

Because of this huge geographic space, and low population, when the Breast and Cervical Screening Program was first established in Montana, the screening services were run through local public health departments and family planning clinics. With each subsequent addition of cancer control components, we've run programs that facilitate community-clinical linkages through these 14 regions. Our Division has a strong commitment to working with local health departments; this decentralized system of providing screening services and facilitating community programs allows our MCCP and other chronic disease programs to have a much more expansive and penetrative reach than our staff could do alone (travel time, relationships in local communities).

8 state recognized tribes, 7 of the 8 are federal; Chippewah Cree is landless. (Great Falls)

