Nutrition 101 Part 1

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Agenda Part 1

• Introductions
• Introduction to Title VI – Shelly & Jean
• Break
• National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging – Uche
• Basic Nutrition & Title VI – Jean & Uche
• Lunch – 11:45 to 1:00
Introductions

Shelly Zylstra
Cooking in Shelly’s Backyard
Shelly’s Stew

Jean Lloyd

Uche Akobundu
Tell Us

- Your name, program, your position
- Where you are located
- How many meals you produce a day
- Something your program does well
- Your biggest challenge
INTRODUCTION TO TITLE VI
The Older Americans Act-Title VI

https://www.acl.gov/node/650/

• The Older Americans Act (OAA) enacted by Congress in 1965
• The “Act” is divided into separate chapters called “Titles”
  • Like in a book, each Title (chapter) deals with a different subject
  • Under each Title, there are separate sections called “Parts”
  • Under each Part, there are separate sections called “Sections”
• Nutrition Programs were added in 1972
  • Originally as Title VII, then included under Title III, Part C-1 and C-2
• Title VI programs were added in 1978
How it Stacks Up!

OAA

Title III
- Part B I&A, Transportation
- Sections

Part C-1 Cong
- Sections

Part C-2 HD
- Sections

Title VI
- Part A AI/AN
- Part B NH
- Part C Caregiver
Title VI

• In order to get a grant for Title VI services (also known as Part A) Tribes must submit an application
• Tribes are required to have at least 50 elders aged 60 and up = grant eligibility
  ▪ Tribes may determine the age of participation:
    • Title III= over age 60
    • Title VI=Tribe determined, even as low as age 45+
  ▪ American Indians who are not enrolled in your Tribe are eligible to participate in your program
    • The Title VI Sections specify that the program is for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, not enrolled Tribal members
    • Some of your enrolled Tribal elders may be served in other communities where they live
Uche Asks

An Indian elder who is not a member of your tribe, lives in your area, and is homebound, can this person get a HDM?
**Title VI**

- Tribes determine which services are to be provided
  - Required services are Congregate meals, Home delivered meals, and Information and Assistance/Referral
  - Other common services include transportation, chore
- Title VI does not specify how much funding is to be allocated for various services, does not allocate funding for components of services such as food, etc.
Title VI Rules

• If you read the OAA, you won’t find much detail under Title VI
• Programs are designed to follow the OAA Title III Program requirements and Tribes will find most of the requirements in the Title section of the OAA
• For specific Title VI implementation requirements, look at the Title VI manual on line at https://olderindians.acl.gov/
• You may want to ask your local Area Agency on Aging for copies of their standards or policy and procedures manual, the rules are the similar for both programs.
• Or look to your State Unit on Aging for assistance
Jean Asks

What are the rules if my program gets Title III and Title VI?
Title VI and Title III Requirements

- If your Tribe receives only Title VI funds, you are required to meet the requirements of Title VI, using the guidelines that are provided in the Title VI Manual on the Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) website and reporting and fiscal instructions from the ACL.
- If your Tribe receives Title III funds from your State Unit on Aging (SUA), you need to meet the Title VI requirements PLUS the programmatic, fiscal and menu requirements of the State.
- If your Tribe receives Title III funds, the SUA may tell you:
  - What to spend Title III funds on, such as Congregate or Home-delivered meals, or transportation, chore, etc.
  - Who to serve with the Title III funds such as non-Indians who come to the Title VI site and expect service.
Eligibility

- Elder, Tribally determined age
- Spouse, regardless of age & ethnicity
- Dependent children with disabilities who live with the elder or accompany them to the meal site
- Volunteers of any age
- Individuals who are disabled and reside in a building primarily occupied by elders where congregate meals are served
- Caregivers if Title VI C funds are available and there is a policy and procedure for this use
Jean Asks

The congregate site produces about 30 congregate meals per day. About 10 people stay for lunch, the rest pick up their meals as a take-out meal? Is this permissible?
Why Emphasize Congregate?

