

Community Engagement as a Path to Health Equity: Promoting both Culture-Centered and Evidence Based Interventions in “Indian Country”



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Tribal and Urban Indian Communities have considerable strengths after centuries of adversity, and, US Tribal members and their descendants suffer some of the worst health disparities in the US. In response to these inequities, Indigenous theories of etiology and change call for strength based, culture centered interventions in addition to adaptation of evidence-based approaches. Community Engaged Research (CEnR) offers one opportunity for this bi-directional learning.

As a result of viewing this presentation on promoting culture centered objectives, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the rationale for Community engaged research, including:
 - A history of unethical research within Tribal Communities
 - Lack of uptake of evidence based interventions into Tribal Communities
 - Lack of external validity of EBI into different clinical and cultural contexts
2. Describe the Tribal Colleges and Universities system and identify some research interests and goals;
3. Understand the conditions of collaboration with Tribal Colleges.

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