

Food Code Adoption and Food Safety Training within the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service

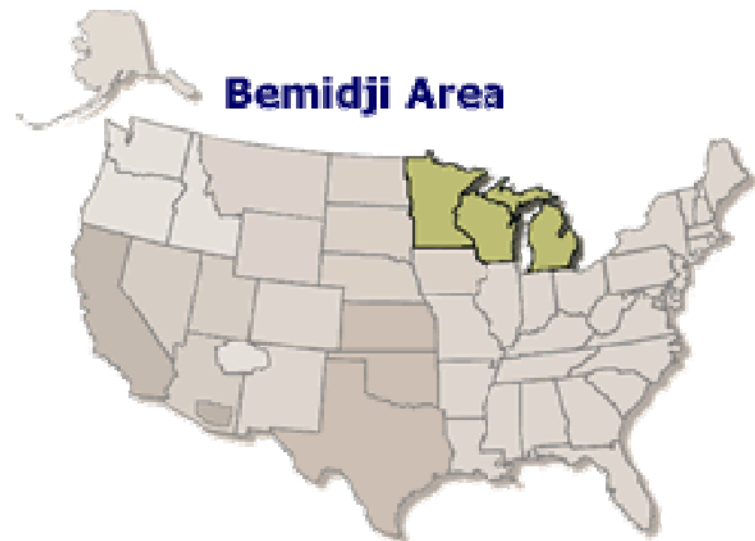


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Background

- Bemidji Area Indian Health Service (BAIHS)—34 Federally recognized tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana.
 - 23 tribes receive services from the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Environmental Health Service (DEHS).
 - 11 tribes receive services from their own Tribal Environmental Health Specialists.

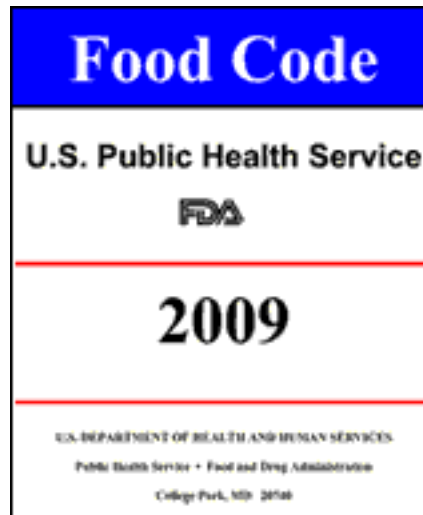


Background (continued)

- Each tribal nation has the same authority as any state, territory, and local agencies to adopt FDA Food Code.
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) emphasis on food safety integration.
- Active managerial control emphasizes the importance of Certified Food Manager Training and basic foodhandler training.

Problem Statement

The adoption of the FDA Food Code is not uniform among the tribes in the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service, and no data exists on whether the manager training and food handler training requirements to achieve active managerial control are being satisfied.