• Socialization is important
• Gatekeeping is important
• Nutrition education is important
• Activities are important
• Lunch is an important contact point for elders

If an elder isn’t eligible for home-delivered meals, they should not get one. They should be encouraged to come to lunch!
Today’s Program: Congregate

- Most Congregate Meals at Senior or Community Centers
- Self-produced in the center’s kitchen
- May use restaurant vouchers
- School catering
- Simple meals that meet nutrition requirements
- Often with activities or Nutrition Education
Title VI Home Delivered Meals
Sections 336, 601, 602, 614

Eligibility

- Elder, Tribally determined age, determined to be homebound, frail, isolated
  - 2 activities of daily living (ADLs)
- Spouses, regardless of age & ethnicity
- Dependent children with disabilities who live with the elder
- Caregivers if Title VI C funds are available and there is a policy and procedure for this use
Activities of Daily Living

- Bathing
- Transferring
- Eating
- Toileting
- Walking
- Grooming
- Dressing
- Continence

- If an Elder cannot do two of these without “substantial human assistance”, they are eligible for Home Delivered meals.
- May also need supervision for safety and be eligible
- Just because a meal is “delivered” doesn’t make it a home-delivered meal!
Today’s Program: Home Delivered

- Home Delivered Meals take all forms
  - Hot Daily
  - Hot and Frozen every other day
  - All Frozen
  - Shelf Stable (for emergencies)
- Include annual assessment including functional assessment & nutritional well-being
Is HD Just the Meal?

- The hot meal is important and...
- It improves health
- It provides a safety check
- It helps keep elders at home
- Provides social contact
- And helps them be a part of the community

Home-Delivered Meals are for elders who are isolated, homebound, frail
Uche Asks

An elder usually drives to the congregate site but in the winter, the roads are hazardous in this rural area, is she eligible for a HDM?
Funding for Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

- Federal Title VI A funds, limited Title VI Part C
- Federal Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) Section 311
- Tribal funds
- State Title III funds
- State funds
- Elders’ contributions/donations
- Fund-raisers, private donations, etc.
- Title VI and NSIP funding levels is found at https://www.acl.gov/node/124
Are there Special rules for NSIP funds?

- NSIP funds may only be used to purchase food that is grown or processed in the US and is used to produce meals for the Title VI program. NSIP funds may not be used for administration, indirect, labor, or other costs (Section 311)
- Meals reported on the PPR receive NSIP funding and have to comply with all the Title VI rules
- Meals to be reported on the PPR whether funded by Title VI or not:
  - Eligible participants
  - Volunteers
  - Staff over the Tribally determined age that receive a meal
- Meals that are not to be reported on the PPR:
  - People who are not eligible for service, such as guests, other Tribal members
  - Staff who are not eligible for service
Jean Asks

Instead of using the NSIP funding in the meal program, can we use it to buy bags of groceries for the elders?
What do you mean there’s no such thing as a free lunch?

- Most Title VI Programs do not encourage donations from the elders
- This can be one way to help the program grow
- Elders can donate what they want to pay and still get a lunch

- Remember that the program is for the elders
- No one else should eat for a donation
- Any meal served to a guest must be paid at the full price, and the money put back into the budget
Meals to “Visitors”

- This program is for ELDERS
- Sometimes family members show up at the meal site
- If you feed non-elders, they must pay the full cost of the meal or you pay from Tribal funds or another funding source
- Feeding non-elders at the meal sites is STEALING FROM THE ELDERS and violates the terms of the grant
How can contributions be used?

- Participant contributions are to be used for the service for which the funds were contributed (Section 315)

- If a participant contribution is provided for meals, the contribution is required to be used to support and expand meals. The contribution cannot be used to fund a trip to the casino or other things
Does the nutrition program have to serve anyone who comes for a meal?

