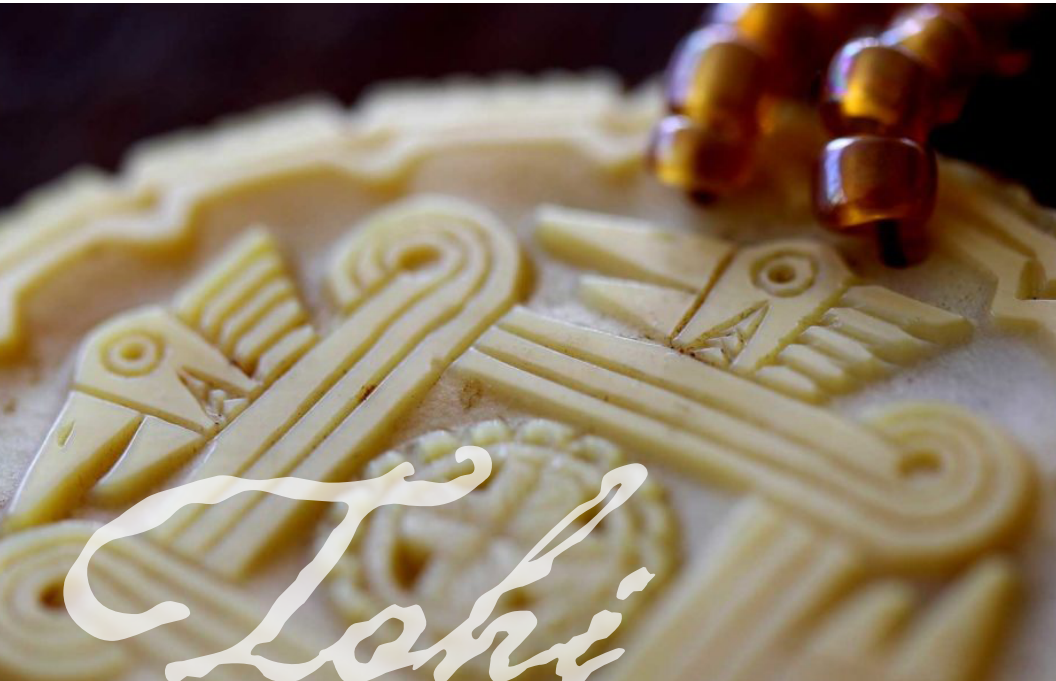




The CENTER *for* NATIVE HEALTH



The Mission

The mission of the Center for Native Health is the reduction of health disparities for Native communities through engagement in the preservation and respectful application of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS).

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EDUCATION AND CONSULTING

Elders & Clinicians Gatherings

Meetings in which clinicians listen to and learn from the insights, experience and concerns of elders.



Land Conservation

The Center for Native Health, EBCI Natural Resources and the Rights & Resources Initiative have partnered to develop culturally based land management practices and protocols in consultation with other leading American Indian Tribal Nations across the U.S. The Center for Native Health understands the deep and interconnected relationship between land and community health.



Appalachian Trail Conservancy

The Center for Native Health is helping structure dialogue with the ATC around land acknowledgment as they seek to foster relationships with indigenous communities.

Rooted in the Mountains

A collaboration between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Center for Native Health and WCU's College of Health and Human Sciences Rooted in the Mountains is an interdisciplinary forum where ethnography, literature, art, music and native and western science are center stage. Topics range from native heart disease and diabetes prevention, climate change and nature's resilience, the cultural significance of water, food sovereignty issues and healthy lifestyles.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION & APPLICATION



Birthing & Doula Programs

Selu Mothering Program is an organization of breastfeeding peer counselors and trained full-spectrum birth workers located on the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They offer prenatal, birth, postpartum, breastfeeding, loss, and abortion support at no cost to indigenous families. In keeping with ancestral Cherokee lifeways, we seek to preserve baby's First Sacred Food: u-nv-di (milk) through the respectful application of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and the revitalization of birth ceremonies.

Annual Medicine Walk

Free and open to the public this event is led by Executive Board member Onita Bush. Carrying a wealth of traditional knowledge, Onita provides culture-based care for her remote rural community. Onita's knowledge of Native plants for medicinal purposes and nutrition has made her an invaluable resource in her community. Fall 2022 dates to be announced shortly.

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Cherokee Potters Master Apprentice Program

The Center for Native Health has partnered with the The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, Tsali Care and the University of North Carolina Asheville to develop a knowledge and cultural exchange to support the sustainability of traditional Cherokee pottery techniques and the development of the next generation of potters and artists in the EBCI community.

COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERSHIPS

To work with universities, community organizations and tribal government to develop community based initiated programs and projects designed to address health, education and cultural issues as prioritized by indigenous peoples.

Our Partners:

- SOUTH Arts
- Rights & Resources International
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Cherokee Choices
- Western Carolina University
- EBCI Public Health & Human Services
- Dogwood Health Trust
- UNC - Gillings School of Global Public Health
- National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector
- Conserving Carolina
- EBCI Natural Resources
- SELU Mothering



TRAINING & MENTORSHIP

To mentor native youth into post-secondary education and careers in STEM based professions.



Medical Careers & Technology Pathways (MedCaT)

The MedCaT Pathways is an academic-community partnership between the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, Western Carolina University, Center for Native Health, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and Mountain Area Health Education Center that creates a structured pipeline to engage Appalachian Rural and American Indian (AI) high school students with multiple resources that support the pursuit of health and biomedical science careers.



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