

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR THE SISSETON-WAHPETON
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Tribal Research Office

Did you know...

If you would like to know more regarding any of the current research projects (listed at the right) please visit our webpage at http://www.swo-nsn.gov/?page_id=663. You can also find this same page by visiting www.swo-nsn.gov, hover of the Departments tab, hover over the Department of Education tab, and click on the RESEARCH OFFICE link. Each research project has an abstract that briefly describes the focus of the study. Also listed under each study is the lead researcher, known as the Principal Investigator (PI), and the LRRB approval date. Go check out the website list if any of the research projects' titles spark your interest and you'd like more information.



We welcome your comments, suggestions and concerns.

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Research Updates

From Heather Larsen, Research Specialist



Current Research Projects on the Lake Traverse Reservation

Below are the SWO currently approved research projects being conducted on the Lake Traverse Reservation:

1. "Understanding the Context of Northern Plains American Indian Teen Pregnancy: Phase 2 (My Journey)"
2. "ASPIRE – Achieving Success by Promoting Success in Education and Employment"
3. "The American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (AI/AN FACES)"
4. "Great Plains Partnerships to Improve Community Health"
5. "American Indian and Alaska Native Beliefs and Practices: What are the perceived barriers to access and utilization of healthcare?"
6. "The impact and challenges experienced by tribal governments implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)"
7. "Project Ina: Holistic Improvement of Maternal Health on the Lake Traverse Reservation"
8. "Our Youth, Our Future"
9. "A Community Readiness Assessment (CRA) as the First Stage of Safe Healthy Children: Improving Immunization Series Completion in Rural American Indian Communities"
10. "Dissemination, Implementation, and Evaluation of Native STAND in American Indian Communities"
11. "Adapting and testing the feasibility of Tribal Head Start REDI with Native American children in South Dakota"
12. "Today and Beyond Project: An Educationally-based Mentorship Intervention"
13. Eat Smart, Play Hard—The Oyate Way
14. SD Tribal PRAMS Project
15. The Association of Developmental Defects of Enamel with Severe-Early Childhood Caries: a retrospective chart review
16. Project Ina: Holistic Improvement of Maternal Health on the Lake Traverse Reservation (Phase 2)
17. Examining Matriculation, Transfer, and Capabilities of Tribal College Students in the form of Educational Opportunities
18. Impacts of Commercial Tobacco Marketing on American Indian Reservations – Tribal Retail Environment (TREE) Study
19. Documenting Dakota: Informal Ways with Words in the Santee-Sisseton Dialect Spoken at Lake Traverse Reservation
20. Empowering Native Youth through Trauma-Informed Practices
21. Ignite: Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Model in preventing overweight and obesity among 6th – 8th grade youth in low-income racial/ethnic communities

These Dakota values guide our process:

Woodbdeza
(Observation)

Wowicake
(Truth)

Woohoda
(Respect)

Wowoonsida
(Compassion)

Woksape
(Wisdom)

Highlight of a Local Research Review Board (LRRB) member

This month, we will begin the LRRB spotlight on Dawn Eagle who has been a member of the LRRB since its inception in 2014.

Dawn Eagle, M.A. is an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. She is currently the Employee Assistance Program Counselor under the Human Resources Department of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. Her previous professional experience includes work as a chemical dependency counselor and in social programs; in addition, she also worked as the Research Specialist and was an elected representative on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council. Dawn was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies from the University of South Dakota and a Master of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of South Dakota. She has had an interest in research for many years. She was part of several evaluation projects at the University of South Dakota, Winnebago and with the Paiute Tribe. She says that it is important for research to be culturally sensitive and that it be representative of our people and be respectful of our worldview. She believes that research oversight is extremely important.

In addition to her regular duties on the LRRB, Dawn currently serves as the chairperson. The LRRB chairperson plays a leadership role on the board through implementing LRRB policies and procedures, directing the proceedings at the full-committee meeting, and working closely with the Research Specialist/LRRB Coordinator.

Thank you to Dawn for serving on our Tribal IRB - the Local Research Review Board!



Coming up:
Next month's issue will highlight another LRRB member so you can continue to learn about our board and their background.

Mission

The current mission of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Research Office is to enhance the tribal research infrastructure by continuing to build the research review capacity, education through community engagement, and exercising tribal sovereignty through research data management. The main objective of the Tribal Research Office is to improve the overall status of all Tribal members through relevant, tailored, and culturally sensitive research as outlined in the SWO Code Chapter 77 - "SWO Research Code."

