

American Indian Health

STYLE GUIDE

**Overview**

This style guide is intended to inform how MHCf, as an organization, communicates about its work in American Indian Health and the people and communities it collaborates with.

It reflects the most current thinking on terminology for Native people and communities.

General Guidelines

1. Be as specific as possible when referring to Native people and Native nations.
2. Referring to the tribes in MT as "Native nations" shows respect for their sovereignty & independent status.
3. Do not use the state's possessive when referring to Native nations.
4. Terminology is subject to personal preference. Take the time to learn what individual and community preferences are.

Terms To Use**American Indian****Native American****Indigenous****Native****Native nation****tribe*****Indian Country****urban Indian***

*unless used as part of a name

Native Nations

In MT, there are 13 federally recognized tribes on 7 reservations.

The United States recognizes these tribes as nations.

Urban Indians

We use the term "urban Indian" when referring to the health centers in MT's 5 urban areas and the Native American people they serve.

Land Acknowledgments

While we recognize land acknowledgments signify good intentions, we recommend not using them in our meetings and events.

Federally Recognized Names of Native Nations in Montana

Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation

Nations: Nakodo/Nakona (Assiniboine) & Lakota/Dakota (Sioux)

Reservation: Fort Peck Reservation

Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation

Nation: Niitsitapi/Pikuni (Blackfeet)

Reservation: Blackfeet Reservation

Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy Reservation

Nations: Annishinabe (Chippewa/Ojibwe) & Neiyahwahk (Plains Cree)

Reservation: Rocky Boy's Reservation

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Nations: Selish (Bitterroot Salish) & Quispe (Upper Pend d'Oreille) & Ksanka (Kootenai)

Reservation: Flathead Reservation

Crow Tribe of Montana

Nation: Apsaalooke (Crow)

Reservation: Crow Reservation

Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation

Nations: A'aninin (Gros Ventre) & Nakodo/Nakona (Assiniboine)

Reservation: Fort Belknap Reservation

Little Shell Tribe of the Chippewa Indians of Montana

Nation: Annishinabe/Metis (Little Shell Chippewa)

Reservation: NA

Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation

Nation: Tsetsehesestahase/So'taa'eo'o (Northern Cheyenne)

Reservation: Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation

Urban Indian Health Centers in Montana

- **Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center (Billings)**
- **Northern American Indian Alliance (Butte)**
- **Indian Family Health Clinic (Great Falls)**
- **Helena Indian Alliance (Helena)**
- **All Nations Health Center (Missoula)**