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RESEARCH UPDATE



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The mission of the NCAI Policy Research Center (PRC) 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 PRC 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

SAVE THE DATE! NCAI Policy Research Center's 13th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. Please plan now to attend the 13th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum on June 5, 2018 during the NCAI 2018 Mid Year Conference in Kansas City, MO. The theme is, "Lighting the Way: New Paths for Research to Policy."



The Forum provides an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, community members, and others to present their research findings to tribal leaders, policymakers, and community members during NCAI's Mid Year Conference. We received a large number of proposals in our call for presentations, and we plan to post an agenda on the PRC website by the end of March. The agenda traditionally features a General Assembly session, several breakout sessions and a research poster session. A pre-conference data session is also planned. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/ncaiTLSF>.

Updates on our work

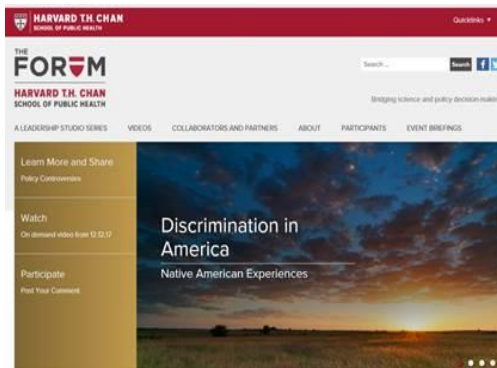
- **CENSUS 2020:** Did you know that American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) are considered a population that is "hard to count?" Learn more about the risks of being undercounted and what you can do to help in a new fact sheet: <http://bit.ly/2DG3a8P>.

- **JOIN US! Tribal Research Futures: Resources to Strengthen Governance, Trust, & Culture in Research Partnerships Workshop.** The NCAI PRC, in collaboration with its NARCH VII partner University of Nevada – Reno, will host a workshop at the 2018 Population Health Research Summit hosted by The Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 1:00-4:00pm in Sioux Falls, SD. We will provide updates on a toolkit to promote meaningful tribal academic research partnerships and launch the *Tribal Research Futures Game!* For more information, visit: <https://www.crcaih.org/summit.html>.
- **NEW! Tribal Data Capacity Monographs.** The PRC released three new monographs on tribal data capacity issues at the NCAI Annual Convention in October 2017. The following monographs are available on our website: 1) Recommendations from Tribal Experiences with Tribal Censuses and Surveys; 2) Meeting the Reporting Requirements of Federal Agencies; and 3) The Geospatial Dimensions of Tribal Data. Visit: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/nsf-project>.
- **Webinar Recording Available - Data Sharing in Research with American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs): Informed Practices, Considerations, and Case Studies.** In partnership with Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R), the PRC co-hosted a webinar in October 2017 on data sharing in AI/AN research contexts. View the webinar: <https://www.primr.org/webinars/oct262017/>.
- **Advancing Diabetes Translation Research.** The PRC 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, or to view a call for pilot & feasibility grants due by March 15, 2018, visit: <https://cdtr.wustl.edu/>. Visit the PRC project website: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/initiatives/projects/diabetes-translation>.



- **Join Us for our New Monthly Webinar Series!** The PRC will host webinars throughout the year on the 4th Thursday of every month that focus on cutting-edge research findings and topics related to AI/AN research and policy priorities. To view recordings of our latest webinars: <http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/events/webinars>. To receive future announcements for our webinars, email us at research@ncai.org.

- Webinar Recording Available - National Institutes of Health Update – January 2018.** The PRC hosted representatives from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) *All of Us* Research Program and the NIH Tribal Health Research Office in January 2018 for our 1st Monthly Webinar Series. The PRC encourages tribal leaders to learn more about these programs at their websites: NIH All of Us Program: <http://allofus.nih.gov>; NIH Tribal Health Research Office: <https://dpcpsi.nih.gov/thro>.
- Tribal Authority over Research and the Common Rule.** The Department of Health and Human Services announced a delay in implementation of most new provisions in the Common Rule, which updates federal policy governing research with human subjects, until July 19, 2018. Tribal IRBs and others can read how to prepare in PRIM&R's new one page guide: <https://www.primr.org/commonrule/>.
- Confronting the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country.** Many tribal nations are facing the impacts of opioid abuse on their citizens and the safety of their communities. Read the PRC's research policy update on how tribal communities can respond to the growing crisis of opioid addiction: http://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications/Opioid_Brief_NCAI_PRC_June_2017_FINAL.pdf
- Native American Housing Needs.** Look for the PRC's article on *Partnering with Tribes to Address Housing Needs* in the Housing Assistance Council's *Rural Voices: Meeting Native American Housing Needs* (Fall 2017). Visit: <http://www.ruralhome.org/sct-information/rural-voices>.
- Discrimination in America: Native American Experiences.** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and NPR hosted a webinar in December 2018 that highlighted findings from a poll that surveyed diverse groups on their personal experiences with discrimination. View the webinar at: <http://bit.ly/2ktYarm>.
- First Kids 1st Native Children's Policy Agenda.** The National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Health Board, National Indian Education Association, and National Indian Child Welfare Association are the founding partners of the First Kids 1st initiative to encourage efforts to develop systems of support for Native youth to thrive. Look for updates to their Native Children's Policy Agenda in 2018. Visit and sign up for email updates and the First Kids 1st newsletters at: <http://firstkids1st.org/>.



FEATURED RESEARCH

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

- **AI/AN Mortality Rates.** According to study published in *The Lancet*, premature mortality rates for AI/ANs increased between 1999 and 2014 while declining in other racial/ethnic groups.

