NICOA Needs Assessment 2016

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2016

• Distributed at the Biennial Conference in Niagara Falls, NY in 2016.

• Survey is used to help determine the specific needs of the Elders in our Native communities.

• Did you participate this year?

NICOA Needs Assessment
2016 NICOA Conference

Dear NICOA Voting Members:

We invite you to respond to this short needs assessment. Your participation will positively impact the wellbeing of all our people.

As the national representative of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders, we strive to provide information that will assist you. The information we gather will not be connected to any individual or tribe. It will help us better understand the needs of our NICOA members, illustrate what Indian Country looks like to those who do not know, and focus our efforts most effectively. Once the information is collected and analyzed, we will create educational materials to share with NICOA members and the Aging Network.

Your Participation

As a member of NICOA, you are completely free to participate in the needs assessment or not.
Who are the participants?

Age Distribution:
- 55-59: 27%
- 60-69: 13%
- 70-79: 7%
- 80+: 1%
- Missing: 7%

Sex Distribution:
- Males
- Females
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
What are they interested in?

• 92% of respondents are registered voters.

• 90% of them intended to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

• About $\frac{2}{3}$ (65.8%) are living with family and almost half (47.3%) were married.
What are they interested in?

Participation in Traditional Ceremonies

- Yes: 74%
- No: 26%
**Background Information**

**Education**

- **Missing**: 8
- **Less than high school**: 63
- **High school**: 182
- **Some college**: 320
- **College**: 175

**Employment Status**

- **232** (Employed full-time)
- **410** (Retired)
- **106** (Other)
FINANCIAL STATUS

DIFFICULTY PAYING BILLS

- Missing: 10
- Very: 33
- Somewhat: 201
- Rarely: 206
- Not Difficult: 298

FINANCIAL SECURITY

- Very Secure: 177
- Somewhat Secure: 448
- Not Secure: 109
- Missing: 14
FINANCIAL STATUS

DISCUSS FINANCES WITH FAMILY

VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT

16% YES
82% NO
2% MISSING
FINANCIAL STATUS
**Health Status**

**Self-Reported Health Rating**

- **Mixed or Missing**: 1
- **Fair/Poor**: 100
- **Good/Very Good**: 500
- **Excellent**: 50

**Health Insurance Status**

- **Yes, I have health insurance**: 600
- **No, I do not have health insurance**: 100
HEALTH STATUS

Health Comprehension

How often do you need to have someone explain the instructions or other written materials from your doctor or pharmacy?

- Never 347
- Sometimes 153
- Rarely 203
- Often 26
- Always 11
- Missing 8

Memory and Cognition

Do you know someone with memory loss?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Missing
HEALTH STATUS

DENTAL CARE

FALLS IN THE PAST YEAR

- Missing
- >9 Falls
- 5-8 Falls
- 1-4 Falls
- None

YES  NO  MISSING

0  100  200  300  400  500
Why is this important?

• Elders are politically engaged—-you have power!

• Elders are interested in increased access to financial education.

• Use these data to improve resource allocation in communities.

• Use these data to publish and help improve programs designed to serve Elders.

• More participation = better results!