



Wabanaki Public
Health & Wellness

The Center for
Wabanaki Research,
Knowledge & Innovation:
*Building Research & Data
Capacity in Wabanaki Territory*

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Gulf of St. Lawrence

WABANAKI

MALISEET

MI'KMAQ

New Brunswick

Prince Edward Island

Maine

Penobscot

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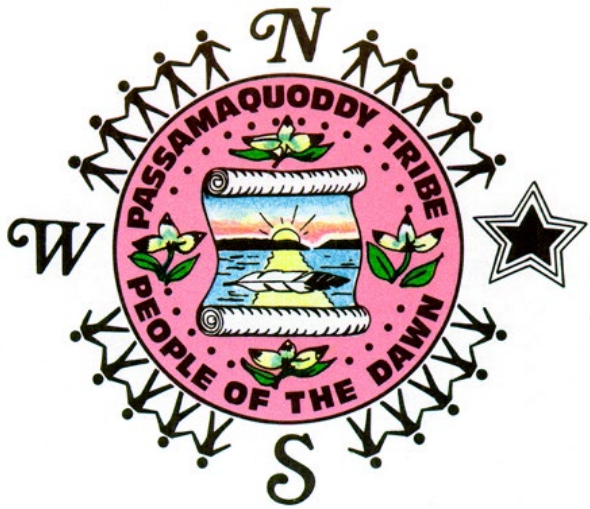
Bay of Fundy

Nova Scotia

Atlantic Ocean

Gulf of Maine





Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness

Center for Wabanaki Public Health

Infectious Disease, Maternal Child Health, Physical Activity & Nutrition, Environmental Health, Injury & Violence Prevention, Youth Leadership & Supports, Culture, Language & Education

Center for Wabanaki Health & Wellness

Peer Services, Case Management, Housing Supports, HIV Supports & Counseling, Needle Exchange, Medical Assistance Therapy

Center for Wabanaki Healing & Recovery

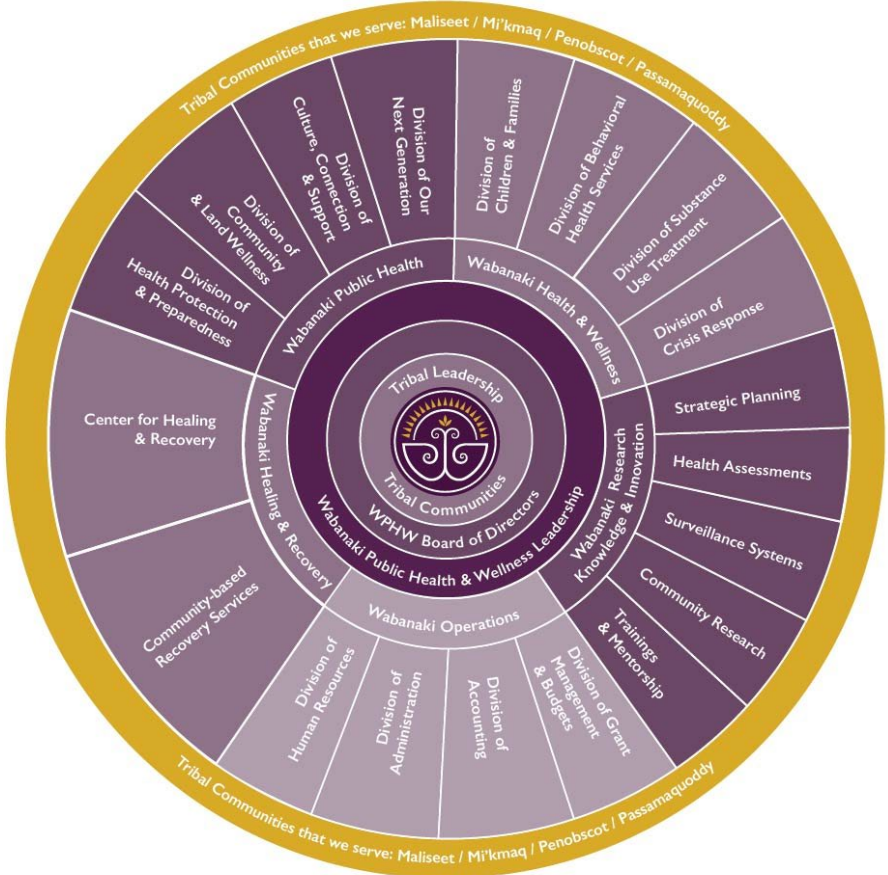
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Group Therapy, Individual Therapy, Elder Support, Cultural Programming, Outdoor & Land Connections, Family Programming, Recovery Housing

Center for Wabanaki Research, Knowledge, & Innovation

Research Initiatives & Projects, Decennial Wabanaki Health Assessment, Surveillance, Data Supports and Collaborations, Training Offerings



Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness Organization Chart





Current Efforts

Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH)

- Voices of Our Elders Study
- Research Review Board (RRB)
- Public Health Accreditation

