



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

RESEARCH UPDATE

NCAI Annual Conference

October 21-26, 2018



The mission of the NCAI Policy Research Center (PRC) is to provide tribal leaders with the best available knowledge to make strategically proactive policy decisions in a framework of Native wisdom that positively impact the future of Native peoples. This Research Update includes information on PRC projects, recent research results, new policy research resources, and more. An electronic copy of this update is available on our website: <http://www.ncai.org/prc>.

NCAI Policy Research Center

Projects and Resources

Join us at the 75th Annual Convention & Marketplace. Check out the highlighted activities that include data and research!

Monday, October 22

9:00 – 12:00. **Resources and Tools for Tribes to Build Systems of Support for Native Youth**

Room Mineral Hall D

9:00 – 12:00. **Tools to Strengthen Tribal Academic Research Partnerships**

Room Mineral Hall E

Tuesday, October 23

1:30 – 4:00. **Education Breakout Session**

Room Capital 3

Wednesday, October 24

1:30 – 4:00. **Every Native Vote Counts: Protect the Vote and Prepare for Census 2020**

Room Mineral B

1:30 – 4:00. **Taking Climate Action: Protecting Our Peoples, Lands, and Futures.**

Room Capital 1



Don't miss the **Policy Research Center Exhibit Table!** Open Monday, October 22 – Friday, October 26. Stop by for copies of our new publications and resources!

Call for Abstracts! NCAI 2019 Mid Year Conference and Marketplace. Want to present at the 14th Annual Tribal Leaders Scholar Forum during the 2019 Mid Year Conference and Marketplace? The NCAI Policy Research Center is now accepting abstracts for presentations! To submit, send your abstract to research@ncai.org. For additional information visit: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/tribal-leader-scholar-forum>.

Updates on our work

- **CENSUS 2020:** Did you know that American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) are considered a population that is “**hard to count**?” Learn more about the risks of being undercounted and what you can do to help in our fact sheet: <http://bit.ly/2DG3a8P>.
- **NEW Research Policy Update: Climate Change: Definitions, Impacts, Data** (October 2018). A new brief provides an overview of climate change, how climate change impacts different regions, and what data are available for tribes to use. View at: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications>.
- **NEW: Tribal Data Capacity Survey Results!** The PRC released a new report on the results of the Tribal Data Capacity Survey administered at the 2016 NCAI Annual Conference. View at: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications>.
- **Disaggregating American Indian & Alaska Native Data: A Review of the Literature.** This report reviews a variety of sources to assess the potential and possibility of disaggregating AI/AN data to improve health outcomes. The report was created in 2016 and recently released as a part of a series of reports for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's initiative: *Making the Case for Data Disaggregation to Advance a Culture of Health*. View at: http://www.ncai.org/DataDisaggregationAIAN-report_5_2018.pdf.
- **First Kids 1st Initiative Released 2018 Native Children’s Policy Agenda Update.** Founding partners the of the First Kids 1st Initiative focus on changing national, tribal, and state policy to create conditions in which American Indian and Alaska Native children and youth can thrive. View update at: <http://firstkids1st.org/>.
- **Diabetes and Behavioral Health Comorbidities: Advancing the Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda.** This monograph reviews the literature for the latest research on diabetes and behavioral health conditions in AI/ANs when they are comorbid i.e. occur together in an individual. To view and read the policy recommendations: <http://bit.ly/2N7Uyvs>.
- **Did you miss our PRIM&R Webinar** on Governance, Trust, and Culture: Strengthening Tribal-Academic Research Partnerships on October 10, 2018? Listen to the webinar here: <https://www.primr.org/webinars/past/>.



- **Advancing Diabetes Translation Research.** The Policy Research Center is partnering with the Center for Diabetes Translation Research (CDTR) at Washington University in St. Louis to support researchers working on type 2 diabetes and obesity research to translate evidence-based interventions in diverse communities. For more on the CDTR and how researchers can become a member, view: <https://cdtr.wustl.edu/>. Visit the PRC project website: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/projects/diabetes-translation>.
- **Join Us for our Monthly Webinar Series!** The PRC hosts webinars throughout the year usually on the 4th Thursday of every month that focus on cutting-edge research findings and topics related to AI/AN research and policy priorities. To view recordings of our latest webinars: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/events/webinars>. To receive future announcements for our webinars, join our listserv at research@ncai.org.



- **VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE – How Data can make the Native Vote a “Swing Vote.”** One of the most popular presentations at the 13th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum at the 2018 NCAI Mid Year Conference was the presentation by Amber Ebarb MPP on Native vote data. View the video recording of the presentation here: <http://bit.ly/2NkcG6f>.

Exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2018! NCAI has been protecting the right to vote for Native Americans since the day the organization was founded in 1944. Tribes are America's first governments and Native Vote works to ensure all Native citizens participate in shaping the future of their communities.



The Native Vote campaign works with voter outreach efforts, election and voter protection awareness and advocacy, voter and candidate education, and tribal access to data. To find out how you can get involved, visit <http://www.nativevote.org/>.

