There is a need for increased representation of Native Americans in the health workforce. This is particularly important when considering care for Indigenous communities and is necessary to achieve health equity. Those we serve often hold essential knowledge and community-informed approaches are invaluable when developing programs, policies, and processes aiming to strengthen representation in healthcare. This presentation will present the state of the Native American workforce in Arizona and describe ongoing efforts to bring together various constituents to “grow our own”.

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Kim Russell is of the Bitter Water People, born for the Tangle People. Her maternal grandfathers are of the Coyote Pass Clan and her paternal grandfathers are of the Bitter Water People. Ms. Russell is from Chinle, Arizona and a citizen of the Navajo Nation. Ms. Russell is the Executive Director of the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, an independent state agency whose mission is to advocate for increasing access to high quality health care programs for all American Indians in Arizona.

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