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


The NCAI Policy Research Center released a five part series of Research Policy Updates to help inform tribes, researchers, IRBs and research participants about the federal protections, changes, and updates relevant to research funded by certain federal agencies. Please visit the NCAI Policy Research Center publication page to read the series at: http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6.
The 14th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 during the NCAI Mid Year Conference and Marketplace in Reno, NV. The NCAI Policy Research Center’s Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum provides an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, community members, and others to present their findings to tribal leaders, policymakers, and tribal members during NCAI's Mid Year Conference.

For the most up to date information on the 14th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum, visit:


Save the Date! NIH will host an All of Us Research Program Tribal consultation during the 2019 NCAI Mid Year Conference and Marketplace in Reno NV. For more information on the All of Us Research Program, please view the NCAI Policy Research Center brief at: http://bit.ly/2BOHXIG. Also, review the All of Us Tribal Collaboration Working Group Report at: https://allofus.nih.gov/sites/default/files/tribal_collab_work_group_rept.pdf

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 a new fact sheet: http://bit.ly/2DG3a8P.


• **Join Us for our Webinar Series!** The NCAI Policy Research Center hosts webinars throughout the year focus 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). To receive future announcements for our webinars, email us at research@ncai.org.

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**FEATURED RESEARCH**

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

**Arsenic in groundwater in private wells in rural North Dakota and South Dakota: Water quality assessment for an intervention trial.** The Strong Heart Water Study conducted a randomized controlled trial to reduce arsenic exposure from well water among American Indian communities by using combinations of different point-of-use filters and health promotion programs.

Ownership effects among Native American banks, 2001-2016. A study published in *Applied Economics* examines the impact tribally owned Native American Banks have on development in the communities they serve compared to mainstream banks.


Outdoor Air Emissions, Land Use, and Land Cover around Schools on Tribal Lands. A study published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* sought to identify environmental stressors on the respiratory health of tribal school children. The study looked at the built and natural environment around and within the schools.


Intimate Partner Violence and Health: The Roles of Social Support and Communal Mastery in Five American Indian Communities. This research looked at associations between intimate partner violence and health outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native women and men in five tribes. The findings of the study supported previous scientific studies that link stronger social support to reduced negative health outcomes.


Climate and water balance change among public, private, and tribal lands within Greater Wild land Ecosystems across North Central USA. This study examines the changing ecosystems through the north central United States. The study specifically looked at the relationship between the changing temperatures and water availability to determine how that fluctuating relationship impacts the ecosystems across land allocation types.


**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

*Ways to connect with researchers across Indian Country and beyond*

Reservation Economic Summit 2019 (RES2019), hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED), will be held at the Paris Las Vegas in Las Vegas, NV from March 25-28, 2019. The summit features networking opportunities, business development and training sessions, and business innovation forums. Visit: [https://res.ncaied.org/Home](https://res.ncaied.org/Home).
• **37th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference, Our Families, Our Future**, will hosted by the National Indian Child Welfare Association, will be held in Albuquerque, NM from March 31 - April 3, 2019. This conference is the largest national gathering on American Indian/Alaska Native child advocacy issues. Registration is currently open. Visit: [https://www.nicwa.org/conference/](https://www.nicwa.org/conference/).

• **2019 Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) Research Community Forum, Pioneers for Discovery: Reinventing the Research Enterprise**, will hosted by the University of Kansas Medical Center and HHS OHRP. This two day forum will be held in Overland Park, KS from April 17 - 18, 2019. This forum will provide individuals an opportunity to speak directly with OHRP staff on the 2019 changes to the Common Rule. Registration is currently open. Visit: [http://www.kumc.edu/ohrp.html](http://www.kumc.edu/ohrp.html).

• **The Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) 7th Annual Summit** will be held on April 30, 2019 in Sioux Falls, SD. The theme for 2019 is *Nurturing the Future of Native Youth Through Research*. The summit explores research being conducted in AI health, discusses challenges and lessons learned, and helps attendees identify potential new resources. Register at: [https://www.crcaih.org/summit.html](https://www.crcaih.org/summit.html).

• **10th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit** will be hosted by NIHB and held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM from May 13-15, 2019. Visit the conference website to learn more about this year’s summit tracks. Registration is now open. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2MGaEK7](http://bit.ly/2MGaEK7).

• **2019 American Indian and Alaska Native National Behavioral Health Conference**, will be hosted by NIHB from May 15-17, 2019 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM. The conference will directly follow the NIHB 10th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit. This year’s theme is *Preserving Wisdom, Promoting Innovation*. Conference registration is now open. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2RuO1cJ](http://bit.ly/2RuO1cJ).

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

*New announcements to fund research and data collection efforts*

• **Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP).** The National Science Foundation is offering its 2019 grants for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach to Tribal Colleges or AI/AN serving institutions. The full application deadline is April 15, 2019. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2sQPVKw](http://bit.ly/2sQPVKw).

• **Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance.** The Administration for Children and Families announced grant funding for assessing the status of Native languages in communities. Funding is also available for planning, designing, and implementing native language education programs that support each communities’ language preservation goals. Deadline is April 15, 2019. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2S1b2YW](http://bit.ly/2S1b2YW).

• **Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health.** The NIH 2019 grants for “exploratory developmental research” aimed to improve the health of AI/AN individuals is currently open. This research can include secondary analysis of data, pilot and feasibility studies, and/or assessing measures being developed or implemented in AI/AN communities. Deadline is May 14, 2019. Visit: [http://bit.ly/2HLbnuG](http://bit.ly/2HLbnuG).


• **Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program.** The U.S. Department of Energy partners with minority serving institutions to help develop the next generation of the STEM workforce. The grant program supports STEM education and basic research in fields important to the National Nuclear Security Administration. Grant number on [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [FedConnect.net](http://www.fedconnect.net): DE-FOA-0002013.

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