## Improving Data & Enhancing Access (IDEA-NW) Project

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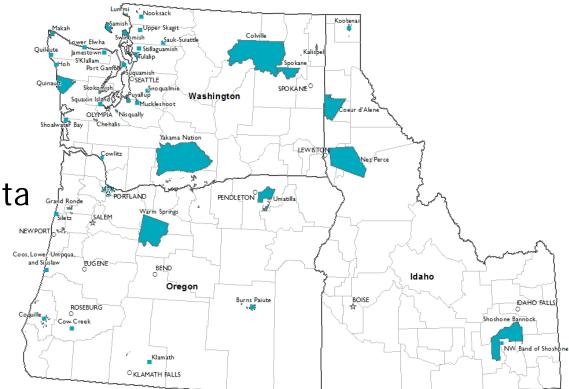
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- 43 Northwest Tribes
- Outpatient ambulatory care provided by IHS, tribal, and urban clinics
  - No Indian Health Service hospitals
- Gaps in health status data
  - States: Misclassification/missing race data
  - Tribes: limited access to quality hospitalization & other surveillance data on their populations

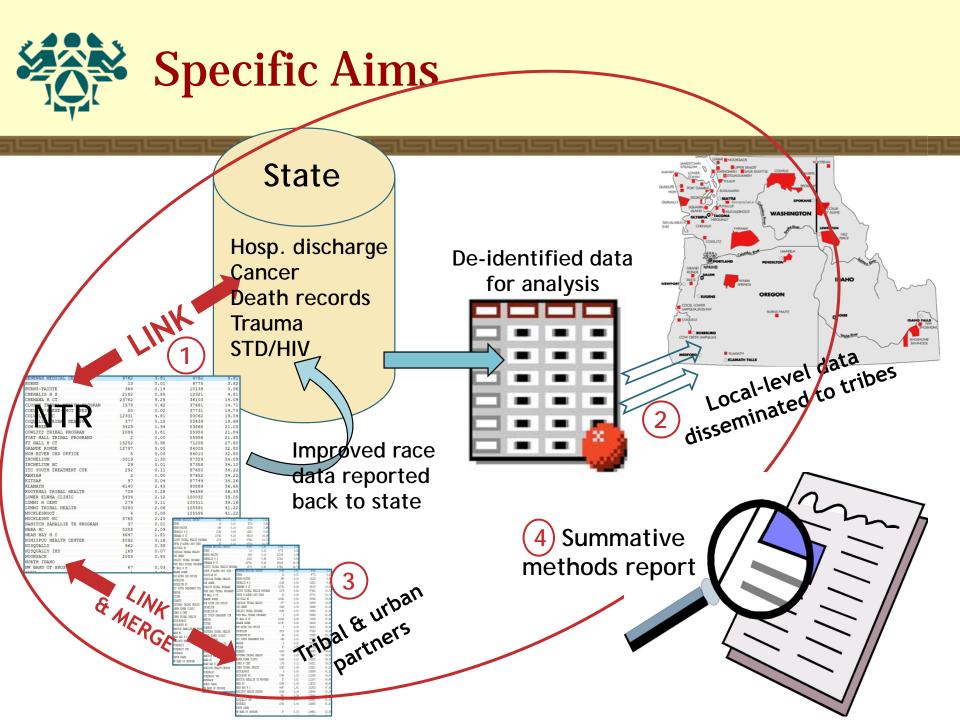




- NW Tribal Registry (NTR)
- Linkages conducted with various public health datasets to evaluate racial misclassification & improve disease/mortality estimates
- Source data: Portland Area IHS Registration file updated annually
  - Direct identifiers for all AI/AN registered at Northwest IHS or tribal clinics (no health status data)
  - Partnership with urban Indian health center in Seattle
  - Tribe-specific data obtained for special projects
- Results of record linkages used to close the data gap



- Conduct probabilistic record linkages between the NTR and health-related datasets in ID, OR, and WA
  - Identify racial misclassification of AI/AN.
  - Hospital discharge systems, trauma registries, vital statistics, STD/HIV systems, and cancer registries.
- 2. Disseminate results and share methods
- 3. Expand NTR to include tribal enrollment lists and Urban Indian Health Organization users
- 4. Summative report of the IDEA-NW Project





## Findings and issues



- Washington hospital discharge system (2008 data)
  - Increased ascertainment of AI/AN admissions >200%
  - Among matched cases, 55% misclassified or unknown race
- Oregon acute & communicable disease registry
  - 40% of AI/AN records misclassified or unknown race
- Idaho, Oregon, and Washington state cancer registries
  - Cumulative misclassification: approx. 30%
- State-TEC-Tribal data sharing issues
  - State epi not familiar with the role & functions of Tribal/Urban EpiCenters





## Thank You