FEATURED RESEARCH

A synopsis of the latest research findings to propel your policy advocacy

- **Methodology for Evaluating Models of Telemental Health Delivery Against Population and Healthcare System Needs: Application to Telemental Healthcare for Rural Native Veterans.** This study looks at the barriers to quality mental health care for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans and evaluates models of in-person and telemental health services delivery. The study aims to adapt models for widespread dissemination to AI/AN Veterans.

*Jay H. Shore, Cynthia W. Goss, Nancy K. Dailey, and Byron D. Bair. *Telemedicine and e-Health*. View at <http://doi.org/10.1089/tmj.2018.0084>.*

- **Sustainability of culturally important teepee poles on Mescalero Apache Tribal Lands: Characteristics and climate change effects.** This research examines how tribes might protect culturally important species threatened by climate change. The case study looks at the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the importance of Douglas-fir trees.

*Mockta, Tyler K., et al. "Sustainability of culturally important teepee poles on Mescalero Apache Tribal Lands: Characteristics and climate change effects." *Forest Ecology and Management* 430 (2018): 250-258. View at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2018.08.017>.*

- **Identifying the Needs of American Indian Women Who Sought Shelter: A Practitioner-Researcher Partnership.** There are few published studies or reports that explicitly examine the needs of victimized American Indian women. This paper identifies gaps in domestic violence victim services to American Indian women in Arizona, examines the needs of the services, and proposes recommendations for researcher-practitioner partnerships.

*Fox, K.A., Fisher, B.S. & Decker, S.H. *J Fam Viol* (2018) 33: 251. View at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-018-9953-8>.*

- **Is culturally based prevention effective? Results from a 3-year tribal substance use prevention program.** This mixed-methods evaluation focused on select outcomes of a 3-year culturally-based prevention program located in six American Indian communities in the Rocky Mountain Region. American Indian youth who participated in culturally-based prevention activities reported higher levels of social support than those that did not participate in those activities.

*Kelley, Allyson, Bethany Fatupaito, and Morgan Witzel. "Is culturally based prevention effective? Results from a 3-year tribal substance use prevention program." *Evaluation and program planning* 71 (2018): 28-35. View at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2018.07.001>.*

- **The Gender Gaps in Identity and Political Attitudes among American Indians.** This article used two surveys to analyze gender and political attitudes among American Indians. The results identify how each gender prioritizes identity and where the individual will likely fall on the political spectrum.

Herrick, Rebekah. "The Gender Gaps in Identity and Political Attitudes among American Indians." Politics & Gender (2018): 1-22. View at <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X17000344>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ways to connect with researchers across Indian Country and beyond

- **APHA's 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo**, will be held from November 10 – 14 in San Diego, CA. The theme is "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now." Make sure to attend Dr. Roubideaux's presentation in the "Improving the Health of the Underserved Populations" session on Monday, November 12, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Registration is open. Visit: <https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>.
- **PRIM&R's 2018 Advancing Ethical Research Conference**, will be held November 14 – 17 in San Diego, CA. Don't miss our NARCH VII project workshop, "Resources to Strengthen Governance, Trust, and Culture in Research Partnerships" on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 11:30 am – 12: 45 pm. Registration is now open. Visit: <https://www.primr.org/aer18/>.
- **NICWA Training Institute: Understanding ICWA Positive Indian Parenting**, hosted by the National Indian Child Welfare Association, will be held in New Orleans, LA from December 4-6, 2018. Visit: <https://www.nicwa.org/training-institutes/>.
- **16th National Indian Nations Conference Justice for Victims of Crime** will be held on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians reservation in California from December 5-7, 2018. The theme is "Braiding Strength, Hope, and Healing for the Path Forward." Registration for the conference is now open. Deadline to register online is December 4, 2018. Visit: <http://www.ovcinc.org/home>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New announcements to fund research and data collection efforts

- **Alcohol Research Group (ARG) Postdoctoral Fellowship.** This fellowship is open to recent doctoral graduates or researchers interested in establishing themselves in alcohol studies with ARG. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2018. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2NW6MEP>.

- **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for American Indian Health - Summer and Winter Institute & Scholarship.** Scholarships are available to AI/AN scholars, health leaders, and health professionals interested in attending the schools summer and winter sessions. Deadline is November 1, 2018. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2Q9RLAV>.
- **Department of the Interior: Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities.** Grants support the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. Deadline is November 1, 2018. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2wsAudJ>.
- **Integrated Food Defense Grant.** The Food and Drug Administration grant is designed to develop tools and resources that aid or improve food defense programs through unique and easily reproduced projects. The letter of intent is due March 1, 2019 and the application deadline is April 2, 2019. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2M8Zdcb>.
- **The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation grants.** The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation grants seek to enhance student learning and educational quality, paying particular attention to those that best serve the at-risk and under-funded. Applications are accepted starting January 15, 2019 and close after 350 submissions are received or April 15, 2019, whichever comes first. Visit: <https://mccartheydressman.org/>.
- **Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health.** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Evidence for Action (E4A) is a national program that funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a Culture of Health. Open call for proposals, no deadline. Visit: <https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evidence-for-action-investigator-initiated-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html>.
- **Research to Improve Native American Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional).** Accepting proposals for exploratory developmental research to improve Native American health. Letters of intent are due 30 days prior to application deadline. Deadline is May 14, 2019. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2wt7Mc6>.



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