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RESEARCH UPDATE

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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

CALL FOR PROPOSALS! The NCAI Policy Research Center is accepting presentation proposals for the **15th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum** until **Friday, February 21, 2020.** This year's theme is *Research Governance: Protecting Sovereignty*.

The 15th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum will be held during the 2020 NCAI Mid Year Conference and Marketplace in Anchorage, AK, scheduled for June 7-11, 2020. The Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum provides an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, community members, and others to present data to tribal leaders, policymakers, and tribal members.

Details for how to submit a presentation proposal and the proposal cover sheet can be viewed at: http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/tribal-leader-scholar-forum.

Updates on our work

- **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 faculty and work on research about diabetes and its risk factors, CDTR can provide you with resources and technical assistance to help you with your work. For more information on CDTR, its network, and how researchers can become a CDTR member to access resources, view: https://cdtr.wustl.edu/.

Center for Diabetes Translation Research

- **American Indian and Alaska Native Research in the Health Sciences:** A working group for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) created a guide of critical considerations for individuals reviewing research applications that propose research involving American Indians and Alaska Natives. This summary brief provides an overview of the report and facilitates easy navigation for individuals wanting to learn more about different unique and critical considerations for research with tribal nations. View our brief guide and the full report on our publications page at: http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6.

- **NCAI Policy Research Center Census Information Center:** Did you know that the NCAI Policy Research Center is a Census Information Center? As a Census Information Center, the NCAI Policy Research Center provides tribal leaders with easy to understand data analyses, technical assistance, information briefs, and access to Census information and data products that can be used for research, planning, and decision-making purposes. If you are interested in learning about how census data is used, view our new brief on our publications page at: http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6.

  For more information on the NCAI Policy Research Center's Census Information Center work, visit: http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/projects/cic.

- **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. The 2020 decennial Census began in **January 2020** for Alaska and will begin for the rest of the United States in **March 2020** when letters are mailed to households with information on how to complete the census online. Learn more about the risks of being undercounted and what you can do to help: 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/.

- **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 briefs on key changes to the Common Rule and how those changes could impact tribal nations. The single Institutional Review Board requirement for multisite research studies went into effect on **January 20, 2020**. The Common Rule also indicates that federally-funded researchers must follow tribal research laws, so every tribal nation should consider passing laws or codes to govern research in their community. Visit the NCAI Policy Research Center exhibit or our website to get your copies of the briefs or view at: http://bit.ly/2P8Xnu6.

- **Data on AI/ANs in the Juvenile Justice System:** The NCAI Policy Research Center summarized data presented in the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on *Native American Youth Involvement in Justice Systems and Information on Grants to Help Address Juvenile Delinquency* in a research policy update. Key findings showed an overall decline in AI/AN juveniles involved in the justice system, but in some states they are overrepresented. To read more about the data, visit: http://bit.ly/AIANJJData.

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

- **Research Recommendations:** The NCAI Policy Research Center sent letters to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the U.S. Census Bureau regarding research concerns and recommendations for four recent tribal consultations. The NIH is still hosting a tribal consultation on their DRAFT Data Management and Sharing Policy this year and will report soon on the recent consultation input on the All of Us Research Program. The NIH consultation on Intellectual Property Rights in Biomedical Research is still open. The U.S. Census Bureau continues to consult with tribal nations on Differential Privacy and the AI/AN data products that may or may not be available in the 2020 Census data release. To read the NCAI Policy Research Center research briefs, letters, and responses for the consultations, visit: http://bit.ly/2ncC4PE.

FEATURED RESEARCH

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

- **Toward Health Equity: A National Study of Promising Practices in Community-Based Participatory Research.** This nationwide study of community-academic research partnerships identified contextual and partnership practices that were significantly associated with successful partnership outcomes.

  Duran B, Oetzel J, Magarati M, Parker M, Zhou C, Roubideaux Y, Muhammad M, Pearson C, Belone L, Kastelic SH and Wallerstein N. Prog Community Health Partnersh 2019;13(4):337-352
  https://doi.org/10.1353/cpr.2019.0067

- **Power Dynamics in Community-Based Participatory Research: A Multiple-Case Study Analysis of Partnering Contexts, Histories, and Practices.** This paper discusses how power operates within partnership practices and the impact of these practices on outcomes using case studies from the Research for Improved Health study.

  Wallerstein N, Muhammad M, Sanchez-Youngman S, Espinoza PR, Avila M, Baker E, Barnett S, Belone L, Golub M, Lucero J, Mahdi I, Moyes E, Nguyen T, Roubideaux Y, Sigo R and Duran B. Health Education & Behavior 2019;46(1_suppl):19S-32S. https://doi.org/10.1177/1090198119852998.

