What is Tribal Connections 4 Corners?
TC4C is a project to link tribal communities to reliable, high-quality health information on the Web. There are thousands and thousands of health-related web pages on the Internet. Finding authoritative information is a challenge for everyone. Health sciences librarians are experts in helping professionals and consumers and patients find the best information to meet their particular needs.

Who are the partners?
The project was developed by the university-related health sciences libraries in the Four Corners states (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah), the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD, and its National Network of Libraries of Medicine partners. All the partners have contributed FUNDING to support the project.

What services can TC4C offer?
We’re interested in working with tribal communities on their particular needs. TC4C can help in a number of ways. Perhaps better Internet connectivity is desirable. Or basic training in computer skills. Or where to find the best Web-based resources on diabetes, nutrition or other topics. Maybe the health professionals in your area need better access to the latest information in journals. TC4C can help your leaders and communities in a variety of ways.

What is MedlinePlus and GoLocal?
MedlinePlus (www.medlineplus.gov) provides authoritative medical information for consumers and patients on diseases, conditions and wellness issues and links users to Go Local sites for health programs, services and providers in their local community. Both MedlinePlus and Go Local are programs of the National Library of Medicine, which is part of the National Institutes of Health.

What about future sustainability?
The health sciences libraries in each of the Four Corners states have long been involved in outreach activities aimed at the citizens and health professionals of their states. By working to improve access to reliable health information, the libraries hope to equip citizens and professionals with the information needed to improve the health of individuals and their communities.

How can my tribe become involved?
Contact the outreach librarian at the health sciences library in your state. We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

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