Overview

• Provide information about the National Tribal Healthy Homes Training Program
• Share information about environmental health “gaps”
• Share information about the reported needs among our training attendees
• How the tribes are using the Tribal Healthy Homes framework and resources at the local level

The National Tribal Healthy Homes (THH) Assessment, Training & Technical Assistance Support Center

• HUD ARRA grant recipient (2009)
• 36 month project period
• Regional Tribal Healthy Homes Trainings – all tribes nationwide
• 2 ½ day trainings – attendees prioritize the topics covered
• Technical Assistance is offered to all tribes
• Diagnostic equipment loan kits
• Add on: Providing the EPA RRP (Renovation, Repair, and Painting) Certified Renovator, 1-day training
• To date, 565 trained nationwide.
The National Tribal Healthy Homes (THH) Assessment, Training & Technical Assistance Support Center

- To date:
  - Trainings conducted:
    - Sacramento, CA – June 2010
    - Bozeman, MT – August 2010
    - Southern Ute Reservation, CO – October 2010
    - San Diego, CA – December 2010
    - Ada, OK – Chickasaw Nation – February 2011
    - Auburn, WA – Muckleshoot Casino - February 2011
    - Red Lake Reservation, MN – April 2011
    - Albuquerque, NM – August/September 2011
    - Biloxi, Mississippi – January 2012
    - Anchorage, Alaska – January 2012
    - Cherokee, North Carolina – February 2012
    - Bozeman, MT – March 2012
Typical THH Training Attendees

- Housing program personnel (supervisors, maintenance staff)
- Housing Inspectors
- EPA Directors
- Social workers
- Community & Family Services Departments
- Lead Outreach Coordinators
- CHR/Environment Health staff
- Weatherization Coordinators
- HVAC Technicians
- IHS Environmental Health Officers
- Housing Development Coordinators

Environmental Health Training “Gaps”

- EPA RRP (Renovation, Repair, and Painting) Rule
- Diagnostic equipment utilized during a home assessment (hygrometers (air), moisture meters, CO/gas monitors, etc.)
- Trainings that take into consideration the unique situations on native lands.
- Educating home occupants about “touchy” subjects.
- Moving from information to action! What do I do next?

Reported Needs of Training Attendees

Topics most relevant or beneficial to you?
- Home energy/weatherization
- Mold/moisture
- Allergies & asthma
- Combustion gases
- Drinking & Waste Water
- Home Safety
- Hanta virus
- Household chemicals
- Meth
Reported Needs of Training Attendees

In your work or in your community, what are the most critical issues you see?

- Mold & Moisture
- Meth
- Housekeeping/Home maintenance
- Occupant education, suggestions for encouraging cleanliness and maintenance
- Home energy/weatherization
- Drinking water
- Radon
- Rodents (mice)
- Elders’ home conditions

How Tribes are Using the THH Framework and Resources

Who are the tribes partnering with at the local level?

- Housing programs
- DOE Project Energy Coordinators
- Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Advocates
- Community Health Workers
- EPA and Health Departments

How Tribes are Using the THH Framework and Resources

Who are tribes targeting?

- Community-wide
- Tribal members/families
- Tribal members living in housing which has received either IHBG (Indian Housing Block Grant) and/or ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant) funds. (They are not excluding tribal members who have not received this funding.)
## How Tribes are Using the THH Framework and Resources

What types of activities are the tribes engaged in?
- Tribal newspaper articles
- Tribal radio station PSAs
- One-on-one education with Tribal home occupants – preventative maintenance, energy conservation, and healthy living conditions emphasized
- Local workshops:
  - DIY Preventative Maintenance Workshops
  - DIY Energy Conservation & Weatherization Workshops

## Conclusions

- Comprehensive Healthy Homes trainings are very much needed among this population.
- Providing low-/no-cost recommendations are effective motivators.
- Majority of tribes have expressed the need for assistance in educating their occupants about proper maintenance. This is a touchy subject!

- Many Tribal Housing Programs are passionate about implementing Tribal Healthy Homes at the local level – this is something they WANT to do!
- Providing ready-to-use, culturally-appropriate, information and resources (PSAs, newsletter articles/puzzles, etc.) is critical to the implementation at the local level.
Tribal Healthy Homes Project Website:
www.tribalhealthyhomes.org