disparities that affect disadvantaged populations. Funding has been competitively awarded to Nebraska DHHS OHDHE from 2005 – 2020.

➤ **Funding**

The current award provides \$200,000 a year, subject to a yearly continuation application process. The bulk of the funds go to the Omaha Tribe and Winnebago Tribe in Thurston County. The 2015-2020 project addresses the greatest at-risk population in Nebraska for diabetes mellitus Type 2, which are American Indians residing in Thurston County. Their mortality due to diabetes was 4.5 times higher than compared to the non-Hispanic White population of the state.

➤ **Activities**

There are four phases of the current project: creating a Health Disparities Profile for the population and Diabetes Task Forces in each tribal community to assist with reducing community- and systems-level barriers, using the Pathways Health Hub model to assess and address clients' barriers in managing their diabetes by using Community Health Representatives (CHR), and formal presentation of the program interventions and outcomes. Tribal CHRs work with adult patients diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and a hemoglobin A1c level greater than 9. Activities include:

- Diabetes health education, including self-management education (DSME)
- Clinical and home visits, supported by intensive case management by CHRs
- Identifying individual patient barriers to self-care at the individual, family, community, and systems levels
- Using the Pathway model to improve medication adherence, address social needs, and ensure access to behavioral health
- Establishing a Task Force to analyze barrier trends and identify solutions

References:

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