- Title VI funds services for individuals who are eligible under Title VI
- Title VI funds cannot be used to provide services to individuals who are not eligible under Title VI
- If your nutrition program is serving individuals who are not eligible under Title VI with Title VI funds, the program may have audit exceptions which would mean paying back funding
Does the nutrition program have to serve anyone who comes for a meal?

- If your SUA provides Title III funds, these funds can be used to provide services to both Indians & non-Indian Title III older adults (age 60 and over) who might want to attend your site.
- Your Tribal funds may be used as the Tribe decides.
- Your program needs to develop Policies and Procedures to address these issues; consult with your fiscal office in developing these to ensure that they are clear, especially to auditors.
Jean Asks

Am I, an old white woman eligible for a meal at your nutrition program? Do you have to serve me?
Volunteers and Staff

• If you have enough food, meal program volunteers of any age can eat meals and you can count them in your meal counts for Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP).

• All of these meals count for NSIP along with elders meals.

• Under 60 Guest meals DO NOT COUNT for NSIP.

• Don’t forget to include special dinners....birthday’s, celebrations, Elder Honor Day—just make sure the meal meets the requirements for the Older Americans Act.
Staff Meals

• If a meal is part of the staff benefits, the staff may eat.

• Under Title VI, staff may not pay the suggested contribution unless the staff are elders.

• Under Title VI, staff meals may not be reported on the PPR unless the staff are elders.
Uche Asks

Can a 35 year old disabled American Indian veteran come to the meal site and get a meal?
Jean Asks

How do your program figure out the amount to ask for a suggested contribution/donation?
Jean Asks

The Tribal Chair sends his assistant to the meal site for his meal, a guest of the Tribal Chair and the assistant’s meal. The Tribal Chair expects that you should just send the meals. Usually this happens at least 4 times a week. How do you pay for these meals?
Older Americans Act Nutrition Requirements
Sections 339, 601, 602, 614

• Meals are to meet:
  • 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
  • Dietary Reference Intakes
  • Food Safety Code
  • Appealing to program participants
  • If practical, meet special dietary needs
Other Nutrition Services

• The OAA Titles III and VI require programs to provide meals of conventional foods (meat/poultry/fish, vegetables, fruit, grains, dairy) not supplements or vitamin/mineral tablets
  • A program may choose to provide nutrition supplements, but these do not count as meals and cannot be reported for NSIP funding
  • A program may not use Title VI funding to purchase vitamin/mineral tablets for program participants
• The OAA does not provide for the provision of grocery bags of food to count as meals
  • Grocery delivery may be provided as a service, but Title VI cannot pay for the groceries
  • The nutrition program can provide referral and help people access USDA programs that fund other programs to provide groceries such as
    • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly food stamps
    • Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) – commodity foods
    • Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) - bags of groceries
    • The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) – food boxes, food banks
Other Nutrition Services  Sections 331, 336, 601, 602, 614

• OAA funds other nutrition services:
  • Nutrition education
  • Nutrition counseling, as appropriate
Jean Asks

The Tribe usually provides significant funding and we got cut this year. We can’t serve meals 5 days a week. What can we do?
Meal service Frequency Sections 331, 336, 601, 602, 614

• Both Titles III and VI require meals to be served 5 days per week, but there are exceptions
• When a Tribe applies for funding, the application indicates the services to be provided and how often, if meals are to be served less than 5 days per week, the application explains why
Meal service Frequency  Sections 331, 336, 601, 602,614

• Although meals are usually provided 5 days a week, a Tribe may indicate that it wants to provide meals less often

• If after the application is approved, the Tribe wants to decrease the number of days per week that it provides meals, the Tribe needs to notify the ACL regional office, stating that it plans to decrease the number of days per week that meals are served and the reason for the decrease; ACL has to approve the modification
Your Nutrition Program is Just the Beginning

• More than meatloaf....
• Checking in with elders
• Referral to services
• Activities
• Health Education
• Clinic Connection
• Exercise
• Cultural Activities
BREAK IS NEXT
NUTRITION & TITLE VI
NUTRITION
Questions