Wabanaki Surveillance System

Data Modernization

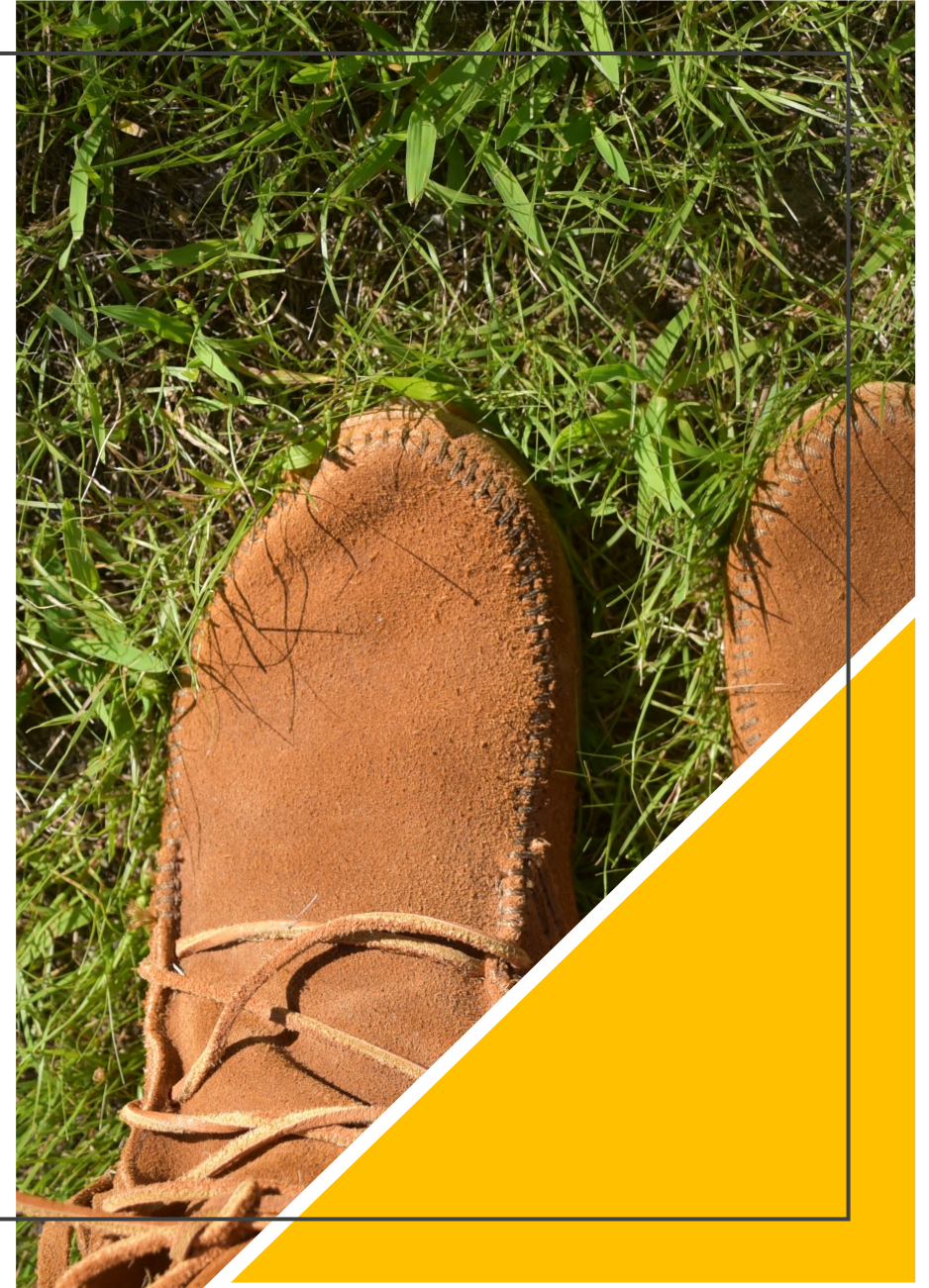
Wabanaki Health Needs Assessment (WHNA)

Internship Programs

- GEARDUP
- Summer Health Internship Program (SHIP)

NARCH

- 4 Year Grant to Establish
- Partnership with Washington State University
- 4 Cores of the Project
- One Research Project, 2 Capacity Building and 1 Admin
- 1 of 31 in the NARCH program
- Future Capacity





Voices of our Elders

- Study looking at Alzheimer's and related dementias in Wabanaki Elders
- Community Based Participatory Research
- Building research capacity in community through community researchers
- 3 Aims with study
 - Epidemiological study
 - Case-control Validation study
 - Estimation of current and future direct and indirect costs