- **Between Drought and Disparity: American Indian Farmers, Resource Bureaucracy, and Climate Vulnerability in the Southern Plains.** Research published in the *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* was conducted with American Indian farmers and ranchers in southwestern Oklahoma to assess how agricultural resource policies constrain or help in climate resiliency.

  VanWinkle T, and Friedman J. "Between drought and disparity: American Indian farmers, resource bureaucracy, and climate vulnerability in the Southern Plains." Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development 9, no. B (2019): 1-16.
  View at: https://doi.org/10.5304/10.5304/jafscd.2019.09B.022.

- **Statewide collaborative partnerships among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities in California to target the opioid epidemic: Preliminary results of the Tribal Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) key informant needs assessment.** The article presents preliminary findings from a California wide community-based needs assessment that identified the strengths and weaknesses of treatments for substance use disorders and opioid use disorders and found the need for AI/AN specific treatment centers and the integration of culture and tradition into the treatment process.

  Zeledon I, West A, Antony V, Telles V, Begay C, Henderson B, Unger JB, and Soto C. "Statewide collaborative partnerships among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities in California to target the opioid epidemic: Preliminary results of the Tribal Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) key informant needs assessment." Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment 2020; 108:9-19. View at https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2019.04.003.

- **Technology acceptance, social support, and life satisfaction among rural American Indian Elders.** This study in the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work* looks at the impact that acceptance and use of technology by American Indian elders has on social support systems and life satisfaction for the elders. The study found higher levels of technology acceptance and technology use was related to higher levels of life satisfaction and social support among American Indian elders.

    Jun JS, Hag Lee K, and Roh S. "Technology acceptance, social support, and life satisfaction among rural American Indian Elders." Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work (2019): 1-15. View at: *https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2019.1702606*

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

- **National Indian Health Board 2020 National Tribal Public Health Summit** will be held on March 17 - 19, 2020 in Omaha, NE. The National Tribal Public Health Summit attracts over 500 Tribal public health professionals, elected leaders, advocates, researchers, and community-based service providers. Registration is now open. Visit: http://bit.ly/36vhf3m.

- **Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) 2020 Research Community Forums**. OHRP will be hosting Research Community Forums through spring 2020. Forums provide individuals an opportunity to speak directly with OHRP staff on the recent changes to the Common Rule. The first forum will take place on April 7 – 8, 2020 in Dallas, TX. For more information, visit: http://bit.ly/2N1546O.

- **SAVE THE DATE! 2020 NCAI Mid Year Conference**, will be held June 7-11, 2020 in Anchorage Alaska and will include the 15th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. The deadline for presentation proposals for the Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum is February 21, 2020. Visit: http://bit.ly/2n3gU6C.

- The **3rd Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference** will be held on June 29 – July 1, 2020 at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, CA. For more information, visit: http://nnhrti.org/.

- The **Women are Sacred** conference will be hosted by the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and held at the Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront in Saint Paul, MN from June 23-25, 2020. Visit the conference website to learn more: https://www.niwrc.org/.

- The call for abstracts submission deadline is February 20, 2020 for the **American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo** scheduled for October 24-28, 2020 in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit: https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New announcements to fund research and data collection efforts

- **Alaska Native-Serving and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Education Competitive Grants Program (ANNH).** The National Institutes of Food and Agriculture is offering grants for Alaska Native-Serving Institutions to carry out education, applied research, and community development programs. The award supports education needs related to food and agricultural science disciplines. Deadline is February 20, 2020. Visit: http://bit.ly/2uvFRec.

- **Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 and R21).** The National Institutes of Health is offering grants for research designed to improve Native American health. This research can include secondary analysis of existing data, pilot and feasibility studies, and/or assessing measures being developed or implemented in AI/AN communities. Deadline is May 14, 2020. Visit: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-496.html.

- **Full Circle Scholarships.** The American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarships are currently open for American Indian and Alaska Native college students working towards an undergraduate or a graduate degree. Deadline is May 31, 2020. Visit: https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/

- **Addressing the Challenges of the Opioid Epidemic in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research in the U.S. (R21 Clinical Trial Optional).** The National Institutes of Health grant will support research that helps understand and reduce disparities in opioid care, and determine variation in Opioid Use Disorder. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2020.Visit: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-745.html.

- **Community Innovation Grants.** The Bush Foundation is offering Community Innovation Grants that support community identified issues and solutions. The proposal can take place at any stage or stages in the problem solving process, including identifying/researching the need, building a shared understanding of the issue, and/or testing and implementing solutions. There is no deadline for applications. For details, visit: http://bit.ly/30cTnzj.

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