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Native American Heritage Month

Highlighting significant impact within the state of North Dakota

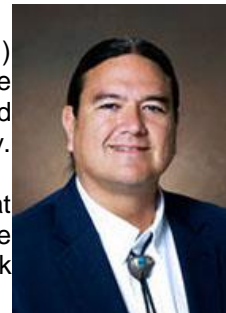
In a state with four American Indian reservations, the impact on the state of North Dakota cannot be limited to single month. It seems only fitting that North Dakota's own U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp should start off the month by introducing a bill to the senate aiming to improve quality of life for Native American children, which could potentially impact North Dakota's overall well-being.

To see the press release, [read here](#).

For Discussion

American Indian Health Disparities in North Dakota

Donald Warne is the director of the Master of Public Health (MPH) program at NDSU. He is a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe from Pine Ridge, SD. Dr. Warne received his MD from Stanford University and his MPH from Harvard University.



Here he highlights the key health issues facing ND tribes, what can be done to address these health disparities, and how the NDSU MPH Program's new American Indian Public Health track hopes to help.

[Read more.](#)

Ask a Researcher

Fargo-Moorhead American Indian Community-Sponsored Health Needs Assessment

Donna Grandbois is an assistant professor of nursing at NDSU. She is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Nation, Belcourt, ND and is one of the three core faculty in the Master of Public Health American Indian Specialization.

Donna addresses questions relating to the Fargo-Moorhead American Indian Community-Sponsored Health Needs Assessment.

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There are new presentations added from Ramona Danielson's part of the panel discussion at [AARP North Dakota](#)'s Volunteer's Conference and Dr. Verlin Hinsz's talk at the "Building an Inclusive Economy in North Dakota" event hosted by the [Northwest Area Foundation](#)

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