DECOLONIZE DATA



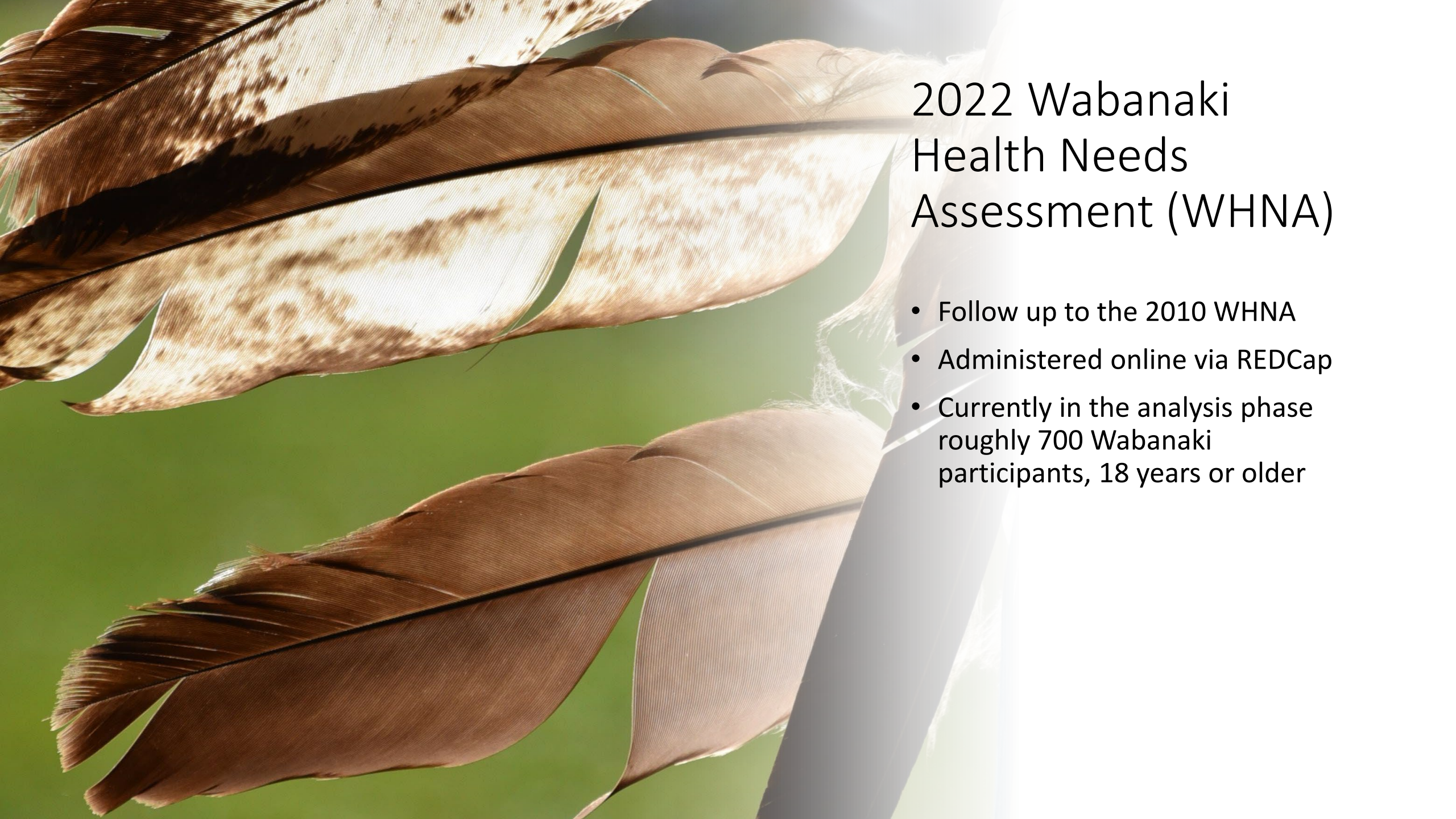
Wabanaki Surveillance System & Data Modernization Efforts

- Public Health Surveillance System for Wabanaki People
- Data Sovereignty
- Data Ownership, Access, Control and Possession (OCAP)
- Data = Our Sacred Stories
- REDCap
- Microsoft Azure



Internships

- Building the next generation of Public Health Scientists and Researchers
- Grants, Epidemiology, Analysis, Research Design, Undergraduate Programs (GEARDUP)
 - 1st year
 - 3 Wabanaki Undergraduates in program
- Summer Health Internship Programs (SHIP)
 - 3rd year, 8-week during the summer for Indigenous Undergraduates
 - 14 interns have currently gone through the program (4 for 2023)



2022 Wabanaki Health Needs Assessment (WHNA)

- Follow up to the 2010 WHNA
- Administered online via REDCap
- Currently in the analysis phase roughly 700 Wabanaki participants, 18 years or older

“Information, data, and research about our peoples—collected about us, with us, or by us—belong to us and must be cared for by us.”

-Liz La quen náay Kat Saas
Medicine Crow

A close-up photograph of a light-colored woven basket. The basket has a flat lid with a decorative pattern of dark brown and yellow threads. The handle of the basket is wrapped in a thick, orange-brown material. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Kci Woliwon!

Many Thanks!