

Seven Directions, A Center for Indigenous Public Health



Gathering Grounds

**END OF YEAR
REPORT**

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A LOOK AT THIS YEAR

Gathering Grounds was developed with a very specific purpose: to bring together individuals, communities, and organizations focused on Indigenous public health to share and discuss promising public health practices. We started the year intending to focus on two topics: prevention during times of crises and data infrastructure. In 2020, these two topics became more relevant than ever.

With the need to mobilize and work through the challenges exacerbated by COVID-19, Gathering Grounds became a virtual space to learn, process, and think about solutions as a collective. This report highlights this year's sessions, as well as other areas where Gathering Grounds has grown. We look forward to continuing our work together to lift up promising practices and learn from each other's strengths.

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

These seven principles guide the Gathering Grounds Indigenous Community of Practice and were identified through a literature review looking at communities of practice around the world that include Indigenous peoples. Seven Directions presented on this work at the Virtual International Indigenous Research Conference in Aotearoa (New Zealand) in November 2020. To watch the video [click here](#).

Seven Emerging Principles



Connectedness



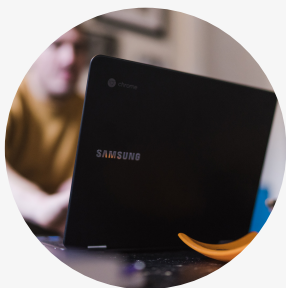
Relational



Peer-Led



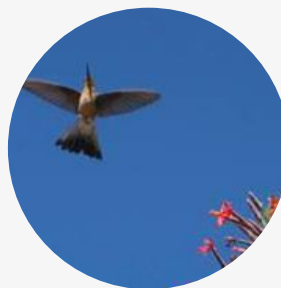
Indigeneity



Adaptable



Equitable



Valued

SESSIONS HOSTED

In 2020 we hosted eight different sessions, based on community-generated themes.

- 1 **Get to know Gathering Grounds: an introduction to your Community of Practice**
- 2 **How is your Tribal or Urban Indian community responding to COVID-19? (first session)**
- 3 **How is your Tribal or Urban Indian community responding to COVID-19? (second session)**
- 4 **What are the practices/resources/tools that are working for your community?**
- 5 **Identifying emerging challenges and opportunities: the collision of the opioid epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic**
- 6 **Indigenized communication during COVID-19 with *Native Governance Center***
- 7 **Setting up hotspots and mapping the movement of the coronavirus through Northern New Mexico**
- 8 **Gathering Grounds meeting for health workers & students - How to engage people in the 2020 election**

OUR NATIONS, OUR JOURNEYS

At the 2020 ONOJ, held November 9-10, 12-13, we hosted four Gathering Grounds Wellness Sessions. We believe collective wellness helps strengthen our relationships with each other.



**Fight for our Future:
StorySlam**



Amber McCrary, MFA
Diné



Chael Moore
Diné

ONOJ Day 1

ONOJ Day 2




Yoga with Julie
5 pm PST / 6 pm MST / 7 pm CST / 8 pm EST




Reclaiming our Journey through Holistic Wellness
5 pm PST / 6 pm MST / 7 pm CST / 8 pm EST

ONOJ Day 3

ONOJ Day 4



Visual Art as a Tool of Resistance



5 pm PST / 6 pm MST / 7 pm CST / 8 pm EST

OUR COMMUNITY

The Gathering Grounds community consists of public health professionals in various roles from data analysts and research coordinators to nurse consultants and licensed counselors. We have representation from both urban and rural Indigenous communities.

"It feels good thinking of all of us working in our corners of the world to protect our people, using our minds, hearts, and souls."

Gathering
Grounds
currently has
109 members.



THANK YOU + 2021 SESSIONS

Thank you for being part of Gathering Grounds. We have a number of sessions planned for 2021. Make sure you save these dates, all on the second Tuesday of the month! We look forward to hearing your stories and working together through Gathering Grounds.

January 12, 2021	2021 Gathering Grounds Kick-off Meeting + Wellness Session
February 9, 2021	The Integrated Healthcare Approach for Opioid Use Disorder in Tribal Communities: The didgwálic Wellness Center Model
March 16, 2021	A Discussion on Indigenous Social Determinants of Health
April 13, 2021	The Peer Support Approach to Opioid Use Disorder in Tribal Communities: The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Model
May 11, 2021	Public Health Accreditation during COVID-19
June 8, 2021	Data Infrastructure across Approaches Addressing Opioid Use Disorder in Tribal Communities
July 13, 2021	A Mid-Year Review of our Collective Efforts - Story Session

STAFF & TEAM MEMBERS

Should you have a question about Gathering Grounds or if you would like to submit a topic, do not hesitate to email us.



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Gathering Grounds

Indigenous Communities of Practice



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