• Why do we care about nutrition?
• What influences what you eat?
• Do you make a difference in the lives of Tribal Elders? How?
Nutrition: An Integral Part of Health

Necessity:
- Need adequate nutrition to:
  - Maintain physical & mental functioning
  - Promote health & functionality
  - Reduce risk of chronic disease
  - Help treat & manage chronic disease
  - Remain home in the community

Purposes of Older Americans Act Nutrition Program
Section 330, 601
- Reduce hunger & food insecurity
- Promote socialization
- Promote health and well-being
- Delay adverse health conditions
Why Do We Care about Nutrition?

- **Physical health**: sight, hearing, smell, oral health, heart, lungs, nerves, brain, gastrointestinal tract, skeleton, muscles, immune system
- **Disease**
- **Functionality/disability**
- **Mental health**
- **Social, cultural, familial well-being & traditions**
- **Emotional well-being**
- **Spiritual, religious needs**
- **Affected by lifestyle, geographic location, family, income, culture & traditions, business, food industry, agriculture, & health care**
Nutrition and Health are Closely Related

• About half of all American adults—117 million individuals—have one or more preventable chronic diseases, many of which are related to poor eating and physical activity patterns.

• All people, even those with chronic conditions, can benefit from healthy eating patterns and increased physical activity, especially older adults.

• Physical activity for older adults include endurance or aerobic, strength, balance and flexibility training.
Why Do We Care about Nutrition in Indian Country?

• Nationally, participants in Title VI programs when compared to national U.S. data have higher rates of:
  • Obesity/overweight
  • Diabetes
  • Osteoporosis
  • Stroke, high blood pressure

• Nationally, participants in Title VI programs stated that they:
  • Had a condition that changed the kind or amount of food they ate -23%
  • Ate few fruits/vegetables or milk products – 26.3%
  • Ate fewer than 2 meals/day – 16.3%

National Title VI Needs Assessment Data, University of North Dakota
National Needs Assessment Title VI Data Indicates High Rates of Disability Due to Chronic Disease in Title VI Participants

70.6% of Title VI participants are not disabled
29.4% of Title VI participants are disabled
For those who are disabled, the primary cause is chronic disease

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National Title VI Needs Assessment Data, University of North Dakota Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta GA. DHHS.
Indian Health Service Recommendations for Elders

- Increase physical activity
- Decrease TV viewing
- Decrease food portion sizes
- Eat healthier foods
- Limit fast food & take out foods
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Physical Activity Kit: Book 7 for Older Adults

National Needs Assessment Title VI Data Indicates Walking is the Most Prevalent Physical Activity

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<td>Gardening</td>
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<td>Traditional Dance (Pow-wow)</td>
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OAA NUTRITION REQUIREMENTS, FOOD, MENU PLANNING
Elders Need Healthy Food and Adequate Nutrients

• Foods are conventional items that we eat
• Experts recommend that we eat foods from 5 different groups
  ▪ Vegetables
  ▪ Fruits
  ▪ Grains
  ▪ Protein foods
  ▪ Dairy or dairy alternate foods
• Nutrients are contained in food
• To live, we need
  ▪ Calories
  ▪ Carbohydrate, fiber
  ▪ Protein
  ▪ Fat
  ▪ Vitamins (15)
  ▪ Minerals (14)
  ▪ Water
Older Americans Act Nutrition Requirements
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• Meals are to meet:
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  • Appeal to program participants
  • If practical, meet special dietary needs
Uche Asks

Does this mean that Title VI meals & services have to be exactly the same as Title III?
Title VI Requirements

• Nutrition services comparable to Title III (Section 601)
• “…provided in a manner that preserves and restores their respective dignity, self-respect, and cultural identities” (Section 602)
• Nutrition services provided to be “substantially in compliance with the requirements for Title III” (Section 614)
• The application will “contain assurances that the tribal organization will coordinate services provided under this part with services provided under title III in the same geographical area.” (Section 614)
• “….the Assistant Secretary shall provide maximum flexibility to an applicant that seeks to take into account subsistence needs, local customs, and other characteristics that are appropriate to the unique cultural, regional, and geographic needs of the Indian populations to be served.” (Section 614)
Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs) 2015-2020

• Published by the Secretaries of Health & Human Services and Department of Agriculture, every 5 years, the DGAs 2015-2020 are evidence-based statements about how to eat to maintain health and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

• They are not designed for disease treatment, such as diabetes.