The Study: Shiels MS et al. Trends in premature mortality in the USA by sex, race, and ethnicity from 1999 to 2014: an analysis of death certificate data. *The Lancet* 2017; 389 (10073): 1043-1054. Visit: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(17\)30187-3/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)30187-3/fulltext).

An Editorial on the Study: Abbasi J. Why Are American Indians Dying Young? *JAMA* 2018;329 (2): 109-111. Visit: <http://ja.ma/2BWMeVS>.

- **Enhancing Research Careers: An example of a US National Diversity-focused, Grant-writing Training and Coaching Experiment.** This article reviews the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) that was established to support the professional advancement of researchers from diverse groups across the United States. This network offers intensive coaching in research grant writing and professional development to help diversify the U.S. biomedical workforce.

Jones HP et al. Enhancing research careers: an example of a US national diversity-focused, grant-writing training and coaching experiment. BMC Proc 2017 11 (Suppl 12):16. Visit at: <https://bmcproc.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12919-017-0084-7>.

- **Racial Differences among Juvenile Homicide Offenders: An Empirical Analysis of 37 Years of U.S. Arrest Data.** This study used the Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) Data, a national FBI database, to analyze 37 years of data to compare racial/ethnic group on offender and offense characteristics of juvenile homicide offenders.

Heide KM et al. Racial Differences Among Juvenile Homicide Offenders: An Empirical Analysis of 37 Years of U.S. Arrest Data. J Interpers Violence 2017 Jul 1:886260517721173. Visit: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0886260517721173>.

- **Development of a Mixed Methods Investigation of Process and Outcomes of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR).** This study reviews how mixed methods research helps understand the complexity of CBPR partnerships across diverse community and research contexts and discusses work from NCAI's NARCH V project with University of New Mexico.

Lucero J, et al. Development of a Mixed Methods Investigation of Process and Outcomes of Community-Based Participatory Research. J Mix Methods Res. 2018 Jan; 12(1): 55-74. Visit: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1558689816633309>.

- **Boarding School Attendance and Physical Health Status of Northern Plains Tribes.** The authors of this study found that American Indians who attended boarding school have lower physical health status than those that did not attend.

Running Bear U et al. Boarding School Attendance and Physical Health Status of Northern Plains Tribes. Qual Life Res 2018 Jan;27(1):153-157.

Visit: https://www.crcaih.org/assets/CRCAIH_Pubs/RunningBear_2017.pdf

- **Indigenous Peoples and Responsible Data: An Introductory Reading List.** The Responsible Data community developed a resource of responsible data protocols for indigenous communities. Visit: <https://responsibledata.io/2017/09/22/indigenous-peoples-responsible-data-readings/?et rid=206153845&et cid=1577214>.
- **Promising Practices to Build Healthy Active Native Communities.** The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) published a report from their Healthy Active Native Communities project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visit: http://hanc.aaip.org/sites/hanc2/uploads/documents/Promising_Practice_Brief.pdf.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ways to connect with researchers across Indian Country and beyond

- **The American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo** will be held in San Diego, CA from November 10-14, 2018. The theme is "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now." The submission deadline for abstracts to present are due February 19-23, 2018. The American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Caucus deadline for abstracts is February 23, 2018. Visit: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2018/cfp.cgi>.
- **The Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health Summit** will be held April 16-18, 2018 in Sioux Falls, SD. The 6th Annual Summit will focus on population health research. As mentioned previously, PRC is holding a workshop during the Summit. To learn more and register: <http://www.crcaih.org/summit.html>.
- **The 2018 National Tribal Public Health Summit**, hosted by the National Indian Health Board, will be held at the Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake, MN from May 22-24, 2018. The call for proposals submission deadline is February 23, 2018. Visit: <https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/79b25069-552a-41c5-8510-9533a90e0f9c>.
- **The 36th Annual Protecting our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect**, hosted by the National Indian Council on Aging, will be held in Anchorage, AK from April 15-18, 2018. The theme is "Embracing Resilience and Gratitude through Indigenous Subsistence and Medicine." Visit: <https://www.nicwa.org/conference/>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New announcements to fund research and data collection efforts

- **Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD).** The Administration of Children and Families announces the availability of awards to support community-based initiatives that empower Native youth. Deadline is March 7, 2018. Visit: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298009>.
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Education Grant Solicitation.** Proposals are due on March 15, 2018 that support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship. Visit: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>.
- **NIH Funding Opportunities.** NIH has funding announcements for applications focused on AI/AN research. View these opportunities at: <https://www.grants.gov/>.
 - [PAR-14-260 \(R01\)/PAR-17-464 \(R21\)](#) – Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01) – next due date April 14, 2018
 - [PAR-17-483 \(R21\)/PAR-17-484 \(R01\)](#) – Collaborative Minority Health and Health Disparities Research with Tribal Epidemiology Centers (R21) – next due date December 4, 2018.
 - [RFA-MD-18-005 \(R01\)](#) – Youth Violence Prevention Interventions that Incorporate Racism/Discrimination Prevention – due date is May 25, 2018.
- **Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grants – FY 2018.** Funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities is available for federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia. Deadline for applications is March 20, 2018. Visit: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/page/file/1021711/download>.
- **Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants.** The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice posted a request for applications to support tribal-research partnerships on issues of crime and justice. The application deadline is April 23, 2018: <https://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-13840.pdf>. A webinar will be held on February 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm EST. To register: <https://www.ncjrs.gov/App/eventscaendar/CalendarSearchDetail.aspx?strConfID=27504>.



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