



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

RESEARCH UPDATE

NCAI Mid Year Conference & Marketplace

June 2019



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 the NCAI Policy Research Center at the 14th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019** in Sparks, NV! The 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 & Marketplace. The theme is *Data and Research: Tribes Taking Action* and the agenda includes General Assembly presentations with discussion, two Poster Sessions, and 6 Breakout Sessions. For more information and the agendas, visit: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/tribal-leader-scholar-forum>.



Other Events at the NCAI Mid Year Conference:

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will host a Tribal Consultation on the *All of Us* Research Program during the 2019 NCAI Mid Year Conference and Marketplace on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm. This consultation is important since the *All of Us Research Program* aims to recruit a million diverse participants to create a data set for researchers that will help advance precision medicine and includes genetic research. The NCAI Policy Research Center hosted a background information webinar with the *All of Us* team in preparation for the consultation at: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/events/webinars>. You can also find links on our webinar page to the NIH letter, the PowerPoint slides, and the Tribal Collaboration Working Group Report. For further information on the *All of Us* Research Program, please view the NCAI Policy Research Center brief at: <http://bit.ly/2BOHXIG>.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will host a Tribal Consultation on Intellectual Property Rights in Biomedical Research during the 2019 NCAI Mid Year Conference and Marketplace in Sparks, NV on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 9:00 am. Our webinar in March 2019 featured an overview from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on the topic of Intellectual Property Rights in Biomedical Research. Listen to the webinar here: <http://bit.ly/2HVtdJF>. NIH is consulting with tribes on this important topic. View the NIH letter: <http://bit.ly/2Pn8oZC>.



**HOLDING SPACE:
A TOOLKIT FOR
PARTNERS IN
TRIBAL RESEARCH**

NCAI POST CONFERENCE DATA
INSTITUTE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019
1:30 PM – 4:30PM

Reserve your seat for the training now!
<http://bit.ly/holdingspacetoolkit>

Questions? Please contact Amber Emerson: aemerson@unr.edu

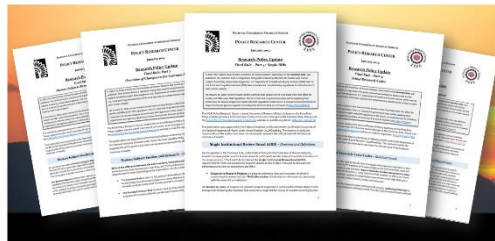
Post-Conference Data Institute: Holding Space Toolkit Training. The NCAI Policy Research Center partnered with the University of Nevada, Reno to produce a training for tribes and researchers to build and strengthen tribal/ academic partnerships. The training consists of a discussion guide on the role of governance, trust, and culture, and participants play the *Tribal Research Future Game*. The team will hold a training at the NCAI Mid Year Post Conference Data Institute on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 9:00 am in Sparks, NV. Register to attend: <http://bit.ly/holdingspacetoolkit>.

Native American Youth: Involvement in Justice Systems and Information on Grants to Help Address Juvenile Delinquency. The NCAI Policy Research Center is partnering with the NCAI policy team to identify key research findings in the U.S. Government Accountability Office’s 2018 Native American Youth report. A session about the report and AI/AN juvenile justice will be held during the NCAI 2019 Mid Year Conference and Marketplace. View the agenda here: http://www.ncai.org/MY_Agenda2019.pdf.

NCAI Policy Research Center Exhibit. Stop by our exhibit at the NCAI Mid Year Conference and pick up copies of our latest research updates, data briefs, and other resources!

Updates on our work

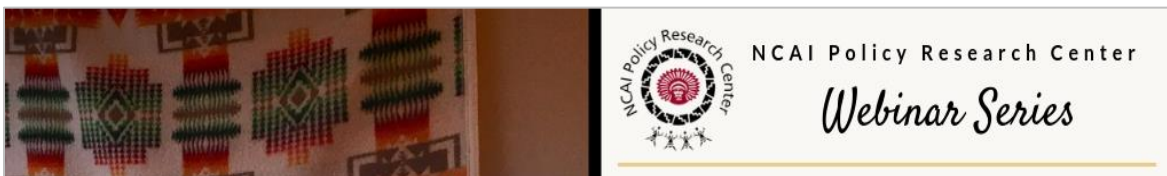
- **Common Rule Updates:** Did you know that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services updated the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Research Subjects, also known as the Common Rule? The NCAI Policy Research Center produced a series of six briefs on key changes to the Common Rule and how those changes could impact tribes. Visit the NCAI Policy Research Center exhibit or our website to get your copies of the briefs: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications>.



- **Services for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Victims of Crime.** The NCAI Policy Research Center is analyzing data collected from the new online Tribal Resource Mapping Tool, a literature review, interviews with victim service providers, and focus groups to create a report on the gaps in services for AI/AN survivors of crime that will be available at the NCAI Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

If you are a tribal leader or service provider working with AI/AN victims of crime and are interested in attending a focus group or participating in Victim Services Provider Interviews, please contact GEvans-Lomayesva@ncai.org or visit the NCAI Policy Research Center resource table at the NCAI 2019 Mid Year Conference and Marketplace for more information. We can provide a \$20 gift card for your time in a focus group or an interview.

- **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. For more on the CDTR and how researchers can become a member to access resources, view: <https://cdtr.wustl.edu/>.



- **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>.

