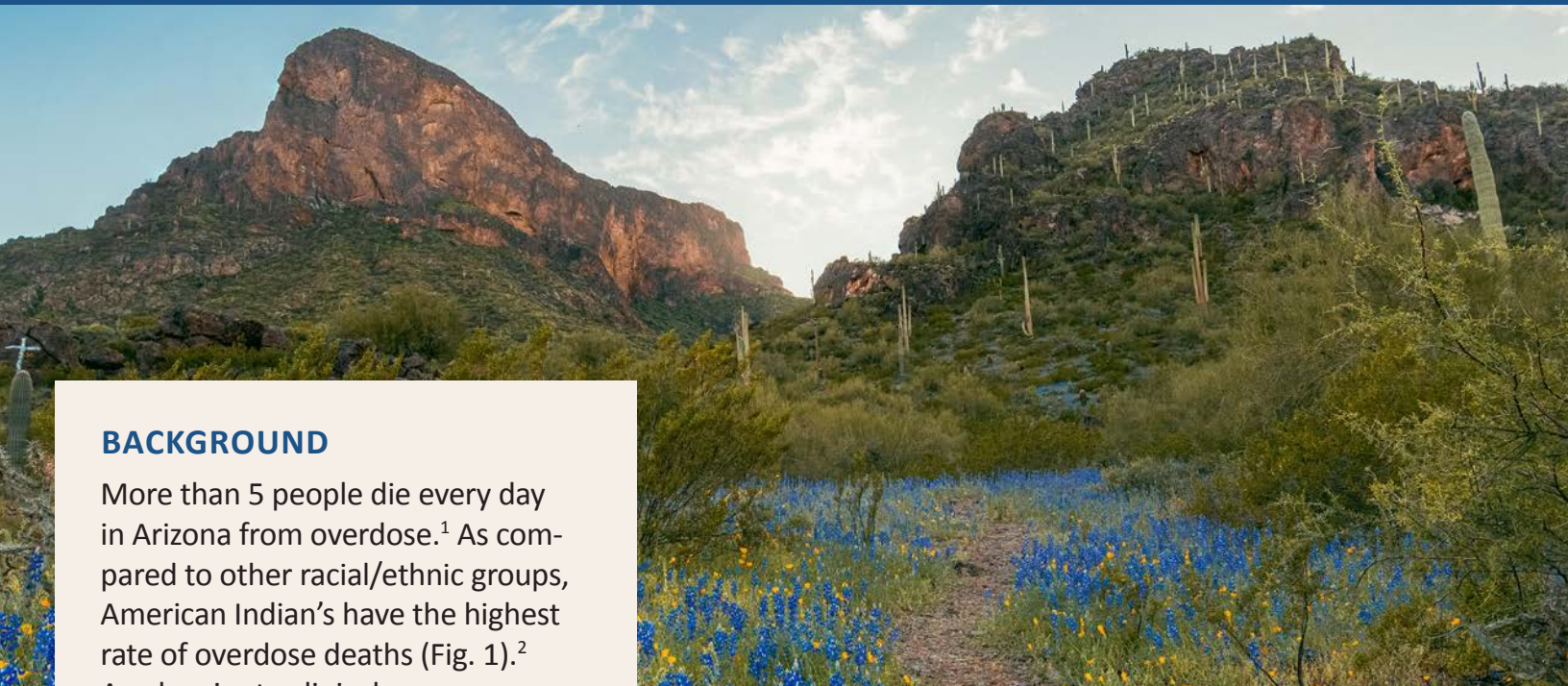


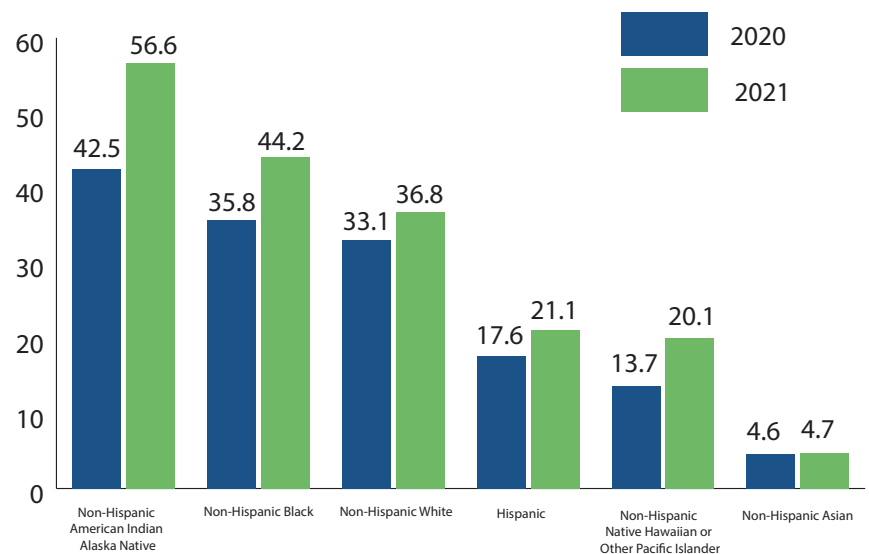
Opioid use disorder and behavioral health services for people who are American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) in Central Arizona



