

Indigenous Research Consortium

Our Mission

The Indigenous Research Consortium (IRC) by establishing a working relationship with tribal/sovereign nations/ first nation peoples, institutions of higher education, professional organizations and organizations that support Indigenous people's wellness will: Through scholarly pursuit, and decolonizing methodology, engage in research projects that will increase the knowledge of wellness for indigenous peoples. Provide a collaborative environment, for researchers, teachers, students and service providers, of knowledge gathering for the wellness of indigenous peoples. Support training activities for those seeking knowledge of, ways of knowing and being of indigenous peoples and wellness, through decolonizing research methodology.

Our Philosophy

Our approach is based on protection, participation and partnership. Protection is paramount so that participants, agencies, organizations, institutions and communities receive culturally safe protection. The needs that have been clearly identified of all stakeholders in any research projects enable participation. Through close partnerships useful knowledge and research products are obtained.

Our Goals

- Provide culturally appropriate learning environments
- Provide a supportive decolonizing research structure that encourages research for indigenous peoples wellness
- Establish working partnerships with tribal/sovereign nations/ first nation peoples, institutions of higher education, professional organizations and organizations that support Indigenous people's wellness.
- Seek sources of research funding relevant to indigenous people's wellness.
- Promote professional development of indigenous researchers, students and future indigenous leaders.
- Provide mentoring in indigenous communities of learning.