

Abstract

The purpose of this pilot project is to collect qualitative information from 15-25 American Indians with knowledge of and experience with the Indian Health Services in the Portland area in order to address research questions about the strengths and limitations of current services and the applicability of recommendations from existing research for systemic improvements. Data will be collected through audio-recorded, structured interviews and will be analyzed using a constant comparative strategy. Findings will be distributed through scholarly publications and will serve as the foundation for future research.