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DEAR TRIBAL LEADERS, ADVOCATES, COLLEAGUES, AND FRIENDS:



WELCOME TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, and thank you for joining us for the 2026 NIHB National Tribal Health Conference!

We're proud to host you once again this year in one of the most vibrant cities in Indian Country, and we are especially proud of the growth that this year's conference represents. We have built on the successes of 2025, and we expect 2026 to be our biggest and best NTHC yet!

A special thank you to the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) for hosting, and to the Gila River Indian Community who have demonstrated their astounding hospitality over the last two years that we've held NTHC in their homelands.

Be sure to attend our 2026 Heroes in Health Awards Banquet, an evening where we pause to celebrate and honor those who are leading the way innovating and stewarding public health for our communities. The evening will culminate in the announcement of our 2026 Jake Whitecrow Lifetime Achievement Award Winner.

We're incredibly excited that Jaynie Parrish, Executive Director of Arizona Native Vote, will be delivering keynote remarks. Additionally, you won't want to miss our musical guest for the evening, One Way Sky, an award-winning alternative rock band from the Gila River Indian Community and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

This conference is more than a gathering. It's a space to learn, strategize, and stand united in advancing Tribal sovereignty and health. We come together not just to share ideas, but to honor the work being done every day — on the ground, in clinics, through policy, and across generations.

From discussions on maternal and child health, fentanyl response, behavioral health, and public health infrastructure, to updates on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and key federal policy shifts, we'll center culture and self-determination in every conversation.

Thank you for joining us. While we have faced a great deal throughout all our communities over the last year, we are drawing strength and wisdom from the collective presence of all our relatives gathered here this week. Together, let's continue on our path forward.

Yours in Health,



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in Higher Education, 3 years, 2023–25

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

SUNDAY **AUGUST 16** | **2026**

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM **REGISTRATION OPENS** Akimel Foyer

MONDAY **AUGUST 17** | **2026**

No cost sessions

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM Extreme Heat Safety & Tribal Disaster Preparedness Institute *Additional Registration Required* Bird/Roadrunner

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM **REGISTRATION OPENS** (closed for lunch 12-1 PM) Akimel Foyer

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Exhibit Hall Move-In** Kumatke Ballroom

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM ASU National Tribal Health Leadership Institute (NTHLI) *Private Event – Not Open to the Public* Kave 1

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM ACS Health Equity Collective Learning and Training Jack Rabbit

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM National Maternal Behavioral Health Listening Session Akimel 1 & 2

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Public Health in Indian Country Capacity Scan *Additional Registration Required* Deer/Scorpion

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM American Cancer Society Focus Group Thunder 2

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM NIH Tribal Consultation on Two New All of Us Research Program Initiatives:
Partnered Research Studies and Controlled Tier Plus (CT+) Akimel 1 & 2

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM Maternal Health Institute *Private Event – Not Open to the Public* Kave 2 & 3

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **LUNCH** Available for Purchase Onsite Horse & Ant

12:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Elder's Lounge Opens** Gila Monster

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Exhibit Hall Opens** Kumatke Ballroom

12:30 PM – 4:30 PM Site Visits to Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center *Additional Registration Required*

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Behavioral Health Institute Deer/Scorpion

1:15 PM – 3:15 PM Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Listening Session Akimel 1 & 2

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM Gila River Health Care Focus Group Thunder 2

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM Next Gen Health Care Focus Group Thunder 2

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM Indian Health Service Listening Session Akimel 1 & 2

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Welcome & Cultural Night, Exhibit Hall Grand Opening, & SDPI Poster Session** Akimel Foyer & Kumatke Ballroom

6:00 – Welcome from NIH and Local Host

6:30 – Join Us for Appetizers and Performance

TUESDAY **AUGUST 18** | **2026**

Registration required

7:00 AM – 5:30 PM **REGISTRATION OPENS** (closed for lunch 12-1 PM) Akimel Foyer

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM **Exhibit Hall** *Open to the Public* Kumatke Ballroom

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM **Elders Lounge Open** Rattle Snake

