

Plenary Session: Best Practices for Research and Evaluation that Benefits Tribal Communities

Tribal Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home
Visiting Program Grantee Kickoff Meeting

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Section 6: Plan for Rigorous Research and Evaluation of Home Visiting Program

- Identify your research partner(s) and develop shared goals for understanding how home visiting works to address your community's needs
- Develop and propose a plan for participating in ongoing research and program evaluation activities that will result in building the knowledge base around successful strategies for implementing, adopting, providing, and sustaining high-quality home visiting services to AIAN populations.
- Research and evaluation activities could include:
 - examining effectiveness of promising approaches
 - adaptations or enhancements of home visiting models to AIAN populations;
 - questions regarding implementation or infrastructure necessary to support home visiting models among AIAN populations.

Purpose of Plenary

- To set the stage to assist grantees in developing a research plan to understand how well home visiting works to meet their community's needs
- To share stories about doing research that has benefited children and families in Tribal communities
- To provide guidance on best practices for doing research on home visiting for American Indian and Alaska Native children and families

Panel Members

- Nancy Whitesell, Ph.D.
 - Centers for American Indian and Alaskan Native Health, University of Denver
- Joan LaFrance, Ph.D.
 - Mekinak Consulting
- John Walkup, M.D.
 - Weill Cornell Medical College
- Discussant: Erik Stegman, J.D., M.A.
 - National Congress of American Indians

Presentations

Opportunities for Discussion with Research Plenary Panelists

- Community-University Partnerships for Research, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance in AIAN Communities (11:15am-12:45pm today)
- Additional Breakout sessions on research and evaluation topics
- Networking Dinner Tonight