

Community Education to Improve Participation in Health Disparities Research



Reducing health disparities
by preventing or delaying
diabetes in American Indians
and Alaskan Natives.

The primary intention of this effort is to implement new educational strategies for improving participation in health disparities research within American Indian communities. Several strategies for improving participation have been tried in the past using various health promotion and research initiatives. Activities for this effort include (1) completing an inventory of educational strategies previously employed by health disparities researchers with American Indian communities, (2) conducting two half-day patient-directed educational events per grant year, and (3) engagement and education of health care providers in high health disparity communities. The results of this effort will provide information to the American Indian general public and patients about the advances made because of their involvement, and give health-care providers additional culturally-appropriate information that may improve participation of American Indians in health disparities research.

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