AGENDA

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION	Akimel Ballroom
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH Available for Purchase Onsite	Horse & Ant
1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 1 - 75 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 2 - 45 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 3 - 75 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	American Cancer Society Reception	Deer/Scorpion
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Spirit of Resilience Meet & Greet Reception Kick Off the Journey. Celebrate the Spirit of Resilience.	Ant

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19 | 2026

Registration required

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Fitness Event - Yoga Class	Horse
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Partner's Breakfast <i>Invite Only</i>	Deer/Scorpion
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	REGISTRATION OPENS (closed for lunch 12-1 PM)	Akimel Foyer
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall <i>Open to the Public</i>	Komatke Ballroom
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Elders Lounge Open	Rattle Snake
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	MIDDLE PLENARY SESSION	Akimel Ballroom
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH Available for Purchase Onsite	
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 4 - 75 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 5 - 75 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 6 - 45 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	HEROES IN HEALTHCARE VIP RECEPTION *VIP Ticketed Event*	Akimel Ballroom
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	HEROES IN HEALTHCARE AWARDS BANQUET *Ticketed Event* *Black Tie/Regalia Encouraged*	Akimel Ballroom
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	AWARDS BANQUET AFTER PARTY	Kave 1/2

THURSDAY AUGUST 20 | 2026

Registration required

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPENS	Akimel Foyer
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall <i>Open to the Public</i>	Komatke Ballroom
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Elders Lounge Open	Rattle Snake
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 7 - 45 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 8 - 75 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Block 9 - 45 min) <i>Check the Cvent App for schedule and locations</i>	
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	LUNCH Available for Purchase Onsite	
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION	Akimel Ballroom

FRIDAY AUGUST 21 | 2026

No cost sessions

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM	In Conjunction With Event IHEART August 2026 AI/AN Healthcare Workforce Development Summit <i>Additional Registration Required</i>	Kave Ballroom
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WORKSHOP ROADMAP

TUE, AUG 18	LOCATION	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Bird/Roadrunner	Pathways to Health: Advancing Health Literacy in AI/AN Communities	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Deer/Scorpion	Impactful Tribal Health Outcomes Through Partnerships with Philanthropic Organizations	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Akimel 1	Nurturing Resilience: Culturally Grounded Transition Programs for Native Youth with Disabilities	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Akimel 2	Listening to American Indian/Alaska Native Elders: Learning About Challenges with Benefits Enrollment	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Akimel 3	CMS TTAG Legislative Priorities for American Indian and Alaska Native Medicare and Medicaid Reform	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Akimel 4	From Advocacy to Care: A Public Approach to the MMIP Crisis	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Kave 1	Honoring What Matters: Culturally Responsive Conversations to Align Care With Patient Values	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	Kave 2	Bridging Health and Technology: Telehealth in Alaska's Native Communities	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Bird/Roadrunner	Dental Therapy: An Indigenous Led Game Changer for Oral Health Care	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Deer/Scorpion	Meeting Communities Where They Are: A Tribal Eye Health Education Model	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Akimel 1	Building a Tribal Public Health Workforce Through Indigenous Food Sovereignty Leadership	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Akimel 2	The Opioid Response Network's Naloxone and Saturation Mapping Training for Tribes	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Akimel 3	Federal Advocacy 101	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Akimel 4	Indian Health Service Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA)	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Kave 1	Healthy Native Youth: Culturally Grounded Strategies for Native Youth Engagement	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Kave 2	Building Indigenous Public Health Systems	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Kave 3	Integrating Certified Professional Midwives into Tribal Healthcare Systems	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Bird/Roadrunner	Quechan Healthy Hearts	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Deer/Scorpion	National Indian Health Board Hiring Event	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Akimel 1	An Integrated Continuum of Behavioral Health and Housing with a Youth Services Focus	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Akimel 2	Building Better Dementia Care: Lessons Learned from Tribal and Urban Indian Models of Care	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Akimel 3	Opportunities to Maximize Health Care Resources & Latest Updates on Medicare, Medicaid & Other IHCA 'Hot' Topics	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Akimel 4	Invisible by Design: What California's Medicaid Transformation Reveals About AI/AN Data Sovereignty	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Kave 2	Sacred Tobacco, Healthy People: Tools for Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Cancer Screening in Tribes	
4:00 – 5:15 PM	Kave 3	How 3 Tribes Used 105(I) Lease Program, 340B Pharmacy, & Pre-Award/Startup to Fund a Health System	
WED, AUG 19	LOCATION	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Bird/Roadrunner	A Future Healers Journey: Navigating the Medical School Pathway with We Are Healers	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Deer/Scorpion	Indigenous Determinates of Health Framework-Achieving Health Equity Among American Indians	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Akimel 1	Centering Indigenous Ways of Evaluation Using Logic Models and Metaphors	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Akimel 2	Expanding Graduate Medical Education Opportunities in Tribal Communities	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Akimel 3	Rooted in Community, Driven by Data and Partnerships: CMS and Tribal Nations Improving Health Together	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Akimel 4	Our Stories, Our Data: Strengthening AI/AN Maternal & Child Health Systems Through Fatality Review	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Kave 1	You Are in This Story: Shaping NIH's Next Chapter	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Kave 2	Traditional Knowledge, Transformative Impact: The American Indian Team at Minnesota DHS	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Kave 3	The Power of Presence: Using the Mentored Internship Program (MIP) as a Culturally Grounded Pathway	
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Bird/Roadrunner	National Indian Health Board Hiring Event	

