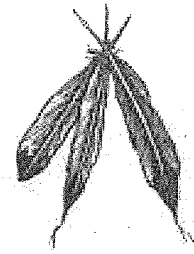


Did you Know?



- **There are approximately 45,000 Native Americans in the State of Maryland**
 - About 13,000 of them report being only Native American and no other race
- **The Baltimore Metropolitan Area has over 20,000 Native Americans**
 - Approximately 8,000 of them report being only Native American and no other race
- **In Baltimore City, there are approximately 5,000 Native Americans**
 - Almost half of them report being only Native American and no other race

Many Native Americans once called Maryland home. Many still do. Native Americans in Maryland come from a variety of tribes, some indigenous to the area and others which relocated. However, there are no tribes in Maryland which are officially recognized by the government.

Health Disparities

American Indians and Alaska Natives are at increased risk for a wide range of health problems. These health disparities have persisted for centuries and can be attributed in large part to the long history of genocide, oppression, discrimination, and unjust policies suffered by Native American people (Jones, 2006).

Native Americans in Maryland represent a small but unique population which is all too often forgotten. This minority deserves the attention of health workers, social service providers, and those committed to ending health disparities in the State of Maryland.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the effort to combat health disparities for Native Americans in Maryland, please email:

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