

## **“S.H.O.W.” SDPI Grantee Site Visit Toolkit: Connect with Your Member of Congress Today!**

On June 19th, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) launched the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) renewal campaign. As SDPI will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, NIHB asks you to help Congress understand the impact of SDPI in your communities by inviting your Member of Congress to visit your SDPI program in August during the Congressional recess. NIHB has created the “Schedule, Host, Organize, and Witness” (S.H.O.W.) SDPI Grantee Site Visit Toolkit, a step-by-step guide on how to host a site visit with your Member of Congress.

Through this effort, SDPI grantees will be able to demonstrate the excellent outcomes of the program and give congressional representatives first-hand information on the importance of SDPI to their constituents. This is a great opportunity to “tell your story” on why SDPI is saving lives and saving taxpayer dollars. Grantees are asked to plan and conduct these SDPI site visits during August when Members of Congress will be working in their home districts. Schedules are filling up, so contact your Member of Congress *now!*

The SDPI must be renewed this year to ensure that critical programs around the country can continue. Now is the time to SHOW your Member of Congress how your SDPI program is saving lives and transforming communities. NIHB is calling on SDPI Program Directors, Program Participants, Health Directors, Tribal Leaders, and Members of the American Indian and Alaska Native Community with an SDPI program to participate in the SHOW SDPI Campaign.

**CLICK HERE** to view the S.H.O.W. SDPI Toolkit and participate in our campaign to connect with Members of Congress with SDPI grantees, SDPI participants, and communities by hosting a site visit.

For more information about NIHB’s SDPI Renewal Campaign, contact Jeremy Marshall, NIHB Senior Legislative Associate, at [jmarshall@nihb.org](mailto:jmarshall@nihb.org) or at (202) 507-4078. Please continue to visit the SDPI Resource Center website at [www.nihb.org/sdpi](http://www.nihb.org/sdpi) for updates on the success of SDPI and on how you can become involved in the renewal effort.