• DGAs form the basis for federal food, nutrition and health programs and policies, including menu planning and nutrition education for the Title VI program.
Key elements of the DGAs

• Follow a healthy eating pattern across the lifespan
• Focus on **food variety, nutrient density, and portions**
• Limit calories from **added sugars and saturated fats** and reduce **sodium or salt**
• Shift to **healthier food and beverage choices**
• Support healthy eating patterns for all
Dietary Reference Intakes

- Established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and provides reference values for:
  - Vitamins and Minerals
  - Energy, total calories
  - Carbohydrates and Fats
  - Protein
  - Fiber
  - Water, electrolytes

- For older adults
  - Ages 51-70, men & women
  - Age 70+, men & women
2017 Food Code Is the Basis for Tribal Food Code

- Adopted by most States, Territories, Tribes & the military
- Published by the Food & Drug Administration and U.S. Public Health Service of Department of Health & Human Services, https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/retailfoodprotection/foodcode/ucm595139.htm
- Used by many Indian Health Service sanitarians & Tribal environmental health departments
2017 Food Code Recognizes that Older American Act Nutrition Programs Serve People at Risk of Foodborne Disease

- Populations that are “highly susceptible” to food borne disease include:
  - Older adults
  - Individuals obtaining food at a facility such as child or adult day care, hospital, nursing home or nutritional or socialization services such as a senior center
So What Do We Do? We Eat Food, Not Nutrients, Too Complicated….

- Eat from the 5 food groups:
  - Vegetables
  - Fruits
  - Grains
  - Protein foods
  - Dairy or dairy alternate foods &
  - Water
How Do We Plan Menus to Meet the Requirements and Still be Appealing?

• Focus on:
  – Food variety
  – Nutrient density or nutrients/calorie
  – Serving size

• Limit calories from
  – Added sugars
  – Saturated or solid fats
  – And reduce salt
What are Food Variety, Nutrient Density?

- **Variety=diverse assortment of food**
- 1 starchy vegetable such as corn or potatoes & 1 non-starchy like tomatoes and/or peppers or green beans or broccoli or spinach
- Consume different colorful vegetables and fruits
- Consume a variety of lean protein sources such as fish, poultry, game
- Consume a variety of whole grains

- **Nutrient density=food & drink with little added sugars, solid fat, refined starch, but plenty of vitamins & minerals/calorie**
- Orange juice but not orange drink or fruit punch (added sugar)
- Baked, braised, grilled, stewed chicken or fish, not fried (added fat)
- Fresh berries, not blueberry pie (added refined flour, sugar and saturated fat) with ice cream (added sugar, saturated fat)
Serving Size: Portions Today & 20 Years Ago

Today

610 calories (6.9 oz) + 590 calories + 220 calories (20 oz) = 1420 calories

20 Years Ago

210 calories (2.4 oz) + 333 calories + 85 calories (6.5 oz) = 628 calories

792 calories more today
Are Portion Size and Serving Size the Same?