- **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: <http://bit.ly/2DG3a8P>. If you’re interested in NCAI’s Census 2020 outreach activities, visit: <http://indiancountrycounts.org>.

FEATURED RESEARCH

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

- **Constructing identities: the implications of DTC ancestry testing for tribal communities.** Genetic ancestry tests have increased in popularity among the general population. This study looks at the increased claims of Native American heritage as a result from these at home genetic tests. The study further examines how genetic ancestry companies define and present indigenous identity through marketing.

Walajahi, Hina, David R. Wilson, and Sara Chandros Hull. "Constructing Identities: The Implications of DTC Ancestry Testing for Tribal Communities." Nature News. January 21, 2019.
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41436-018-0429-2>.

- **The Special Diabetes Program for Indians: Estimates of Medicare Savings.** Between 1996 and 2013, the AI/AN population achieved a 54% decrease in diabetes-related end-stage renal disease. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services looks at possible impacts and estimated Medicare savings resulting from this decrease in the context of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. "The Special Diabetes Program for Indians: Estimates of Medicare Savings." ASPE, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. May 10, 2019.
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/special-diabetes-program-indians-estimates-medicare-savings>.

- **Genomic Research and American Indian Tribal Communities in Oklahoma: Learning From Past Research Misconduct and Building Future Trusting Partnerships.** This article explores a tribal/ academic partnership in Oklahoma and reviews reasons given by tribes to not participate in genomic research, including protections for cultural values, broad consent language, threats to tribal service eligibility, community anonymity, and vague definitions of data access and usage.

Chadwick, Jennifer Q., Kenneth C. Copeland, Dannielle E. Branam, Julie A. Erb-Alvarez, Sohail I. Khan, Michael T. Peercy, Mark E. Rogers, Bobby R. Saunkeah, Jeanie B. Tryggestad, and David F. Wharton. "Genomic Research and American Indian Tribal Communities in Oklahoma: Learning From Past Research Misconduct and Building Future Trusting Partnerships." American journal of epidemiology (2019).
<https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwzo62>.

- **The Landscape of Opportunity in Indian Country: A Discussion of Data from the Opportunity Atlas.** This study looks at income mobility for Native peoples in the United States using data from the Opportunity Atlas.

Feir, Donna. "The Landscape of Opportunity in Indian Country: A Discussion of Data from the Opportunity Atlas." Center for Indian Country Development. April 19, 2019.

<https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/research-and-articles/articles-and-reports/the-landscape-of-opportunity-in-indian-country>.

- **Experiences of Discrimination and Prejudice among American Indian Youth: Links to Psychosocial Functioning.** This chapter connects the impacts of negative portrayals of American Indians in the media to psychological functioning of Native youth and behaviors of European Americans towards Native Americans. The authors look at both the risks and resiliency of Native youth.

Blume A.K., Tehee M., Galliher R.V. (2019) Experiences of Discrimination and Prejudice Among American Indian Youth: Links to Psychosocial Functioning. In: Fitzgerald H., Johnson D., Qin D., Villarruel F., Norder J. (eds) Handbook of Children and Prejudice. Springer, Cham. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-12228-7_22.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ways to connect with researchers across Indian Country and beyond

- **The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) Research Community Forum: The New Research Landscapes.** OHRP will be hosting a community forum to engage with staff and other researchers on the updated Common Rule. The forum will be held in Seattle, WA on July 24-25, 2019. The forum provides opportunities to ask questions and discuss the changes to the Common Rule and research protections with OHRP staff. Registration is currently open. Visit: <https://www.nwabr.org/rcf>.
- **36th Annual National Tribal Health Conference,** will be hosted by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) from September 16-20, 2019 at the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, CA. NIHB is accepting proposals for conference presentations until Friday, July 12, 2019. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2W8AOsk>.
- **2019 3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training conference** will be held in Temecula, CA from September 23-25, 2019. This conference focuses on biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and health science research for the AI/AN community and is aimed at students, researchers, and health professionals. Visit: <http://www.nnhrti.org/>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New announcements to fund research and data collection efforts

- **Solicitation of Proposals for Economic Development Feasibility Study Funding from the Native American Business Development Institute.** The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development is seeking proposals from tribes in Opportunity Zones for feasibility studies on economic development opportunities. Feasibility studies can focus on viability of economic development projects, businesses, or new technologies. Deadline is July 1, 2019. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2EMQ4Fi>.
- **OVC FY 2019 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program.** The U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has announced its 2019 VOCA Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program. The program aims to provide support to tribal communities to improve services for victims of crime. Deadline is July 27, 2019. To view the grant announcement, visit: <http://bit.ly/3oYcX1Y>. Webinars on the application process will be held on June 20, 2019 and July 27, 2019. Register for the webinars at: www.ovc.gov/grants/webinars.html.
- **Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP).** The National Science Foundation TCUP aims to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematical education, research, and outreach. The grant aims to increase AI/AN participation in STEM careers and improve quality of STEM education at tribal colleges and universities. Deadlines for the 2019 fall cycle occur September 3 – 20, 2019. Visit: <http://bit.ly/2sQPVKw>.
- **Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed).** The National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notified Principal Investigators and Program Directors holding certain types of research grants that they can apply for administrative supplements for diverse students, postdocs, and eligible investigators to conduct research related to the primary grant with mentorship. Submission dates vary by Institute or Center. Visit: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-906.html>.



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