

Program name: Front Line Indigenous Partnership Program (FLIP)

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About: The Front Line Indigenous Partnership Program (FLIP) based in the Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) Department of Emergency Medicine and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative is dedicated to improving American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) health and eliminating existing health disparities through clinical, administrative, and educational partnerships. The FLIP program seeks to support and develop youth healthcare career pathway programs to increase the AIAN healthcare workforce needed to ensure the highest quality of culturally competent care for Indigenous communities. Our goal is to empower AIAN voices and put them at the forefront of healthcare with intentional community-led programming that mitigates existing health disparities. We established a clinical partnership with the Tsehootsooi Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine in Fort Defiance AZ on the Navajo Nation to enhance clinical capacity with BWH emergency physicians working as a one full time position and support monthly educational didactics. We are supporting pathway programs such as the Saint Michaels Indian School Premedical Society, the San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation Summer Program, a FLIP nursing scholarship program, the North American Indian Center of Boston Medicine Pathway Program, and the relaunch of the National Native American Youth Initiative sponsored by the Association of American Indian Physicians. Find more at <https://www.the-flip.org>.