BACKGROUND

More than 5 people die every day in Arizona from overdose.¹ As compared to other racial/ethnic groups, American Indian's have the highest rate of overdose deaths (Fig. 1).² Any barrier to clinical access can increase the difficulty in getting help. This resource provides substance use services by Indigenous serving health clinics in Central Arizona. This builds on the work done by Clichee D, in "Opioid use disorder and behavioral health services for people who are AI/AN in Northeastern Arizona". People who are American Indian/Indigenous have unique health inequities due to the disruption of culture and tradition by colonialism and assimilation policies. Teaching tribal practices and cultural traditions can restore the resiliency and health to the population. These traditions support healthy lives, in the spiritual, emotional, and physical sense in both the individual and the community.³

Fig 1. Age-Adjusted Rate of Overdose Deaths: United States



¹Except for non-Hispanic Asian people, rates in 2021 were significantly higher than in 2020 for all race and Hispanic-origin groups $p < 0.05$.

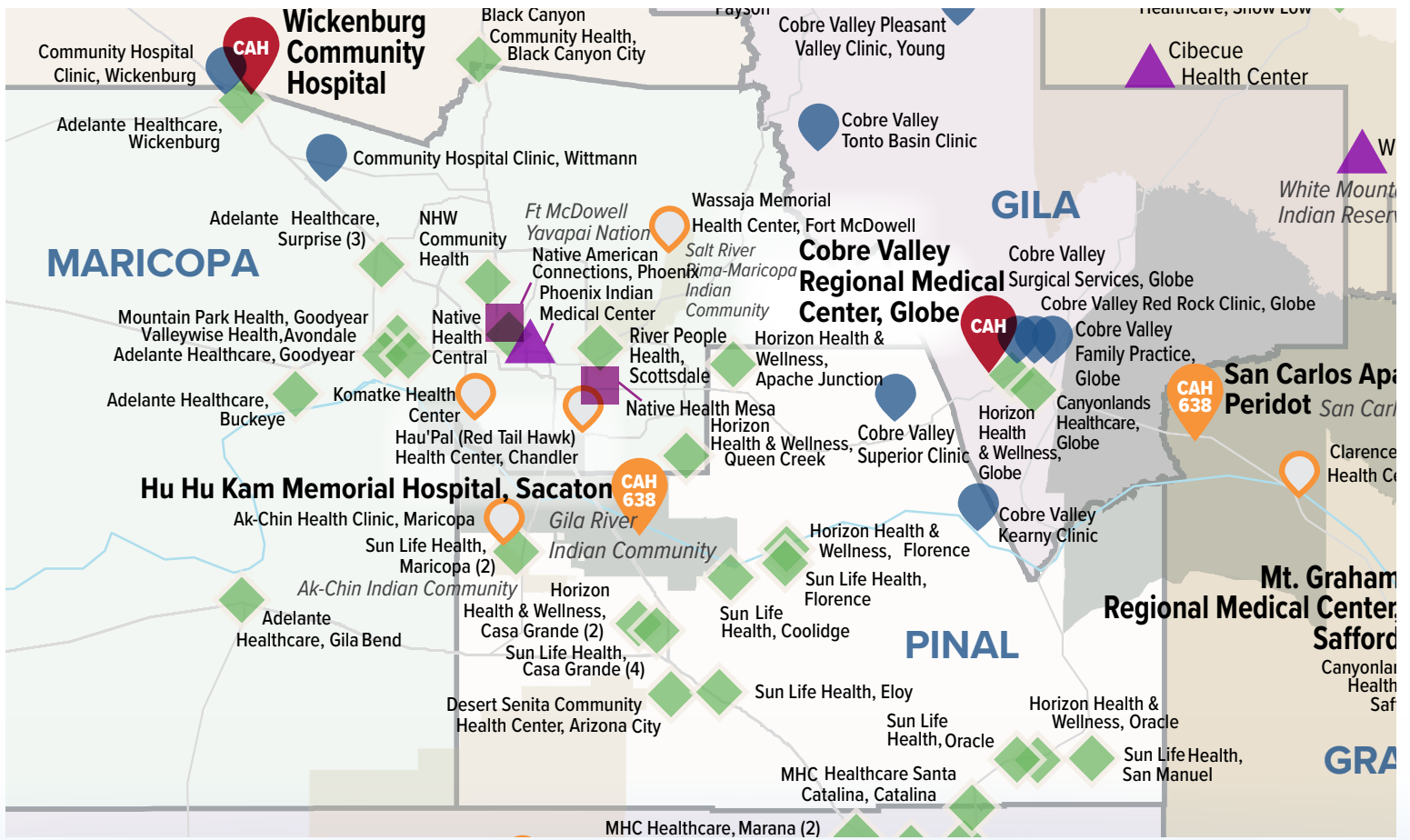
²Race and Hispanic-origin group with highest rate in 2020 and 2021. $p < 0.05$.

