

The Healthy Native

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Family Practice Clinic

It's National Immunization Awareness Month! Is Your Family Up to Date on Vaccines?

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases (like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, and pneumonia) with vaccines.

During NIAM, American Indian Health Services of Chicago encourages you talk to our doctor and nurses to ensure your family is up to date on recommended vaccines.

We also encourage you to visit CDC's [Interactive Vaccine Guide](#), which provides information on the vaccines recommended during pregnancy and throughout your child's life.

As your children head back to school this fall, make sure vaccination is at the top of your checklist.



Services provided:

Medical
Mental Health Counseling
Community Education
Diabetes Clinic
Outreach Events
Pharmacy Program

Services accept most insurance and sliding scale fees are available to those that are uninsured. Services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

Pharmacy Program

American Indian Health Service and Walgreens have a partnership to provide low cost medications to uninsured and underinsured patients. To learn more about the program and how it can help you and your love ones get access to affordable medications please give us a call at 773-883-9100.

Pharmacy Locations

Walgreens

953 W Irving Park Rd
Chicago, IL 60613

Walgreens

3222 N Milwaukee Ave
Chicago, IL 60618

Walgreens

4001 W Irving Park

Current Events

ICWA Held Constitutional in Big Win for Indian Country

Washington, DC (August 12, 2019) -- On Friday, August 9, 2019, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit found the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) constitutional, overturning an October 2018 decision from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas that held ICWA unconstitutional under the Fifth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, declaring that it creates a separate set of practices for a racial group. The *Brackeen v. Bernhardt* case was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, where NCUIH joined nearly 400 Tribes and Indian organizations in filing [an *amicus curiae* brief](#) in support of ICWA's constitutionality.

- From National Council of Indian Health's Press Release



Statement from the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans

More than four in five American Indian/Alaskan Native women, or 84.3 percent, have experienced violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice. This number is shocking and unacceptable. I've heard the seriousness of this crisis firsthand during listening sessions and my visits to Tribal communities in the Pacific Islands and throughout the U.S. In response, I have prioritized addressing this important issue in a holistic manner – through the collaboration with national and local partners, as well across federal program offices via the HHS Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs to ensure a coordinated strategy.

I recently joined the Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Tara Sweeney, and other federal and Tribal representatives at a listening session focused on cold cases, violent crimes, human trafficking, and Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW). To ensure Native Americans residing in urban communities are included in a national strategy on human trafficking and MMIW, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) in partnership with the National Council on Urban Indian Health, held a Virtual Dialogue with Urban Indian Organizations last month where urban Indian programs across the country provided recommendations in addressing the issues of human trafficking and MMIW. You can view this at NCUIH's YouTube page. We'll be following these up with additional in-person roundtables with legislators and federal partners, focused on health and human service needs, sharing data, and formulating recommendations for victim protections.

ANA recently partnered with our Office of Trafficking in Persons, a program within HHS' Administration for Children and Families, and we announced the first-ever Native Human Trafficking Leadership Academy. This six month leadership training, will focus on cultural protective factors in the prevention of Human Trafficking. We also created an online Native Youth Human Trafficking Awareness Toolkit. This toolkit is designed to help educate and bring awareness to Native youth on the topic of trafficking.

I am grateful to American Indian Health Services, including Kim Cook, Ken Scott, and their team, who welcomed me warmly during a recent visit to their clinic in Chicago. What I learned about AIHS' services will contribute to my continued work on the issues of human trafficking and MMIW. I appreciate the Native organizations who continue to work tirelessly to address these issues and provide services of prevention and recovery.

Jeannie Hovland

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs

Commissioner | Administration for Native Americans

Outreach & Upcoming Events

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Where:</u>
August 12-16	Back To School Event Schedule school physicals & immunizations and grab a goodie bag!	American Indian Health Services of Chicago 4326 W Montrose Ave
August 18	Health Fair	Apna Ghar 4350 N Broadway
August 21	Back to School Social Hosted by Young Native Leaders	St. Kateri Center 3938 N Leavitt St
August 25	Parish Picnic	St. Kateri Center

Ongoing Events:

AA Meetings every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm & Sunday 4-5pm

Did you know?

The CPS American Indian Education Program has numerous resources such as Family Outreach Events and free Homework/Tutoring Services!

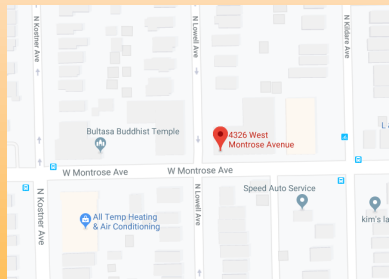
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Where & How To Find Us!

4326 W. Montrose Ave
Chicago, IL, 60641
(773)-883-9100
Hours of Operation:
M-F 8am-5pm (closed 12-1)
Sat & Sun CLOSED

Bus Passes are available to those who meet Native eligibility requirements

Accessible on Bus 78 and Montrose Blue Line stop
Limited street parking available



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