


3, 2, 1 GO! PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR ADDRESSING CANCER CARE DISPARITIES:


A Look At Arizona



KEY STATISTICS ABOUT CANCER CARE AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS IN ARIZONA:



American Indians have the highest kidney cancer incidence and death rates of any race/ethnicity.



American Indians have less knowledge of cancer screening and are less likely to have a particular place to receive medical care.



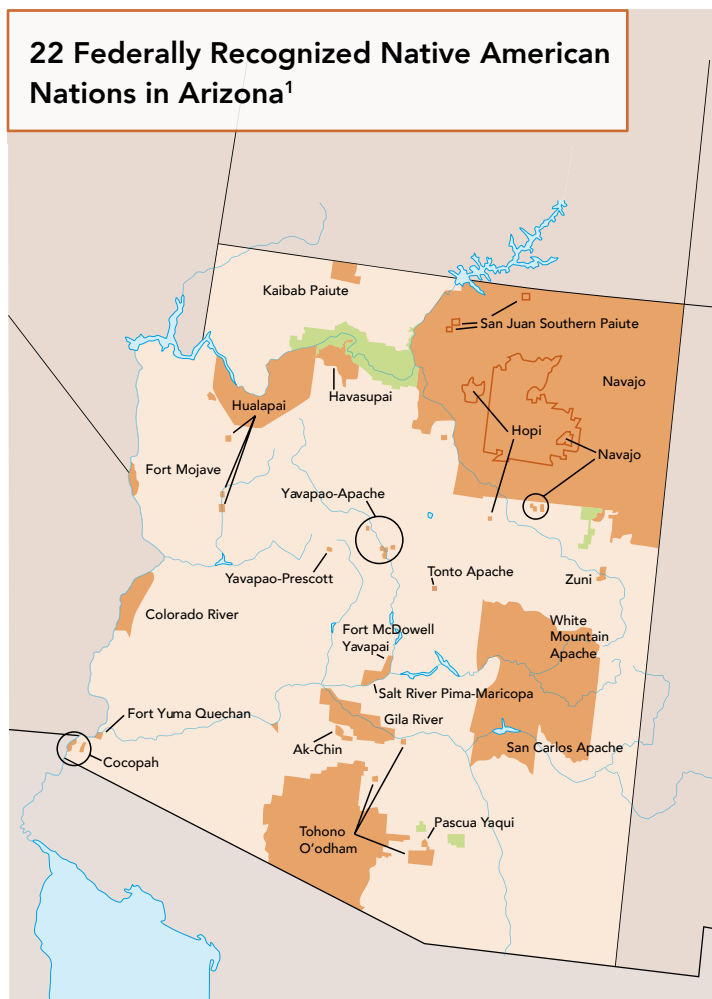
75% of American Indians do not live on federally designated reservations, limiting access to high-quality cancer care.

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) collaborated with The Arizona Clinical Oncology Society (TACOS) and The Center for Community Solutions to identify gaps in cancer care service delivery and access for American Indians living off reservations and outside of the Indian Health Service in the state of Arizona.

The 3, 2, 1, Go! Initiative looks to define

- 1 **major gap** in care that needs to be addressed,
- 2 **recommendations** to eliminate disparities in care, and
- 3 **resources** that may help to advance equitable cancer care.

The following were also defined with the help of the program's Committee.



3 "Go To" Resources to Advance Equity in Care

Bag It - customizable selection of resources to help patients and their care team stay organized
bagitcancer.org



Cancer Support Community Arizona - assists patients with cancer with no cost supportive services and program.
cscaz.org



"Promote health literacy."
- Committee member feedback

Ending Well Patient Advocacy - works with patients with cancer on their end-of-life planning and management needs.
endingwellpatientadvocacy.com



2 Recommendations to Eliminate Disparities in Care

Provide walk-in screenings with community connection, when and where possible.



"Transportation issues are seen with almost everyone."

- Committee member feedback

"Timely access to care remains a big issue."

- Committee member feedback

"Disrupt geographic challenges."

- Committee member feedback

Pursue additional training in cultural competency specific to American Indians, focused on privacy.



"Provide on-site translation services."

- Committee member feedback

1 Major Gap in Care

Challenges in continuity of care, lack of integrated care teams – this refers to a lack of trust between American Indian patients and providers, as well as among provider and provider collaboration.



One of the biggest needs that came out of this project was a defined need to build trust with the American Indian communities in Arizona.

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