# National Indian Health Board



<u>Florida</u>

## Special Diabetes Program for Indians:

Saving lives in Florida and providing a strong return on federal investment

### History

Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in 1997 to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Nations. By allowing Tribes to determine their own approach, the program has become the nation's most effective federal initiative to combat diabetes and serves as a useful model both for diabetes programs nationwide and public health programs in Indian Country. SDPI is currently authorized through Fiscal Year 2023.

#### SDPI Outcomes

\$88,000 IN SAVINGS FOR

## OF DIABETES PROGRAMS IN 35 STATES Between 2013 and 2017 15.4% END STAGE RENAL DISEASE REDUCED BY Between 1999 and 2013- the greatest decline of any racial or ethnic group.

MEDICARE FOR EACH PATIENT KEPT OFF CHEMODIALYSIS TRIBES COLLECT DATA AND HAVE **DOCUMENTED THAT** THIS INVESTMENT IS **BOTH SAVING LIVES** AND THE FEDERAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM MONEY!

14.6%

### **SDPI Impact**

SDPI provides a strong return on federal investment and is saving lives in Florida. Since the beginning of SDPI, blood sugar levels have decreased, risk factors of cardiovascular disease have been reduced, diabetesrelated kidney disease has been cut by more than half, and primary prevention and weight management programs for Native youth have increased. Nation-wide AI/AN diabetes prevalence decreased from 15.4% to 14.6% between 2013 and 2017. National data reflect the excellent outcomes in Native Nations resulting from innovative local level programs.

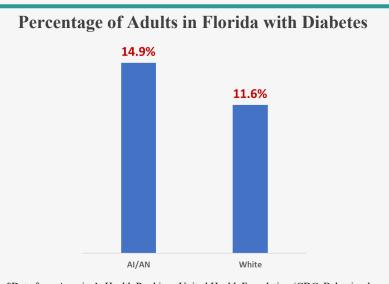
For more information, visit <a href="https://www.nihb.org/sdpi/">https://www.nihb.org/sdpi/</a>

#### Diabetes in Florida

**FY 2023 SDPI funding in Florida totaled** \$486,980 for 2 Community Directed Grant **Programs:** 

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida Seminole Tribe of Florida

According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), in 2018, approximately 2,164,009 people in Florida – 12.5 % of the population – had diagnosed diabetes, and many suffered from serious diabetes-related conditions such as heart disease, neuropathy, and eye, foot and skin complications. In addition to the human toll diabetes places on the people of Florida, it also places a large financial burden on the state's healthcare system. The staggering estimate of cost of diabetes and prediabetes in Florida was approximately \$25 billion.



\*Data from America's Health Rankings United Health Foundation (CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System), 2016