

Since the "Creating Opportunities for Native Youth" gathering hosted by the White House in April 2015, Partners Supporting Native Youth have made a series of commitments of time and resources to coordinate efforts, as well as to visit and learn more about Native youth, families, and communities.



Work to Date

- **Gathering Data** – NCAI conducted a survey of invitees (to the April 8th White House Convening) to assess interest areas and information needed to foster philanthropic investments to Native youth programs.
- **In-person Convening** – NCAI coordinated and lead a Partners Supporting Native Youth meeting May 2015. The meeting covered a wide range of topics including: the NCAI Survey Results (see above), the landscape of current resources available, data discussion (data and data gaps for Native youth; measuring impact of investments), and a strategy and work planning session aimed at continuing efforts to increase and improve investments in Native youth programs.
- **Native Youth Measures Meeting** – NCAI hosted a Native Youth Measures Meeting on August 20th in Washington, DC. Thirty participants (including philanthropic partners, federal staff, and policy organizations) joined to hear presentations by NCAI's Policy Research Center and three national policy partners committed to developing meaningful data on the needs of Native and other youth.
- **Work Groups** – A number of interest areas were identified by the Partners Supporting Native Youth during the May meeting. NCAI established several workgroups which convene teleconference meetings designed to provide targeted information to foundation partners, including: *Public/Private Work Group*; *The Wellness /Resiliency Work Group*; *Youth Leadership Work Group*; *The Tribal Data Partners Group*; *The Systems of Support Work Group*; and *The Entrepreneurship Work Group*.

Visits to Date

- **South Dakota Reservations Visits:** In September, NCAI staff helped to plan and also participated in a "funder tour" of two western South Dakota reservations – Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge. There were 42 participants representing 12 philanthropic entities – and the White House – joined in the two-day learning tour. Eight community-based organizations hosted the group over the two days, with half of the programs focused specifically on serving Native youth.
- **Anchorage, Alaska Visit:** Philanthropy Northwest spent the fourth stop of their Local Matters 2015 series in Anchorage, Alaska with leaders from more than 35 organizations, from Bristol Bay to Washington, DC. From October 11 to 14, 60 participants were welcomed as guests to a week of learning that included: First Alaskans Institute's 32nd annual Elders and Youth Conference, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention, and the AFN-National Congress of American Indians 4th annual Tribal Leaders Conference with state and federal policymakers.
- **Minneapolis Native Food & Health Convening:** The American Heart Association (AHA) and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) convened representatives from 41 national philanthropic organizations on October 14-15 in Minneapolis. Participants discussed Native American nutritional health and agreed on key steps and planning to develop solutions. The Roundtable produced two outcomes, including: 1) Lead organizations will identify strategies to help support the development of plans for investing in Indian Country and collaborating on projects; and 2) Lead organizations began planning a second convening in early 2016 to explore advocacy opportunities and discuss ways to build other supports.