The mission of the NCAI Policy Research Center 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 NCAI Policy Research Center 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 76th Annual Convention & Marketplace. Check out the highlighted activities that include data and research!

**Sunday, October 20, 2019 – Pre Conference Sessions**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Civic Engagement (Native Vote/Census)
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Census 2020 Training: Create-a-thon

**Monday, October 21, 2019 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Consultation

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Becoming Visible: Landscape Analysis of State Efforts to Provide Native American Education for All
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tribal Youth and Juvenile Justice: Research and Resources for Tribal Nations
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Indian Country Counts – 2020 Census Update

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Helping Victims of Crime in Indian Country: From Resource Mapping to Sustainable Funding
Don’t miss the NCAI Policy Research Center Exhibit Table! Open Monday, October 21 – Friday, October 25, 2019 during the NCAI Annual Convention. Stop by for copies of our new publications and resources!

**Other Events at the NCAI Annual Convention:**

- **The U.S. Census Bureau will host a Tribal Consultation on Differential Privacy for the 2020 Census** during the 2019 NCAI Annual Convention and Marketplace in Albuquerque, NM on Monday, October 21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. View our letter to the U.S. Census Bureau ([http://bit.ly/2mmHPJP](http://bit.ly/2mmHPJP)), their tribal consultation letter and background materials ([http://bit.ly/2OkYvNO](http://bit.ly/2OkYvNO)) and our research policy update on the topic of Differential Privacy ([https://t.co/hl03uf7sPj](https://t.co/hl03uf7sPj)) with recommendations for tribes responding to the consultation.

**Updates on our work**

- **The 15th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum (TLSF)** will be held at the NCAI Mid Year Conference in Anchorage, AK in June, 2020. The theme is *Research Governance: Protecting Sovereignty*. The Call for Presentation Proposals will be available on the NCAI Policy Research Center TLSF website ([http://bit.ly/2gzt2YC](http://bit.ly/2gzt2YC)) on or before October 31, 2019. Submission deadline is Friday, January 31, 2020. Tribal nations that have implemented research governance protections such as IRBs, research review boards, or tribal research laws are encouraged to propose presentations. Researchers with data to present who are working in tribal-academic research partnerships are also encouraged to submit presentation proposals.

- **Advancing Diabetes Translation Research.** The NCAI Policy Research Center partners with the Center for Diabetes Translation Research (CDTR) at Washington University in St. Louis to support researchers working on type 2 diabetes research to translate evidence-based interventions in diverse communities. If you are a researcher working on diabetes translation research, technical assistance is available. For more on the CDTR and how researchers can become a member to access resources, view: [https://cdtr.wustl.edu/](https://cdtr.wustl.edu/).

- **Services for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Victims of Crime.** The NCAI Policy Research Center is publishing two new reports on victim services for AI/AN victims of crime. The *first report* examined gaps in data about the needs of AI/AN crime victims, victim access to services, and barriers to accessing services. The *second report* examined victim service provider data from the Tribal Resource Mapping Tool. Both reports will be available soon on the NCAI Policy Research Center’s publications page: [http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6](http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6).
• **Census 2020:** Did you know that American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) are considered a population that is “**hard to count**?” Participating in the 2020 Census is critical for AI/ANs to be counted, to be visible, and to ensure data is accurate for federal funding decisions. Learn more about the risks of being undercounted and what you can do to help: [http://bit.ly/2DG3a8P](http://bit.ly/2DG3a8P). To learn more about how you can join the NCAI Indian Country Counts initiative to ensure every AI/AN gets counted, view our website and take the pledge at: [http://indiancountrycounts.org](http://indiancountrycounts.org/)

• **Intellectual Property in Research:** The NCAI Policy Research Center recently published a research policy update on the topic of intellectual property rights in biomedical research which explains topics such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Tribes must implementing protections for their intellectual property in research projects. To view: [http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6](http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6).

• **First Kids 1st:** in June 2019, the First Kids 1st partners released the First Kids 1st Data Resource Book as a resource to tribal nations and others on the latest research and data that can be used to help implement systems of support for native youth to thrive. To read the FK1st Data Resource Book visit: [http://bit.ly/2GpLgX8](http://bit.ly/2GpLgX8).


