



TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN FATALITY **REVIEWS**

Telling Stories to Save Lives



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Icebreaker

Share with your colleagues in the chat

What state are you from and what is your favorite summer activity?

*Please change your Zoom name to include your fatality review team/jurisdiction.

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS

Throughout the Presentation



What to Expect Today

OFFICE HOURS



STRENGTHENING TRIBAL INVOLVMENT IN FATALITY REVIEW

Learn how the National Center is engaging Tribes and increasing their voices in fatality reviews.



OPEN DISCUSSION

- Digging into your questions together.
- Upcoming National Center opportunities.

574 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

In the United States

There are 574 federally recognized Indian Nations (variously called tribes, nations, bands, pueblos, communities and native villages) in the United States. Approximately 229 of these ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse nations are located in Alaska; the other federally recognized tribes are located in 35 other states.

Additionally, there are tribes located throughout the United States recognized by their respective state governments.*

*[https://archive.ncai.org/about-tribes#:~:text=There%20are%20574%20federally%20recognized,villages\)%20in%20the%20United%20States](https://archive.ncai.org/about-tribes#:~:text=There%20are%20574%20federally%20recognized,villages)%20in%20the%20United%20States)





CULTIVATING COLLABORATION

Strengthening Tribal Involvement in Fatality Review

- The National Center is working towards building capacity in Tribal fatality reviews by focusing on increasing Tribal engagement and collaboration with Urban Indian organizations (UIOs).
- The aim is to cultivate a more inclusive and impactful approach to fatality reviews that reflects the diverse realities of Native communities.
- This emphasizes active participation, shared learning, and a collaborative spirit, all aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of fatality reviews and ultimately improving the wellbeing of Tribal members and communities.

HONORING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF TRIBES

In Fatality Review

- It is critical that Native voices be included in reviews, data collection, and development and implementation of recommendations.
- There are unique strengths associated with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people based on ancient ingrained ethics of reciprocity between people, and between people and the land. These include deep understanding and respect for histories and a belief that children are the responsibility of not only the family, but of the Tribe.





AI/AN Child Disparities

Health Inequities

- AI/AN children and adolescents are a unique and diverse population with multiple health inequities.
- It is believed that there is often misreporting and underreporting of AI/AN status in both birth and death certificates, especially in urban areas and rural areas distant from AI/AN reservations.¹

1. Dankovchik J, Hoopes MJ, Warren-Mears V, Knaster E. Disparities in life expectancy of pacific northwest American Indians and Alaska natives: analysis of linkage-corrected life tables. Public Health Rep. 2015 Jan-Feb;130(1):71-

80. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4245288/>



AI/AN Child Disparities

Health Inequities

- Injuries are a significant problem for AI/AN children; they remain the leading cause of accidental death of children ages 1-18.¹
- The leading cause of death for AI/AN children ages 1-4 is unintentional injuries, 46 percent occurring by motor vehicle.¹

1. Curtin SC, Tejada-Vera B, Bastian BA. Deaths: Leading causes for 2021. National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 73 no 4. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2024. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.15620/cdc/147882>.



AI/AN COMMUNITY

Infant Health Disparities

- Despite improvements in Indian child health status over the decades, AI/AN infant mortality rate increased from 7.46 deaths/1,000 births in 2021 to the provisional 9.06 deaths/1,000 births in 2022. ¹
- AI/AN infants are 2.7 times more likely than non-Hispanic white infants to die from accidental deaths before the age of one year. ²
- AI/AN infants are 50 percent more likely to die from complications related to low birthweight as compared to non-Hispanic white infants. ²

1. Ely DM, Driscoll AK. Infant mortality in the United States: Provisional data from the 2022 period linked birth/infant death file. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Statistics Rapid Release; no 33. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15620/cdc:133699>.

2. <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/infant-mortality-and-american-indiansalaska-natives>

ADDRESSING AI/AN CHILD DISPARITIES

In Fatality Review

- The National Center actively engages with diverse communities, including Indigenous and Tribal populations, to ensure that cultural competence is integrated into the fatality review process.
- This approach acknowledges and respects the cultural and historical factors that may lead to systemic oppression and health disparities, ultimately working to mitigate them.





Highlighting AI/AN Child Disparities

The Need for Fatality Review

- The need for the National Center's work is evident through the data and research that highlight disparities in fetal, infant and child health outcomes.
- Fatality data, epidemiological studies, and demographic information demonstrate that certain populations, such as Indigenous communities and Tribes, experience higher rates of fatalities and face unique challenges.
- These disparities require focused efforts to understand root causes and to develop recommendations and strategies for prevention and improvement.



Effective Interventions

AI/AN communities are the best voice to advocate the unique needs of Tribal children and families.



Cultural Relevance

Conducting fatality reviews within a Tribe ensures a culturally sensitive approach, reflecting the unique beliefs, practices, and community dynamics that may impact their community.