WORKSHOPS

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2:30 – 3:45 PM	Deer/Scorpion	Culture as Intervention: Integrating Cultural Consultants to Strengthen Whole-Person Healing	
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Akimel 1	Elev8: Strengthening Tribal Healthcare Workforce Through “Growing Our Own”	
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Akimel 2	Ceremony Assisted Treatment and Substance Use Recovery in American Indian Communities	
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Kave 1	How State and Federal Agencies Can Work with Tribes and Tribal Partners to Honor Tribal Data Sovereignty	
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Kave 2	Learning Across Native Systems: Diverse Approaches to Rural Health Transformation	
2:30 – 3:45 PM	Kave 3	The Healthy Tribes Program: Uncertainty Around Executive Orders During 2025	
4:00 – 4:45 PM	Bird/Roadrunner	Centering Community Voices: The Hualapai Tribe COVID-19 Oral History Project	
4:00 – 4:45 PM	Deer/Scorpion	Lightning Talk Workshops (American Cancer Society and Gila River Healthcare)	
4:00 – 4:45 PM	Kave 1	The Opposite of Addiction is Connection for Our Relatives—Even in Unhoused Communities	
4:00 – 4:45 PM	Kave 2	Expanding HIV and Syphilis Self-Testing Through Mail-Based and Tribal Site Distribution	
4:00 – 4:45 PM	Kave 3	Walking the Path of Accreditation: Strengthening Community and Systems at White Earth	

