NCAI POLICY RESEARCH CENTER UPDATE

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• Mission
  • 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

• Aims/Objectives
  1) RESEARCH: Provide research and data to tribal nations on priority issues
  2) STRATEGY: Help tribal nations use data in strategic, forward focused manner
  3) SOVEREIGNTY: Enable tribal nations to exert more effective sovereignty over data/research
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While trends are improved, will continue to monitor for any new surges, variants
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• **RESEARCH**

  • **RWJF State Data Collaborative – Data Disaggregation**
    - Policy Recommendations – show health data for AI/ANs, not “other”
    - Need agreements between states and tribal nations on collecting, analysis, and reporting of tribal health data

  • **Lumina Grant Project** – online curriculum to teach college students about respectful research in partnership with tribal nations (in progress)

  • **Annie E. Casey Foundation** – Juvenile Justice – landscape analysis, resource webpage

  • **2020 Census Disclosure Avoidance System impacts** – resource materials, maps

  • **Census Information Center** – resources on census data products, redistricting data

  • **COVID-19 Task Force Survey** – collected and analyzed regional input
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• STRATEGY

• 16th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum – during NCAI Mid Year Conference
• 2nd General Assembly and 1st round of breakout sessions with time for discussion
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- SOVEREIGNTY

- Holding Space: A Guide For Partners in Tribal Research
  - Discussion Guide
  - Tribal Research Future Game
  - Developed virtual training – held 6/18/21
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- SOVEREIGNTY

- Tribal Consultations/Federal Agency Research/Data Issues
  - US Census Bureau – Disclosure Avoidance System/Differential Privacy
    - Tribal consultation held on May 19, 2021 – decision on redistricting data
    - GIS maps demonstrating potential impact on website
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• SOVEREIGNTY

• National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)
  • Chairperson Payment now represents NCAI as a NALM delegate
  • Current issues
    • NARCH Tribal Consultation – send comments by August 16, 2021
    • Tribal Consultation Policy – consultation during HHS regional meetings, DTLL deadline - send comments by August 31, 2021
    • COVID-19 research – testing, vaccines, therapies - ongoing
    • Intellectual Property Rights; Data Sharing/Data Management Policy
    • All of Us Research Program
NCAI Policy Research Center Virtual Exhibit

Exhibit is on Resource page on conference platform

PDF with links to resources
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- Website – www.ncai.org/prc
  - Publications
  - Webinar recordings
  - Project information
  - Research Recommendations/Letters
  - Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum information

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