³Race and Hispanic-origin group with lowest rate in 2020 and 2021. $p < 0.05$.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality File.

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- ♥ **Critical Access Hospital (CAH)**
- ▲ **Indian Health Services (IHS)**
- **CAH Affiliated Rural Health Clinics**
- **Critical Access + IHS Hospital**
- **Urban Indian Health Centers**
- **Independent RHCs**
- **CAH + Tribal Operated (PL 638)**
- ◆ **Federally Qualified Health Centers in rural areas**
- **Tribal Operated (PL 638)**
- * N Apache County Special Healthcare District

Fig. 2 Rural Health Safety Net Facilities in Arizona Map



Locations in Central Arizona:

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) and Tribal Operated Organizations (Public Law [PL] 93-638):

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Sacaton

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) and Tribal Operated Organization: Gila River Health Care
483 W. Seed Farm Rd., Sacaton, AZ, 85147
Phone: (520) 562-3321
<https://grhc.org/locations/>

Ak-Chin Health Clinic, Maricopa

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Gila River Health Care
48203 W. Farrell Rd., Maricopa, AZ, 85239
Phone: (520) 568-3881
<https://grhc.org/ak-chin/>

Hau'Pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center, Chandler

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Gila River Health Care
3042 W. Queen Creek Rd., Chandler, AZ, 85248
Phone: (520) 796-2600
<https://grhc.org/hau-pal/>

Adelante Healthcare, Gila Bend

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Adelante Healthcare
100 N. Gila Ave., Gila Bend, AZ, 85337
Phone: (480) 964-2273
<https://adelantehealthcare.com/locations/gila-bend/>

Komatke Health Center

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Gila River Health Care
17487 S. Health Care Dr., Laveen, AZ, 85339
Phone: (520) 550-6000
<https://grhc.org/locations/>

Thwajik Ki Residential Treatment Center^a

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Gila River Health Care
3850 N. 16th St., Laveen, AZ, 85339
Phone: (520) 796-3860
<https://grhc.org/substance-use-services/>

Wassaja Memorial Health Center, Fort McDowell

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
16240 N. Fort McDowell Rd., AZ, 85264
Phone: (480) 789-7890
<https://fmyn.org/clinic/>

River People Health, Scottsdale

Tribal Operated (PL 638)
Organization: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10901 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, 85256
Phone: (480) 278-7742
<https://www.rphc.org/>

See **Table 1** for services provided by each site.

^a Thwajik Ki Residential Treatment Center is connected to Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Ak-Chin Health Clinic, Hau'Pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center, and Komatke Health Center. Thwajik Ki Residential Treatment Center is a behavioral health facility only, so it is not portrayed in the Rural & Safety Net Health Facilities in Arizona Map.

TRIBAL OPERATED HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS (PUBLIC LAW 93-638)

The PL-93- 638 organization is a type of health service model that is operated by tribes instead of the Indian Health Service. Through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), tribal organizations are authorized to contract with the federal government to administer and operate certain programs for tribal members, like education and health services. So, PL-93-638 facilities are operated by tribally approved non-profit organizations with a local board of directors. These organizations provide healthcare services that IHS would otherwise provide.⁵

Indian Health Services (IHS) and Urban Indian Health Centers/Programs (UIP):

Phoenix Indian Medical Center Indian Health Centers (IHS) Organization: Phoenix Service Unit

4212 N. 16th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016
Phone: (602) 263-1200
<https://www.ihs.gov/phoenix/healthcarefacilities/phoenix/>

Desert Visions Youth Wellness Center (Adolescent Treatment Center)^a

198 S. Skill Center Rd., Sacaton, AZ, 85147
Phone: (520) 562-3801 and toll free 888-431-4096
<https://www.ihs.gov/phoenix/adolescenttreatmentcenters/desertvision/>