- **Portion size**=
  Amount of food served at an eating occasion

- **Serving size**=
  A serving size is a standard amount of food served like an ounce or cup or the number of crackers, often listed on food labels

What would be the serving size for the dessert at the left?
### Serving Sizes Used in the Title VI Program

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<td>Protein foods</td>
<td>1 oz/ 3-4 oz/meal</td>
<td>3 oz meat/poultry/fish; 1 egg=1 oz protein; 1 T peanut butter=1 oz protein; or ½ oz nuts/seeds=1 oz protein</td>
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<td>Grain</td>
<td>2/meal</td>
<td>1 slice bread, 1 small piece cornbread, 1 small tortilla, 1 roll, ½ c rice/pasta</td>
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<td>Vegetables</td>
<td>2/meal</td>
<td>½ c cooked or raw; 1 c leafy greens; serve 1 starchy, 1 non-starchy</td>
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<td>Beans/legumes</td>
<td>1 or more/week</td>
<td>½ c; ¼ c=1 oz meat</td>
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<td>Fruit</td>
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<td>1 small raw; ½ c canned/frozen; ½ c juice, ¼ c dried</td>
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<td>Milk/alternate</td>
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<td>1 c fluid, 1 c yogurt, 1.5 oz natural cheese, 2 oz processed cheese</td>
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<td>Oils</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Fat is liquid at room temperature, 1 T such as olive oil on vegetables, 1-2 T salad dressing</td>
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Title VI Meal – Are These the Right Serving Sizes?

Traditional Native Recipes www.aihd.ku.edu/recipes/index.html
(American Indian Health & Diet Project)
## What are Added Sugars, Saturated Fats & Sodium?

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<td>Saturated fat</td>
<td>Fats that are solid at room temperature, butter, lard, fat on meat/poultry, many solid (not soft)margarines, coconut oil</td>
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<td>Sodium</td>
<td>Salt, table salt, sea salt, found in processed foods such as bread, macaroni &amp; cheese, pizza; canned vegetable and meat products; canned soup; processed meats like ham, sausage, lunch meat; processed dairy like cheese; mixed dishes; desserts; chips, snack foods</td>
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**Why are these items important?**
Which of these Foods Contain Added Sugars?
Which of these Foods Contain Saturated Fats?
Which Foods are Higher in Salt?

- 2, 1 oz slices deli ham
- 2 oz canned tuna
- 2 oz pork chop, baked
- ½ cup chocolate pudding
- 2, 1 oz slices American cheese
- ½ cup cottage cheese with pineapple
Which Foods are Higher in Salt?

- 2 1 oz slices deli ham, 246 mg sodium
- 2 oz canned tuna, drained, 236 mg sodium
- 3 oz pork chop, baked, 47 mg sodium
- ½ cup chocolate pudding made with 2% milk, 131 mg sodium
- 2 1 oz slices American cheese, 936 mg sodium
- ½ cup cottage cheese with pineapple, 389 mg sodium
Add Potassium to Meals

- Potassium is found in fruits, vegetables, milk, fish, meat
- Potassium helps blunt the adverse effect of sodium on blood pressure
- Consume at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables a day, preferably 7 (women) to 10 (men)
Why is it important to emphasize fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy in the meal?

• Nationally, participants in Title VI programs stated that they:
  • Had a condition that changed the kind or amount of food they ate - 23% of participants
  • Ate few fruits/vegetables or milk products – 26.3% of participants
  • Ate fewer than 2 meals/day – 16.3% of participants

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Why is it important to emphasize fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy in the meal?

• Higher fruit and vegetable intake is related to:
  • Better weight management (Title VI - 43% of participants are obese)
  • Better control of high blood pressure (Title VI - 56% of participants have high blood pressure)
  • Better diabetes management (Title VI - 39% have diabetes),
  • Lower rates of heart disease and cancer

• Higher consumption of lower fat dairy is related to:
  • Lower rates of osteoporosis (Title VI - 10% of participants have osteoporosis)
  • Better management of high blood pressure (Title VI - 56% of participants have high blood pressure)

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**Vegetables, Fish, Dairy, Fruit are High In Potassium;**
**Potassium is related to Managing High Blood Pressure**
**and Heart Disease**

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ChooseMyPlate.gov
My Native Plate
An Easy Way to Help Your Family Know How Much to Eat

Helping your family eat in a healthy way is EASY!