Capacity Building

Participation in fatality reviews allows Tribes to take an active role in shaping policies and practices related to child and infant health.



Sovereignty and Jurisdiction

Tribal engagement in fatality reviews ensures that legal and jurisdictional considerations align with Tribal frameworks, allowing Tribes to maintain control over the process and decisions related to child and infant mortality within their community.



**WHY SHOULD TRIBES
ENGAGE IN FATALITY
REVIEW?**



OPEN DISCUSSION

How can we help you today?



RESOURCES

For Fatality Review Teams



TRIBAL-RELATED DIGITAL RESOURCES

From The National Center

- Webinar series titled Exploring Native American and Black Historical Trauma: Implications for Fatality Review Teams.
- Webinar series titled Improving the Collaboration of Fatality Reviews with AI/AN communities.
- Written Guidance titled Improving the Coordination of Fatality Review Programs with AI/AN communities.
- A multi-part training series, titled Working with Tribes, covering essential information that fatality review teams need to know when working with tribes and reviewing fetal, infant, and child deaths of AI/AN families.

<https://ncfrp.org/center-resources/written-products/>



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Improving the Coordination of Fatality Review Programs with American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

National Center Guidance Report

STRENGTHENING TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT IN FATALITY REVIEW

One-pager Resource

- Tribal involvement in fatality review is crucial for improving the health and safety of the community, fostering community engagement, preserving cultural identity, addressing disparities, and ensuring effective decision-making that considers the unique needs of the AI/AN community.

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Strengthening Tribal Involvement in Fatality Reviews



The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (The National Center) is the federally funded resource and data center that supports Child Death Review (CDR) and Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) programs across the country.

Why Should Tribes Engage in CDR or FIMR?

- **Effective Interventions:** American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities are the best voice to advocate the unique needs of Tribal children and families.
- **Cultural Relevance:** Conducting fatality reviews within a Tribe ensures a culturally sensitive approach, reflecting the unique beliefs, practices, and community dynamics that may impact their community.
- **Capacity Building:** Participation in fatality reviews allows Tribes to take an active role in shaping policies and practices related to child and infant health.
- **Sovereignty and Jurisdiction:** Tribal engagement in fatality reviews ensures that legal and jurisdictional considerations align with Tribal frameworks, maintaining control over the process and decisions related to child and infant mortality within the community.

Tribal involvement in fatality review is crucial for improving the health and safety of the community, fostering community engagement, preserving cultural identity, addressing disparities, and ensuring effective decision-making that considers the unique needs of the AI/AN community.

Benefits of Tribal Involvement

- Using the voices, stories, and narratives of those with lived experiences to understand the context and foster greater commitment among teams to champion health and racial equity in AI/AN communities.
- Enhanced prevention strategies through tailored interventions and addressing community-specific risks.
- Improved data accuracy through addressing cultural nuances in reporting and comprehensive understanding of local factors specific to Tribes.
- Tribal involvement is essential for building community resilience and empowerment. Engaging in fatality reviews allows for inclusion in the decision-making process and ability to take an active role in shaping initiatives that directly impact their community's health.

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HOW THE NATIONAL CENTER SUPPORTS TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

The National Center is working towards increasing capacity in Tribal fatality reviews by focusing on increasing engagement and collaboration with Tribes and urban Indian organizations (UIOs) through outreach initiatives and encouraging joining the national fatality review and prevention efforts.

Resources and Training

Develops culturally competent training programs and accessible materials and guidelines tailored to Tribal needs identified. The National Center also provides technical assistance to support and increase opportunities for Tribal participation in fatality review and prevention efforts.

Funding Opportunity

Funding is available to build capacity for Tribal CDR and FIMR teams, tailored to individualized needs.

Data Support

The National Center hosts and maintains the National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS), a free, web-based system for CDR and FIMR case review data collection and analysis. The National Center is adapting data collection methods to respect Tribal sensitivities, considering the unique aspects of each community. Data ownership is protected, and ownership remains with the Tribe. Data is not used at the National level or shared without consent.

Tribal-Related Digital Resources

- Webinar series titled Exploring Native American and Black Historical Trauma: Implications for Fatality Review Teams.
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All resources are available at www.ncfrp.org.



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AI/AN MODULES

Three-Module Series

AI/AN Modules for fatality review teams to better understand Native American history, sovereignty, and partnerships.

- Part 1- Understanding the Context for American Indian and Alaska Native Maternal/Infant/Child Outcomes
- Part 2- Understanding Tribal Sovereignty
- Part 3- Partnership and Collaboration with Rural and Urban AI/AN Communities



Visit ncfrp.org/center-resources/office-hours/ to register and view past sessions!

Date	Topic
8/20/2024	Working with Small Numbers
9/17/2024	Involving Family and Those with Lived Experience in Fatality Review
10/15/2024	Accessing Records
11/19/2024	Best Practices in Self Care
12/17/2024	Sharing Your Data: Writing Abstracts and Proposals

Upcoming topics may be subject to change.



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