First Things First

Putting First Kids 1st. Creating Wise Practices in Native Youth Policy

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FTF Background & Governance

- Created by Voters
- Locally driven
- Data-based decision-making
Partnering with AZ Tribes & Nations

- Honoring Sovereignty
- Tribal Consultation
- Culturally Responsive Programs
- Tribal Data Agreements
Regional Needs and Assets Report

- Arizona statute requirement
- Biennial publication
- Informs strategic planning and funding decisions by the regional partnership council
Data Sources and Limitations

• State and Federal Data
• Indian Health Services
• Inter Tribal Council of AZ
• Local tribal data sources

• Methodology
• Representative
• Data Interpretation
2016 Children’s Oral Health Report

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

- Fewer AZ kindergarteners have untreated tooth decay.
  - 2003: 35%
  - 2015: 27%

- Fewer AZ kindergarteners have dental pain or infection.
  - 2003: 7%
  - 2015: 2%

- Fewer AZ kindergarteners have never been to a dentist.
  - 2003: 25%
  - 2015: 10%

- More AZ kindergarteners visited a dentist in the last year.
  - 2003: 54%
  - 2015: 77%

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**CHALLENGES REMAIN**

Too many young children in AZ experience tooth decay.

- **AZ kindergarteners**
  - 52% (2015)

- **US 5-year-olds**
  - 36% (2010)

- Children from low-income households and some racial and ethnic groups have higher levels of dental disease.

- Many AZ parents do not know that their child’s AHCCCS (Medicaid) coverage includes dental care benefits.
THANK YOU!

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