



PROJECT BRIEF

Biobanking in Native Communities

PARTNERSHIPS
for NATIVE HEALTH

Washington State University

BACKGROUND:

Rapid advances in genetic research might improve treatments for chronic disease. Biobanking and biospecimen analysis have thus become popular as a focus of health research. Given recent memories of unethical genetic research, American Indian and Alaska Native communities will benefit from culturally relevant education and deliberation on these topics. Researchers need to hear their views on the ownership and appropriate uses of biospecimens, and on the relation between individual rights and tribal regulation. Deliberation is essential to ensure that Native communities make informed decisions on the potential of biobanking to help future generations.

OBJECTIVES:

Our goal is to offer culturally appropriate educational materials on biospecimen collection and biobanking to Native community members. We will evaluate whether this education changes knowledge, attitudes, or beliefs about research involving biospecimens. We will also facilitate a deliberative discussion to encourage people to share their opinions and discuss their concerns about biospecimen research.

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PROJECT NAME: Biobanking in Native Communities: Culturally-Driven Deliberations and Consensus (R21HS023576)

PROJECT YEARS: 2014 - 2016

PARTNERS: Six urban and rural American Indian communities in the Southwest, Northern Plains, and Pacific Coast

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Our Mission

Conduct community-centered research, training, education, and outreach to improve the health and quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Native populations