• **Follow Up to All of Us Tribal Consultation:** The National Institutes of Health initiated a tribal consultation on the All of Us Research Program in May 2019. The NCAI Policy Research Center recently drafted a letter in response to the All of Us tribal consultation with recommendations. Tribes are encouraged to learn about and provide input to NIH on the All of Us Research Program. To read our letter to NIH, visit: [http://bit.ly/2ncC4PE](http://bit.ly/2ncC4PE).

• **Common Rule Updates:** Did you know that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services updated the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Research Subjects, also known as the Common Rule? The NCAI Policy Research Center produced a series of seven updates on key changes to the Common Rule and how those changes could impact tribes. Visit the NCAI Policy Research Center exhibit or our website to get your copies of the updates: [http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6](http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6).

• **Join Us for our Webinar Series!** The NCAI Policy Research Center hosts webinars throughout the year focused on cutting-edge research findings and topics related to AI/AN research and policy priorities. To view recordings of our latest webinars, visit: [http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/events/webinars](http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/events/webinars).
FEATURED RESEARCH
A synopsis of the latest research findings for your policy advocacy

- **A culturally tailored research ethics training curriculum for American Indian and Alaska Native communities: a randomized comparison trial.** This study aimed to develop an AI/AN research human subjects curriculum to increase research in AI/AN communities and participants had an increase of trust in research, research ethics knowledge, and a higher ability to understand research protocols after viewing the online curriculum.


- **Research with American Indian and Alaska Native populations: Measurement matters.** This article discusses the difficulties with measuring AI/AN communities and small populations, and how different measurements impact health research. The article provides a framework for measuring AI/AN community populations using examples of previous substance abuse research.


- **Community-Based Participatory Intervention Research with American Indian Communities: What is the State of the Science?** A review of the literature was conducted to measure the value and impact of community-based participatory research (CBPR). Gaps in knowledge and recommendations for American Indian research agendas were identified and discussed. Findings suggested CBPR leads to better community outcomes although, improved health outcomes cannot be directly linked to CBPR studies.


- **Surveying American Indians with Opt-In Internet Surveys.** This survey examined the possibility of using Internet-based surveys to study American Indian attitudes and behaviors compared to using national surveys. The survey looked at the similarities and differences in political attitudes and behaviors of American Indians shown in the two surveys.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Ways to connect with researchers across Indian Country and beyond

- **APHA 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo** will be held from November 2 – 6, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA. The theme is “Creating the Healthiest Nation: For Science. For Action. For Health.” This meeting focuses on the latest trends and best practices in public health. Visit: [https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual](https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual).

- **PRIM&R’s 2019 Advancing Ethical Research Conference** will be held November 17 – 20, 2019 in Boston, MA. This conference focuses on human subjects protections, research ethics, and oversight. Registration is now open. Visit: [https://www.primr.org/aer19/](https://www.primr.org/aer19/).

- **National Center for Victims of Crime 2019 National Training Institute** will be held December 4 – 6, 2019 in Denver, CO. The training institute will be held during the National Crime Victims Bar Association national conference and will feature leading crime victim experts and skill building workshops. Registration is now open. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2lXpNO8](http://bit.ly/2lXpNO8).


FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
New announcements to fund research and data collection efforts

- **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for American Indian Health - Winter Institute & Scholarship**. Scholarships are available to AI/AN scholars, health leaders, and health professionals interested in attending the summer and winter sessions. Deadline is November 1, 2019 for the Winter Institute. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2Q9RLAV](http://bit.ly/2Q9RLAV).

- **Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program**. This USDA grant aims to build institutional research capacity through projects that address student educational needs and meet community, reservation, or regional challenges. The deadline is November 1, 2019. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2mhkOYz](http://bit.ly/2mhkOYz).

- **Collaborative Minority Health and Health Disparities Research with Tribal Epidemiology Centers (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**. This funding supports collaborative research between Tribal Epidemiology Centers and researchers on projects related to minority health and health disparities in AI/AN populations. Next deadline is December 4, 2019. Visit: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-17-484.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/par-17-484.html).
• **Research to Improve Native American Health.** Grant aims to increase exploratory developmental research to improve Native American health. The research can include secondary analyses of existing data, pilot studies, and/or assessments to validate measures currently in use in Native American communities. Deadline is May 14, 2020. Visit: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-496.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-496.html)

• **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://rwjf.ws/2mk63UU](https://rwjf.ws/2mk63UU).

**Get to know the NCAI Policy Research Team!** During NCAI meetings and conferences, make sure to say hello to the NCAI Policy Research Center team members!

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