



# Great Plains Area CHR Association

## The Need in Indian Country

Great Plains Area Community Health Representative (CHR) Association was created in 1968 to meet four needs in Indian Country and the need for greater involvement of American Indians in their own health programs:

1. The need for greater participation by Native Americans in the identification and solving of their health problems
2. The need for greater understanding between the Indian people and the Indian Health Service staff
3. The need to improve cross-cultural communications between the Indian community and the providers of the health service
4. The need to increase basic healthcare and instruction in Indian homes and communities



### Association Leadership:

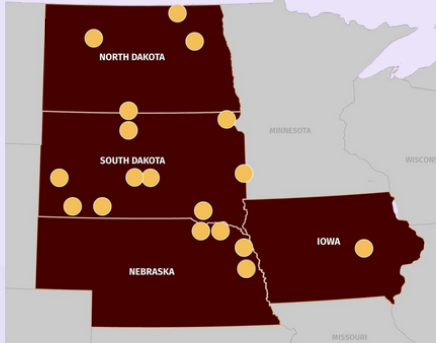
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## Services Provided by CHRs to Any Member of a Federally Recognized Tribe:

- Health education on all health disparities linked to curative and preventive purposes to improve individual healthcare
- Act as an advocate/liason between patients and the Indian Health Service providers by interpreting and translating medical information, assisting with care plans and ensuring patient satisfaction
- Provide extensive health promotion and disease prevention information and instruction in self-help services, and address chronic health problems
- Provide home healthcare services
- Provide transportation within local communities to and from IHS or tribal hospital or clinic for routine, non-emergency problems to a patient without other means of transportation when necessary
- Ensure the availability of appropriate IHS medical guidance in the CHR program
- Ensure compliance with the requirements of CHR data collection plan
- Provide healthcare education and facilitate understanding by using Native language when appropriate, thereby fostering greater cross-cultural understanding
- Assess community healthcare resources from both IHS and non-IHS and facilitate appropriate utilization of those resources



## Tribes Served by Great Plains Area CHR Association



- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Ponca Tribe
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi
- Santee Sioux Nation
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
- Spirit Lake Dakota Nation
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- Yankton Sioux Tribe

## Networking and Education Opportunities

The Great Plains Area CHR Association provides networking and education opportunities for CHRs across the Great Plain Region. The association hosts two in-person conferences each year (Spring / Fall) in different locations across the Great Plains Area.

### Past conference sites:

- Rapid City, SD (Spring 2022) "Uniting Together"
- MHA Nation, New Town, North Dakota (Fall 2022)

### Upcoming conference sites:

- Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska (Spring 2023)



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