**Remember these 3 steps:**
1. Use a smaller plate or a smaller area of a larger plate.
2. Divide it into quarters:
   - ¼ plate in fruits
   - ¼ plate in vegetables
   - ¼ plate in grains or starch
   - ¼ plate in protein; leaner or plant-based
3. Stack food no higher than 1½ or 2½ haystacks

**Pictured Here**
- Canned fruit, applesauce
- Cooked rice and pasta
- Roasted white and brown rice
- Baked corn on the cob; baked or fried
- Baked, grilled, or sautéed meats

**Printed Placemats**
Large, full-color printed placemats will be available by fall 2012 at www.nativeplate.org. Click on “Online Catalog.” There is no charge for placemats or shipping.

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Fill in the Traditional Plate!

- **Bread Group**
  - Bannock
  - Wild Rice
  - Corn

- **Meat Group**
  - Big game
  - Game birds
  - Eggs
  - Nuts/Beans
  - Fish/Seafood

- **Fruits and Vegetables**
  - Shoots
  - Roots
  - Greens
  - Berries
  - Tree fruits
  - Squash

- **Dairy**
  - Breast milk
  - Fish & game bones
  - Greens & roots

More protein

Less grain
Consider Preferences

- Culture, traditions
- Religion, holidays, celebrations
- Family
- Region of the country
- Health
- Age, generational cohort
- Gender
- What do Elders want?
- OAA – Sec. 339(2)(B): appealing
Use Customer Input

- Menu committees
- Product sampling
- Taste panels
- Food preference surveys
- Satisfaction focus groups
- “Secret diner”
- Comment cards
- OAA Sec. 339 (2)(B), (G) requires consultation with elders
Principles of Menu Planning

Aesthetic appeal:

- Enhance taste
- Strive for balance
- Emphasize variety
- Add contrast: texture & temperature
- Think about color
- Consider eye appeal
Common Menu Pattern Form, Develop One or Ask for One

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Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• Make half your plate fruits & vegetables
  • Choose a variety
  • Choose more red (tomato, watermelon), orange (sweet potato, winter squash, orange, cantaloupe) & dark-green (leafy greens, broccoli) vegetables/fruits

• Choose fresh, frozen, canned (rinsed)
• Choose cooked & raw
• Choose whole fruit/vegetables rather than juice
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• **Add lean protein**
  • Choose low-fat beef/pork
  • Choose poultry like chicken/turkey
  • Choose seafood (1 to 2 times per week)
  • Bake, roast, braise, steam, stew, broil rather than fry
  • Trim, drain fat, remove poultry skin

• Use beans with a little added meat
• Eat smaller portions (3 oz rather than 4 or 5 oz)
• Consume protein sources at every meal, 3 servings, up to 6 oz per day
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• **Include whole grains**
  - Make half your grains whole grains
  - Look for the words, “100% whole grain” on the label
  - Look for whole grain as the first ingredient on the list

• Use brown & wild rice rather than white rice, combine white and brown/wild
• Try whole-wheat pasta
• Use oatmeal, whole-grain cornmeal
• Use whole wheat bread several times a week
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• **Include low-fat dairy**
  • Use fat-free or 1% milk
  • Use low fat/reduced fat cheese
  • Use smaller amounts of cheese & less often
  • Substitute plain yogurt for sour cream
  • Use low-fat yogurt as a dessert or topping
  • Use dairy desserts made with fat-free milk
  • Use “lactaid” milk, or fortified soy milk, or fortified orange juice
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

- **Limit saturated fat**
  - Limit high fat meats such as deli meats, hotdogs, sausages
  - Trim fat from meat
  - Do not fry
  - Use oil rather than solid fat
  - Use soft spreads instead of butter
  - Replace butter, lard, solid margarine with oil/soft spreads