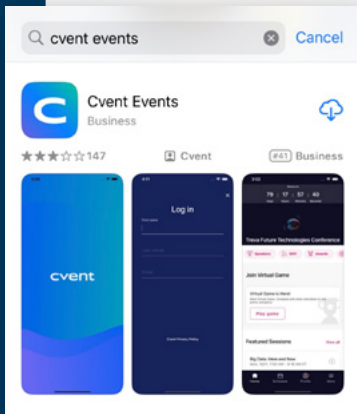
THU, AUG 20	LOCATION	WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Bird/Roadrunner	Establishing a Tribal Air Quality Monitoring System	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Deer/Scorpion	Keeping an Area-Wide STI Strategic Map Alive: Planning, Updating, and Using Data for Action	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Akimel 1	From Culture to Practice: Building Prevention and Wellness Across Schools and Communities	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Akimel 2	Magical Millie: Using Culture to Increase Pediatric Immunization	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Akimel 4	Bringing Care Home: Mobile Health in Indian Country	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Kave 2	Spilling the AunTEA: Diverse Approaches to Rural Health Transformation	
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Kave 3	Rooted in Relationship: Strengthening Tribal Public Health Through Trust, Capacity and Communication	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Bird/Roadrunner	Traditional Healing as Whole Health: A System-Based Approach to Wellness	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Deer/Scorpion	Applying a Tribal Sovereignty Lens to Data Governance: Preventing Harm & Building Trust	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Akimel 1	Purchased/Referred Care and Cancer: Overview and Policy Options for Tribal Consideration	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Akimel 2	Tribal Health Data Sharing: Real-World Lessons, Tools, and Strategies	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Akimel 3	Medicaid and Child Welfare Opportunities to Strengthen Tribal Healing Practices for Children and Families	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Kave 2	Grant Writing 101 - Strategies for Writing Winning Proposals	
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Kave 3	Tribal Sovereignty in Public Health: Through Relationships, Infrastructure and Self-Determination	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Akimel 1	The Enduring Power of Our Ways: Tribally Led MICH Initiatives and What We Are Learning	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Akimel 2	Dementia Bingo: A Culturally Adaptable Tool for Cognitive Engagement & Caregiver Support	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Akimel 3	Healthcare Sovereignty: Forecasting the impacts of H.R. 1 on Tribal Healthcare Systems	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Akimel 4	We Are Nations, Not Minorities: Restoring Self-Enumeration and Native Affiliation to Tribal Health	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Kave 1	A Toolkit for Organizations Serving Families/Communities to Diversify Funding & Strengthen Practice	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Kave 2	Tribal Building Codes are Foundational to Tribal Housing	

CATEGORY KEY

 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	 Data and Epidemiology	 Public Health Workforce
 Strengthening Health Care Delivery in Indian Country	 Resilient Tribal Communities: Public Health Policy, Infrastructure, and Systems	 Walking in Balance: Data, Research, and Evaluation
 Advocacy: Law, Policy, and Federal Relations	 Voices of Wellness: Native Health Workforce	 Hope and Healing: Behavioral Health

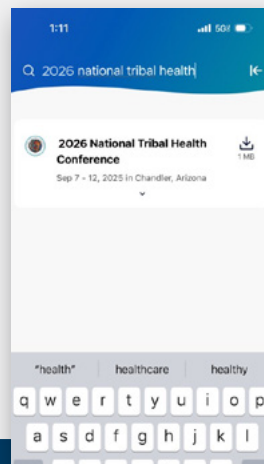
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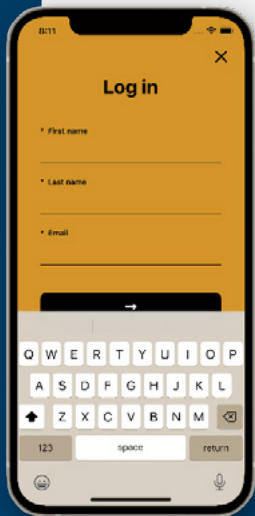
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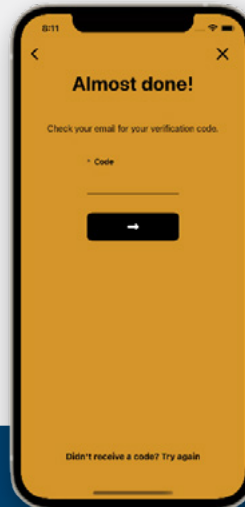
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OUR MISSION

To provide member tribes with the means for action on matters that affect them collectively and individually, promote tribal sovereignty, and strengthen tribal governments.



OUR HISTORY

For more than 50 years, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. has been dedicated to achieving the goals set forth by its member tribes. The journey began in 1952 when the elected leaders of nine Tribes in Arizona came together to form an association that would provide a unified voice for its members. The primary aim of this association was to address issues impacting the Tribes, whether collectively or individually. This collaborative forum allowed Tribal governments in Arizona to pool their efforts and resources to pursue common objectives.

In 1975, recognizing that “these challenges and opportunities require the force of united and concerted voice and action which one Tribe alone does not possess,”

the Tribes formally established the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. This realization underscored the importance of solidarity and collective action in tackling shared challenges and seizing opportunities.

