

Program name: Outreach Program with Native American Communities (formerly Outreach Program with Indian Health Service)

Affiliated hospital: Mass General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, McLean Hospital

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About: The Outreach Program is focused on partnering with Indian Health Service (IHS) providers with the goal to provide specialty care education and training thereby increasing the range of conditions IHS clinicians can treat on site. We also work with and listen to local tribal representatives, Native American urban community agencies and advocates to contribute to building sustainable and relevant programs, enhance capacity, eliminate barriers to care, and positively impact the health and well-being of these diverse communities.

The Outreach Program is dedicated to the memory of Phyllis Jen, MD, whose leadership, inspiration, and commitment were central to creating this opportunity to improve the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). The program serves as a legacy to how Dr. Jen lived her life reaching out to care for others who need support.