Congress declares that it is the policy of this Nation in Indian Country for 20 years.

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Tribal Epidemiology Centers

25 U.S.C. § 1602

necessary to effect that policy and to provide all resources, services for Indians and urban Indians, and legal obligations to Indians to ensure the highest possible health and social outcomes. To this end, the Secretary of the Interior, after consultation with Indian tribes, shall establish a Tribal Epidemiology Center Program to facilitate the implementation of the policy of this Nation in Indian Country.
Collect data relating to, and monitor progress made toward meeting, each of the health status objectives of the service, the Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in the service area.

Evaluate existing delivery systems, data systems, and other systems that impact the improvement of Indian health.

Identify highest-priority health status objectives and the services needed to achieve those objectives, based on epidemiological data.

Make recommendations for the targeting of services needed by the populations served.

Make recommendations to improve health care delivery systems for Indians and urban Indians.

Provide technical assistance to Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations in the development of local health service priorities and incidence and prevalence rates of disease and other illness in the community.

Provide disease surveillance and assist Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations to promote public health.