Native American Connections Urban Indian Health Centers/Programs (UIP) Organization: Native American Connections

337 E. Virginia Ave., Building B, Phoenix, AZ, 85004
Phone: (602) 254-3247
<https://www.nativeconnections.org/addiction-treatment/>

Native Health Mesa Urban Indian Health Centers/Programs (UIP) Organization: Native Health^c

777 W. Southern Ave., Building E, Suite 501, Mesa, AZ, 85210
Phone: (602) 279-5262, ext. 22003
<https://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/locations/native-health-east/>

Native Health Central^b Urban Indian Health Centers/Programs (UIP) Organization: Native Health^c

4041 N. Central Ave., Building C, Phoenix, AZ, 85012
Phone: (602) 279-5262
<https://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/locations/native-health-central/>

NHW Community Health^b Urban Indian Health Centers/Programs (UIP) Organization: Native Health^c

2423 W. Dunlap Ave., Suite 140, Phoenix, AZ, 85021
Phone: (602) 787-3352
<https://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/locations/nhw-community-health-center/>

See **Table 2** for services provided by each site. The websites included on this page will take you directly to the main IHS or UIP.

^a Desert Visions Youth Wellness Center (Adolescent Treatment Center) is a behavioral health facility only, so it is not portrayed in the Rural & Safety Net Health Facilities in Arizona Map.

^b Native Health Central and NHW Community Health are Urban Indian Programs (UIP) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), but the Rural & Safety Net Health Facilities in Arizona Map only portrays the FQHC symbology.

^c Native Health provides counseling services for adults and youth.
<https://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/services/behavioral/individual-group-family-counseling/>

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)

The IHS, an agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to people who are AI/AN. Its goal is to raise their health status to the highest possible level.⁴ The IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.6 million AI/AN people who belong to 574 federally recognized tribes in 37 states, including OUD services.⁴ IHS facilities usually have the highest level of in-patient care compared to the other two health service delivery types covered in the next sections.

The IHS is divided into twelve regions, known as areas, throughout the U.S. Each area is comprised of regional tribes with a centrally located area office acting as a headquarters.

OTHER TRIBAL

These groups include mostly Urban Indian Health Programs/Organizations (UIP). These organizations provide different types of services and levels of care to the American Indian and Alaska Native population who live in urban areas or do not live on or near a reservation. Organizations can include health centers, health stations, behavioral health, dental, and substance use treatment locations.

TABLE 1. OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD) RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT TRIBAL OPERATED (PL 93-638) CLINICS IN CENTRAL ARIZONA

Programs Offered at Clinic	Thwajik Ki Residential Treatment Center ^a	Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital ^b	Ak-Chin Health Clinic ^b	Hau'Pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center ^b	Komatke Health Center ^b	Wassaja Memorial Health Center ^b	Adelante Healthcare ^a	River People Health ^a
Clinical Providers (M.D., D.O. etc.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Community Prevention Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inpatient Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment	X	X	X	X	X			X
Outpatient Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment	X	X	X	X	X			X
Peer Support Programs	X		X	X	X		X	X
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Group Therapy	X		X	X	X		X	X
Residential Substance Use Care	X							X
Traditional & Cultural Based Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

^a Services listed through website and confirmed by phone.

^b Services listed through website, not confirmed by email or phone.

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TABLE 2. OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD) RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS) CLINICS AND URBAN INDIAN HEALTH CENTERS/PROGRAMS (UIP) IN CENTRAL ARIZONA.

Programs Offered at Clinic	IHS Phoenix Indian Medical Center Desert Visions Youth Wellness Center ^a	UIP Native American Connections ^a	UIP Native Health Mesa ^b	UIP Native Health Central ^b	UIP NHW Community Health ^b
Clinical Providers (M.D., D.O. etc.)	X	X	X	X	X
Medications for Opioid Use Disorder MOUD	X	X			
Community Prevention Services	X		X	X	X
Inpatient Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment	X	X			
Outpatient Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment	X	X	X	X	X
Peer Support Programs	X	X	X	X	X
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Group Therapy	X	X			
Residential Substance Use Care	X	X			
Traditional & Cultural Based Services	X	X	X	X	X

IHS = Indian Health Services

UIP = Urban Indian Health Center/Program

^a Services listed through website, not confirmed by email or phone.

^b Services listed through website and confirmed by phone.

A map of these and other health care facilities is available here:

<https://crh.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2024-08/240802SN2024MapPDFRuralmetro.pdf>

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