

Most participants at the Tribal Leaders Meeting were interested in discussing the Healthy People Objectives.

## **HEALTHY PEOPLE**

- *Age Groupings Posed Problem:* Participants noted that these Objectives were repetitive with almost the same Objectives repeated for each age group and noted, for example, that infectious and chronic diseases cut across all age groups. This was viewed as not just an editorial issue, but forced Tribal leaders to identify one age group as more important than another which was incomprehensible in their culture
- *People and Places are Linked:* In many tribal cultures, the person is inextricably linked to the land making it difficult and not relevant to rank “person” over “place”.
- *Incomplete Notions of Culture:* While Partners noted the lack of cultural competence, Tribal leaders went on to suggest that Objectives explicitly include concepts of spiritual and emotional health.
- *Include Other Approaches:* Objectives should include a holistic, community approach mindful of alternative approaches and traditional medicine.
- *Access to Health Services and Healthy Environments:* Provision of evidence-based health services for all age groups and support of healthy environments were consistently pointed out as priorities in Native American and Alaskan Native communities.

### Infants and Toddlers

- *FAS:* Fetal alcohol syndrome should be specifically mentioned.