



For Tribes: How to Review Research to Benefit Tribal Communities

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This training will provide tools for tribes to review and assess research in the context of their local community. Participants will gain the skills to ensure that the research conducted in their communities address the values specific to their tribe and people. The emphasis of this training is to help participants identify criteria that are rooted in local realities, values, and aesthetics, and establish a process by which to review research according to these criteria to minimize harms and maximize benefits for individuals and the community.

TRAINING AGENDA

DAY 1: Monday, May 2, 2005

- 7:00am Registrations
- 8:00am Welcome and Introductions
Francine Romero, PhD, MPH, Director, Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center
- 8:45am Keynote Address: "Tied Together Like a Woven Hat" Community Based Participatory Research to discover resilience among Alaska Natives."
Samuel Demientieff, Member Coordinating Council and Research Participant, People Awakening Project
Gerald V. Mohatt, EdD, Principal Investigator, People Awakening Project
Research team of The People Awakening Project: Discovering Alaska Native Pathways to Sobriety (University of Alaska Fairbanks and The People Awakening Coordinating Council) will present on how they were able to develop a community based participator research project that involved community members in all phases of the research process from beginning to present. Presenters will discuss ways in which the research was modified to address community concerns.
- 9:45am Break (light refreshments provided)
- 10:15am History of Research Protections for Individuals and Communities
William Freeman, MD, MPH, Director of Tribal Community Health Programs & Human Protections Administrator, Northwest Indian College
This session will review the timeline of events that shaped research ethics and the key documents that guide current practices. Examples of past and present research will be used to describe individual harms versus community harms.

- 11:45am Definitions of Research
Shirley Hicks, Director, Division of Education and Development, Office for Human Research Protections, U. S Department of Health and Human Services
This session will identify the elements that constitute research as defined by federal regulations, researchers, and communities.
- 12:15pm Lunch (provided)
- 1:15pm Parts of a Research Protocol
Francine Romero, PhD, MPH, Director, Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center
This session will review the various components that make up a research plan or protocol.
- 1:45pm Research Types and the Potential Harms and Benefits
Francine Romero, PhD, MPH, Director, Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center
Potential harms and benefits may vary depending on whether the research is a survey, screening, clinical trial, intervention, quality assurance, or another type of project. This session will explore the potential harms and benefits for the different types of research.
- 2:45pm Break (light refreshments provided)
- 3:15pm Inside the Research Process
Francine Romero, PhD, MPH, Director, Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center
The current research process will be described, including designing of the research , obtaining tribal approval, collecting data, conducting data analysis, and publication of results.
- 3:45pm Tribal Research Assessment Checklist
William Freeman, MD, MPH, Director of Tribal Community Health Programs & Human Protections Administrator, Northwest Indian College
A Tribal Research Assessment Checklist (TRAC) will be introduced as a tool to review research according to tribal values and concerns.
- 4:00pm Breakout 1: Review Research Example Using TRAC
- 4:45pm Review 1 of concerns raised in breakout session
- 5:30pm Adjourn

DAY 2: Tuesday, May 3, 2005

- 8:00am Opening
- 8:15am Breakout 2: Review Research Example Using TRAC
- 9:15am Review 2 of concerns raised in breakout session
- 10:00am Break (light refreshments provided)
- 10:30am Breakout 3: Review Research Example Using TRAC
- 11:30am Review 3 of concerns raised in breakout session
- 12:15am Closing Discussion
- 1:00pm Closing

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