Today, the ITCA proudly represents 21 federally recognized Tribes. The highest elected officials of each Tribe—whether chairpersons, presidents, or governors—serve as members of the Council. This structure ensures that the ITCA continues to be a powerful advocate for the interests of its Member Tribes, fostering cooperation and mutual support among Tribal governments in Arizona. Through its sustained efforts, the ITCA remains a vital force in promoting the well-being and prosperity of Tribal communities.

OUR PROGRAMS

ITCA operates more than 30 projects through its programs and employs a staff of 60 to provide on-going technical assistance and training to tribal governments in program planning and development, research and data collection, resource development, management and evaluation. In addition, the staff of ITCA organizes and conducts seminars, workshops, conferences and public hearings to facilitate participation of tribal leaders in the formulation of public policy at all levels. The goal of ITCA and its commitment to the member tribes is to ensure the self-determination of Indian tribal governments through their participation in the development of the policies and programs which affect their lives.

- American Indian Research Center
- Area Agency on Aging — Region 8
- Community Development — Civic Engagement
- Pesticide Program
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Hazardous Materials and Emergency Preparedness Program
- Air Quality Program
- Health & Human Services
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Tribal Epidemiology Center
- Tribal Water Systems



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SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR
INDIANS 2026 ANNUAL POSTER SESSION

THE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS (SDPI) has been changing the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives for over twenty years. Congress established SDPI in 1997 to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in Indian Country and it quickly grew into the nation's most strategic, comprehensive, and effective effort to combat diabetes and its complications. Once a year, the National Indian Health Board is proud to host SDPI programs from around Indian Country, and this year is no exception. We are thrilled to welcome program participants to our Annual SDPI Poster Session!

COMMUNITY-DIRECTED GRANTS

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	ANTHC Diabetes Program
Apache Diabetes	N'dee Bii Health & Wellness Program
Chinle Comprehensive Healthcare Facility	Chinle Health Promotion Disease Prevention
Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc.	Wellness Center
Gila River Health Care	Life Center
Hopi Tribe	Hopi Wellness Center
Hualapai Tribe	Hualapai SDPI
Ko-Kwel Wellness Center/Coquille Indian Tribe	
..... When Programs Build Community: Sustaining Connection Through a Tribal Diabetes Prevention Program	
Native American Rehabilitation Association of the NW	
..... NARA NW Diabetes Treatment & Prevention Program	
Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic	Diabetes Wellness Program
Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health	Diabetes Program
San Carlos Apache Healthcare	Special Diabetes Program for Indians- Center of Excellence
Sonoma County Indian Health Project	Healthy Traditions
Southern Indian Health Council	SIHC SDPI
Tanana Chiefs Conference	DENA NENA HENASH
Tulalip Tribes of Washington	Diabetes Care and Prevention Program
Wind River Family and Community Health Care	Northern Arapaho Diabetes Awareness Program
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COMPANY	DESCRIPTION
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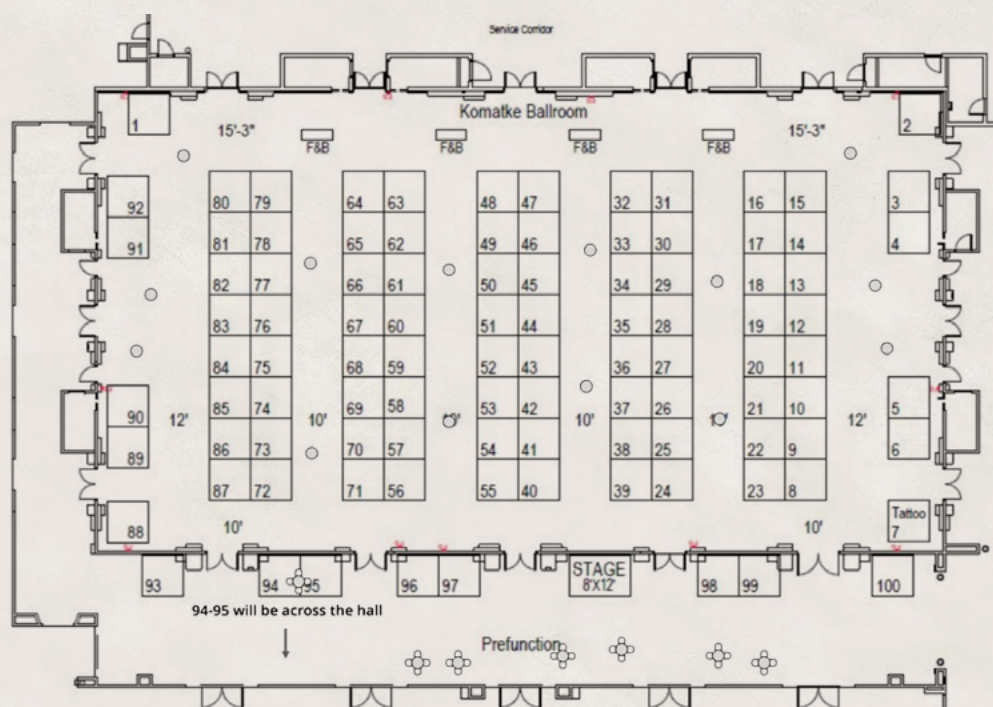
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THINGS TO DO NEAR THE SHERATON GRAND