Research Questions

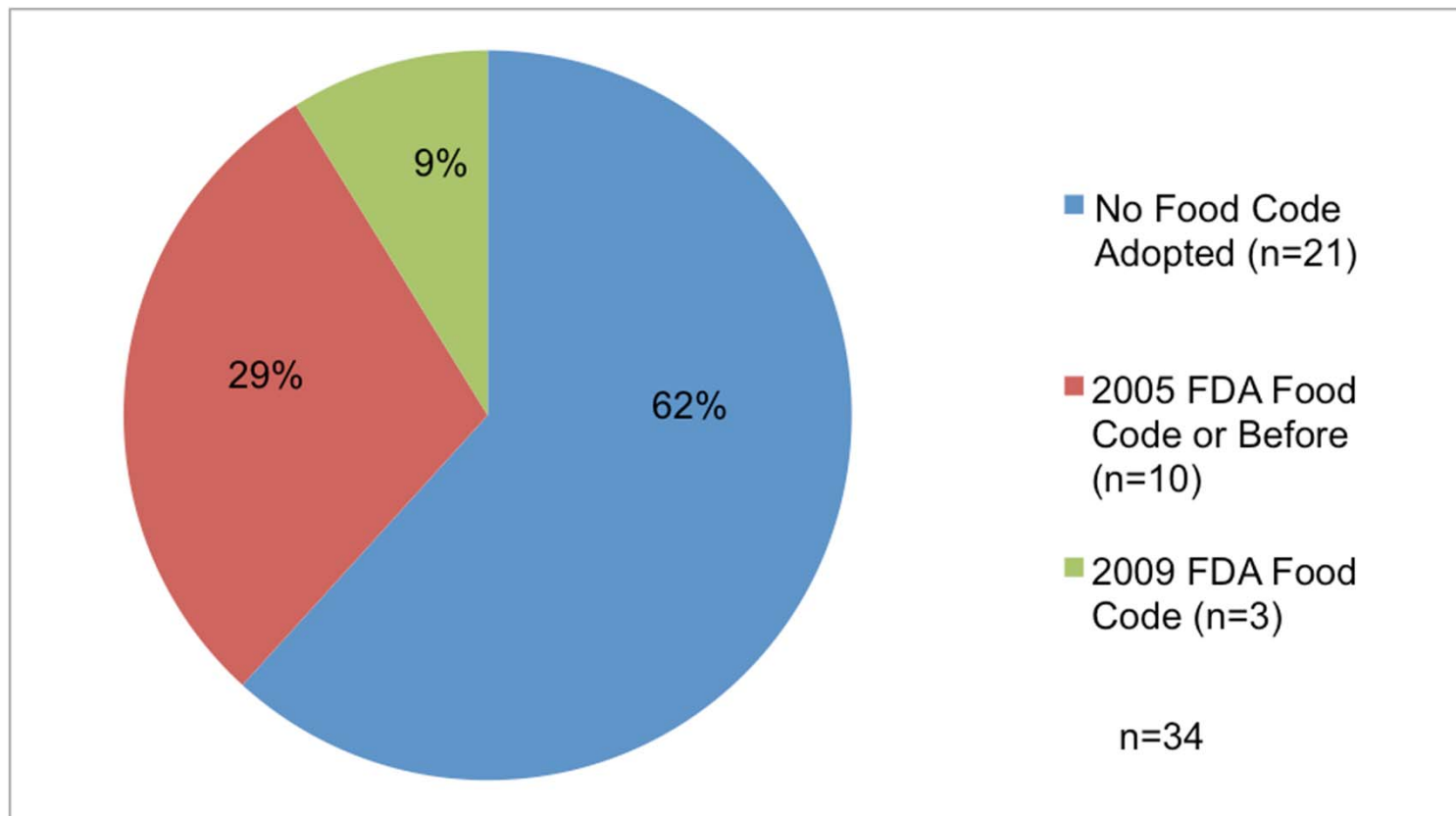
1. What is the current level of food code adoption among the tribes in the BAIHS?
2. What type of training is **REQUIRED** for tribal food managers and food handlers in the BAIHS?
3. What type of training is **PROVIDED** to tribal food managers and food handlers in the BAIHS?

Methodology

- 13 question survey via SurveyMonkey®
 - Level of food code adoption.
 - What food manager training is required/provided.
 - What basic food handler training required/provided.
- Sent to each of the 15 IHS DEHS and Tribal EHS who serve all 34 tribes.
- Survey was completed for all 34 tribes for a response rate of 100%.

