

ORAL HEALTH AMONG INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA POPULATION: A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT DATA 2020-2021



SUMMARY OF REPORT



Despite intervention efforts, more American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) families in the Southern Plains region are suffering needlessly from preventable oral diseases and diminished quality of life than the general United States population.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT



1. Collect, analyze, and synthesize current oral health data from various sources
2. Provide relevant data in one place in an easy to access format
3. Initiate an ongoing engagement process with multiple stakeholders to align action with data

DATA SOURCES

- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)



- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- American Dental Association (ADA)
- Peer-reviewed articles
- Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB)

TYPE OF DATA



- Percentages
- Prevalence ratios
 - A prevalence ratio is calculated by comparing the total number of individuals in a specific population who have a disease or condition at a specific period of time.

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE THIS REPORT



1. Public health awareness campaigns
2. Evidence for grant submissions
3. Internal/external advocacy and informed decision-making
4. Policy promotion/implementation

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR CHANGE



ORAL HEALTH IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE



INVEST IN MULTIFACETED ORAL HEALTH PREVENTION EFFORTS



SUPPORT POLICIES THAT INCENTIVIZE VALUE-BASED CARE AND EXPAND ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH SERVICES



BRING CARE TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE: INTEGRATE COMMUNITY-BASED ORAL HEALTH CARE



EXPAND THE ORAL HEALTH CARE TEAM



PRIORITIZE INTER-PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AND EDUCATION



INCORPORATE THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN POLICY AND PRACTICE