- Limit high fat desserts such as pie, cookies, ice cream
- Decrease portion sizes
- Use beans as a protein source
- Use nuts/seeds
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• **Reduce refined grains**
  - Add more whole grains to the meal
  - Use whole wheat bread, rolls, whole wheat crackers rather than saltines
  - Use less white bread, tortillas, pasta, rice
  - Use brown rice or brown rice/white rice mixtures

• Use whole grain corn meal tortillas rather than white flour tortilla
• Serve fewer biscuits, corn bread, fry bread
• Use whole grain cereals as toppings for crisps, yogurt, pudding
• Make sure grain products are enriched
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• **Reduce sodium**
  • Prepare foods with little added salt, use herbs, other seasonings
  • Limit frozen convenience foods like mac & cheese, limit deli meats, sausage
  • Rinse canned vegetables
  • Buy reduced, low sodium, or no added salt products

• Read labels, use products with lower sodium levels, especially for bread, baked products like cookies
• Add more fresh/frozen without sauces vegetables, fruits
Tips for Building Healthy Meals

• Reduce added sugars
  • Cut back on foods/drinks with added sugar
  • Drink few beverages such as punch, soda, etc.
  • Eat fewer desserts
  • Select fruit for dessert
  • If serving dessert, limit the number of

• times/week and use nutrient dense foods such as vanilla pudding with berries or vanilla wafers rather than cake with cream cheese frosting

• Choose smaller portions
Steps in Planning Healthy Meals

- Allow a block of time, gather recipes & resources
- Determine length of menu cycle
- Identify main dish, side dishes
- Visualize what each meal will look like
- Think about variety, day to day, week to week
- Plan menus that can be made with available staff, equipment, space & time
- Use readily available food
- Use traditional foods
- Do not plan for second helpings
Steps in Planning Healthy Meals

- Think about nutritional content
- Think about preferences
- Think about participants needs
- Think about variety, nutrient dense foods, portion size
- Think about the selecting lower sugar, salt, fat foods
- Think about food safety, equipment, staff time
- Think about food cost
- Get approval by dietitian

Do not expect that everyone will like everything that you serve

People can refuse an item

We all have individual tastes
Common Planning Techniques

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Let’s Evaluate

Aesthetic Appeal

- Taste
- Balance
- Variety
- Contrast: temperature, texture
- Color
- Eye appeal
- Cooking methods
- Preferences

Nutrient Content-Healthy Food Selections

- Serving size
- Fruits & vegetables
- Lean protein
- Whole grains
- Low-fat dairy
- Lower saturated fat content & preparation
- Lower sodium foods
- Lower added sugars
Are These Healthy Menus?  
Are They Appetizing?

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<td>1 c chili (ground venison, beans, tomatoes, peppers, onions) topped with 1 oz cheese</td>
<td>1 bacon-cheese burger 1 bun condiments (3 pks catsup, 1 pk mustard, 1 pk mayonnaise) french fries baked beans vanilla pudding 8 oz coffee/tea</td>
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Regardless of Tradition, Native American foods are

- Low in sodium
- Low in unhealthy saturated fat
- Low in simple carbohydrates
- Low in added sugars
- High in potassium
- Higher in good fat
- High in complex carbohydrates
- High in fiber

AND THEY TASTE GOOD!!!!
Is This a Healthy Meal?

Onion & squash enchilada topped with salsa and peppers

Fry Bread

Iced tea

Canned Fruit Cocktail

1% Milk

Traditional Native Recipes [www.aihd.ku.edu/ecipes/index.html](http://www.aihd.ku.edu/ecipes/index.html)

(American Indian Health & Diet Project)
Is This a Healthy Meal?

- Whole grain tortilla; topped with venison burger, topped with raw tomatoes & red pepper; pepper & onion salsa
- Sweet potato fries

8 oz orange juice

8 oz fat-free milk

Traditional Native Recipes
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(American Indian Health & Diet Project)
Is this Food or Dish Healthy?

Fried catfish

Infused water

Indian Taco

Baked salmon

Beef & Greens Salad

Elk stew
Thanks

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