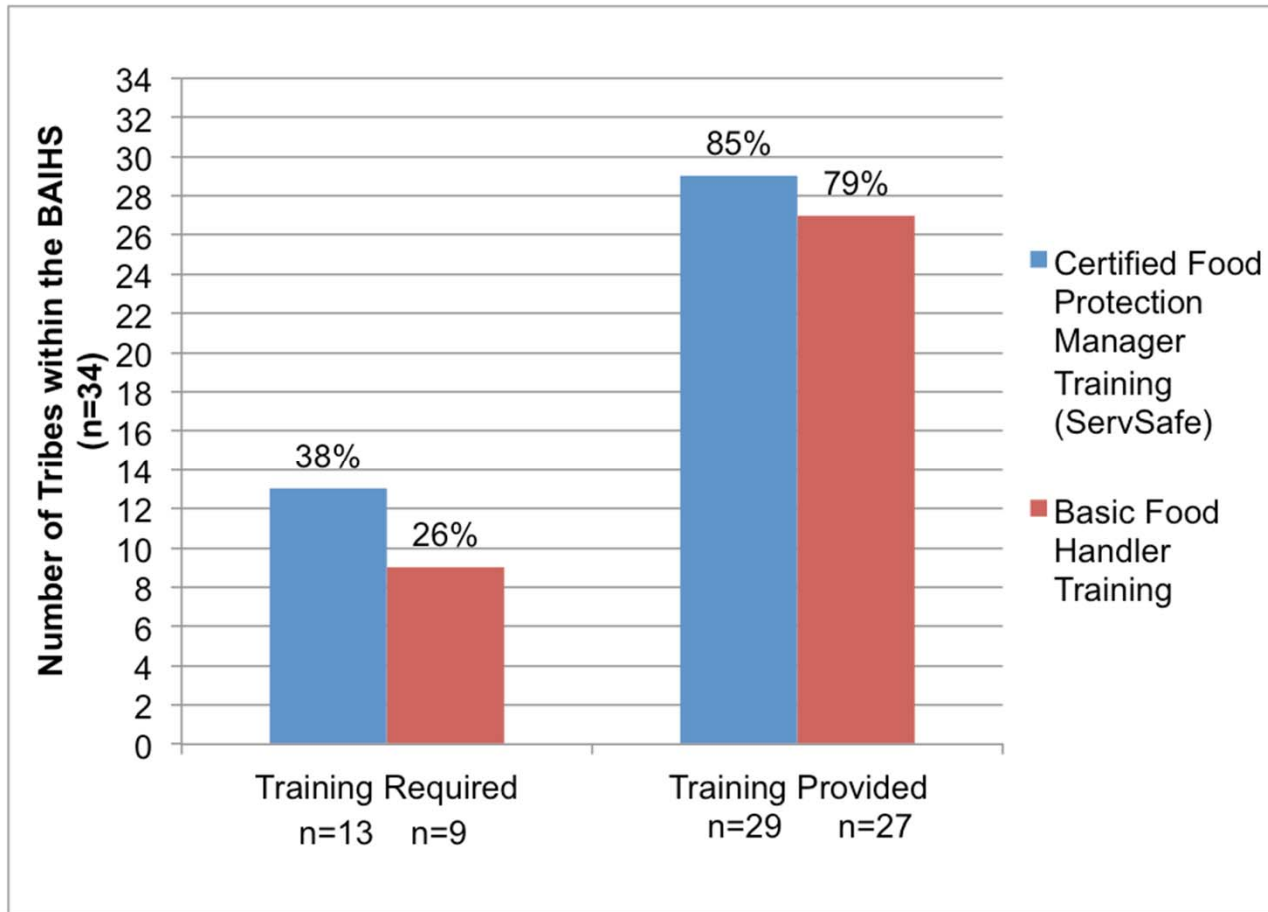
Results

Figure 1: Level of Tribal Food Code Adoption within the BAIHS



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Figure 2: Required Manager and Basic Food Handler Training vs. Provided Manager and Basic Food Handler Training



Conclusions

- 77% of tribes that have a food code adopted are not based on the 2009 FDA Food Code.
- 15% of tribes are not receiving CFPM Training
 - Most are served by Tribal EHS
- 20% of tribes are not providing Basic Food Handler Training
 - Most are served by IHS DEHS employees

Recommendations

- Adopt/update Food Code for each tribe.
- Help Tribal EHS become ServSafe Instructor and Proctor certified.
 - Tribes may not have capacity or resources.
- Develop SOP for Food Safety Training
 - Prioritize ServSafe.
 - Standardize Basic Food Handler Training.
 - Consider online training.

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