

# Native American Connections Oral Health Initiative

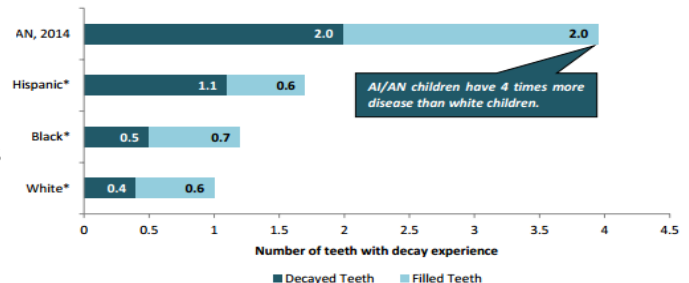


NATIVE AMERICAN CONNECTIONS

## What We Know

An IHS survey reported that American Indian preschool children have the highest level of tooth decay of any population group in the US, which is more than 4 times higher than white non-Hispanic children. Tooth decay affects adults too! The American Dental Association reported the top three reasons adults do not visit the dentist. They are cost, location/time, and transportation.

Figure 1. Mean Number of Decayed and Filled Primary Teeth (dft) Among Children 2-5 Years of Age



AI/AN children have 4 times more disease than white children.

\* Data Source: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 1999-2002

## Native American Connections Initiative



Oral Health Education at NAC housing summer camp for youth.

Native American Connections has been selected by the DentaQuest Foundation to be part of the nationwide Oral Health for all 2020 campaign.

The DentaQuest Foundation is building a nationwide network of national (Grasstops), regional and state (Grass Middles) and local organizations (Grassroots) working together to improve oral health. NAC is a Grassroots organization focused on the Native American community living in the metro Phoenix area. Native American Connections Oral Health Initiative goals include:

- Promote oral health as part of a whole health lifestyle; physical, mental & spiritual health
- Raise awareness of the importance of oral health
- Develop community leaders and advocates to work for improved access to care
- Educate community members on resources for dental care
- Build bridges and connections between dental providers and the community



## What You Can Do



Make sure children see a dentist before their 1st birthday!

# 2X2X2

Brush your teeth TWICE a day for 2minutes and see a dentist TWICE a year!



Watch SUGAR intake to reduce bacteria growth in your mouth! No Soda, Pop or Candy.

## Call Us to Learn More!

Native American Connections  
4520 N. Central Ave Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85012  
phone (602) 254-3247

[www.nativeconnections.org](http://www.nativeconnections.org)



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Here are some local clinics to check out for your dental care.

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**Phoenix Indian Medical Center**

4212 N. 16th St. Phoenix AZ 85016  
Phone: 602-263-1592

**Salt River Clinic**

10005 E Osborn Rd. Bldg 61 Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Phone: (480) 946-9066

**Ak-Chin Clinic**

48203 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, Arizona 85239  
Phone: (520) 568-3881

**Komatke Health Clinic**

17487 S Health Care Dr. Laveen Village, AZ 85339  
Phone: (520) 550-6022

**Sacaton Dental**

483 W. Seed Farm Rd. Sacaton, AZ 85147  
Phone: 602-528-1209

These clinics are available for anyone with proof of tribal affiliation or CIB. Call to get more information!

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These clinics accept AHCCCS & have a sliding fee scale program. Call for more information!

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**Native Health**

4041 N. Central Avenue, Building C  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012  
Phone: 602-279-5262

**Native Health West Community Health Center**

2423 W. Dunlap Avenue, Suite 140  
Phoenix, Arizona 85021  
Phone: (602) 279-5351

**MIHS: McDowell Family Health Center**

(Only **HIV** Specialty Care)  
1101 N. Central Avenue, Suite 201  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
Phone: (602) 344-6550

**MIHS: Comprehensive Healthcare Center**

2525 East Roosevelt , Phoenix, AZ 85008  
Second Floor  
Phone number: 602-344-1005

**MIHS: Mesa Family Health Center**

59 South Hibbert Street  
Mesa, Arizona 85210  
Phone: (480) 344-6200

**Mountain Park Health Center: Christown YMCA**

5517 N. 17th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85015  
Phone: 602-243-7277

**Mountain Park Health Center: Baseline**

635 E. Baseline Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85042  
Phone: (602) 243-7277

**NOAH: Desert Mission Health Center**

9201 N. 5th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85020  
Phone: 602-331-5779

**NOAH: Balsz Health Center**

1300 N. 48th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
Phone: 602-845-4201

**Adelante Healthcare: Mesa**

1705 W. Main Street  
Mesa, Arizona 85201  
Phone: (480)247-7303

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For information on additional clinics please visit these websites:

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1. <http://www.aachc.org/what-is-a-healthcare-center/map/>
  2. <http://www.aachc.org/what-is-a-healthcare-center/healthcenters/>
  3. <http://molarcoalition.org/public-resources/>
  4. <http://molarcoalition.org/access-oral-health-care/>
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