Aji Spa **On-site** Forbes Five-Star spa with traditionally-inspired treatments

Whirlwind Golf Club **On-site**
Two 18-hole championship courses

Koli Equestrian Center **On-site**
Horseback rides and wild mustang experiences

River Adventure Rentals **On-site**
Paddleboarding, kayaking, pedal boats

Pools & Water Slide **On-site**
4 heated pools and 111-ft slide

Fitness Center & Tennis Courts **On-site**
Full gym and tennis courts

Rawhide Western Town & Event Center
0.7 mi – Old West-style town with shops and shows

Phoenix Premium Outlets **2.4 mi**
90+ brand-name outlet stores

Gila River Resorts & Casino – Wild Horse Pass
Adjacent – Casino, lounges, events, entertainment

Huhugam Heritage Center **Approx. 5 mi**
Cultural museum of Gila River Indian Community

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Kai Restaurant **On-site**
AAA Five Diamond fine dining with Native-inspired cuisine

Ko'Sin Restaurant **On-site**
Modern American and indigenous flavors

Hanyo at the River **On-site**
Poolside casual dining

Aji Café **On-site** Light fare near spa

Prime Steakhouse (Casino) **Adjacent**
Classic steakhouse inside Gila River Casino

Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grill (Casino)
Adjacent – Asian-American fusion

Fullhouse Café (Casino) **Adjacent**
Casual café with broad menu

Tequila Lounge (Casino) **Adjacent**
Signature cocktails and lounge setting

Food Court at Phoenix Premium Outlets
2.4 mi – Fast casual food options while shopping

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To our partners and sponsors: thank you. Your support makes this gathering possible. It underwrites the space where hard conversations happen, the connections that outlast the week, and community-led actions that achieve the highest level of health and wellbeing of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. When you invest in this conference, you invest in the infrastructure of Tribal health advocacy itself. This year's theme, ***Sovereignty in Health: Our Nations, Our Health***, names the principle at the center of everything the National Indian Health Board does — Tribal Nations are sovereign. That sovereignty is inherent, and it is affirmed by treaties, law, and the enduring presence of our peoples on these lands. Health is where sovereignty becomes tangible.

Our partners understand this. That recognition matters, and we do not take it lightly. The work ahead is significant. Federal obligations remain underfunded. Health disparities persist that no community should have to carry. But the conversations happening at this conference, and the partnerships represented in these pages, are how that work moves forward. Together we advance a vision where every Tribal Nation has the resources, authority, and support to build the health systems their people deserve. To every organization, agency, and partner who made this year's conference possible: we are grateful. Your commitment strengthens Indian Country's unified voice on health, and it strengthens the Nations that voice represents.

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