2015 Conference Proceedings
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Pre-Conference

**NCAI Policy Research Center Partner's Roundtable: Data Matters**

- Patterns of Persistently High Mortality Rates in Counties with a High American Indian Reservation Presence
- Biospecimens and Data Sharing Considerations for Native Peoples
- Planning for the First National Study of American Indian and Alaska Native Head Programs: The AI/AN Family and Child Experiences Survey
- The Tribal Early Childhood Research Center: A Collaborative Model

**Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum General Plenary**

**Early Education: Changing the Narrative for Our Children & Families**

- Kindergarten Suspension of Ojibwe Tribal Students in Two Rural Wisconsin Public Schools
- What Keeps Children Healthy? Research Results from an 8-Year Study
- Linking Language Preservation to Early Childhood Education Outcomes
- Native Language Immersion Schools: Networking for Advocacy

**Poster Session: Research to Fuel our Futures**

- A Multi-Jurisdictional Model for Education Policy: Tribal Education Policy Development and Influences to Implementation in Public School Districts
- Biospecimen Education for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities
- Protecting Our Children through Tribal Law: A Review of 100+ Tribal Child Welfare Codes
- Environmental Health Literacy and Water Quality Toolkit: Improving knowledge of rights for healthier water in tribal communities
- The Digital Reality: E-Government and Access to Technology and Internet for American Indian and Alaska Native Populations
- Reimagining Indigenous Health: Moving Beyond the Social Determinants of Health
- Planning for the First National Study of American Indian & Alaska Native Head Start Programs
- The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Establishes Center for Indian Country Development
Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Connecting Across Distance & Difference: Tribal Citizenship in a New Era

- Residence, Community Engagement, and Citizenship: How do non-resident tribal citizens connect with Native nations?
- Experiences of Adopted and Fostered Individuals: An Anonymous Study to Break the Silence of Adoptees (*Publication forthcoming*)
- Two-Spirit People: Sex, Gender & Sexuality in Historic and Contemporary Native America

Tribal Communities Responding: Shaping an Agenda for Resilience

- Tribal Veterans and the Preferences for PTSD Treatment and Healing
- Promoting Community & Cultural Resilience to Prevent Violence in Indigenous Communities
- Health in All Policies: An Approach to Advancing Health Equity in Indian Country
- Putting Our Minds Together to Address Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences

We Have Always Been Scientists: Future Leaders, Future Environments

- The Tribal EcoAmbassadors Program
- Assessing Climate Change Effects on Natural and Cultural Resources of Significance to Tribes (*Publication forthcoming*)
- Environmental Health Literacy and Children as Agents of Change

Tribal-State Relations for the 21st Century

- Tribal Notification for Native Youth in the State of New Mexico Juvenile Justice System: A Policy Research Project
- Forever Fragile: Tribal-State Relations and Tribal Health Inequities
- Strengthening Tribal-State Relationships by Measuring ICWA Performance
- Understanding Transportation Safety Risks on Tribal Lands: Learning from a Collaborative Research Project with American Indian Communities in Minnesota

Data Speaks for Justice

- Data for Sovereignty: Counting and Classifying Tribal Identity
- Data to Advance Economic Access and Justice for Tribes
- Achieving an AIDS-Free Generation in Indian Country
- In the Name of Sovereignty: Research Justice, Philanthropy and Tribal Community Empowerment