

Summer Nutrition Summit

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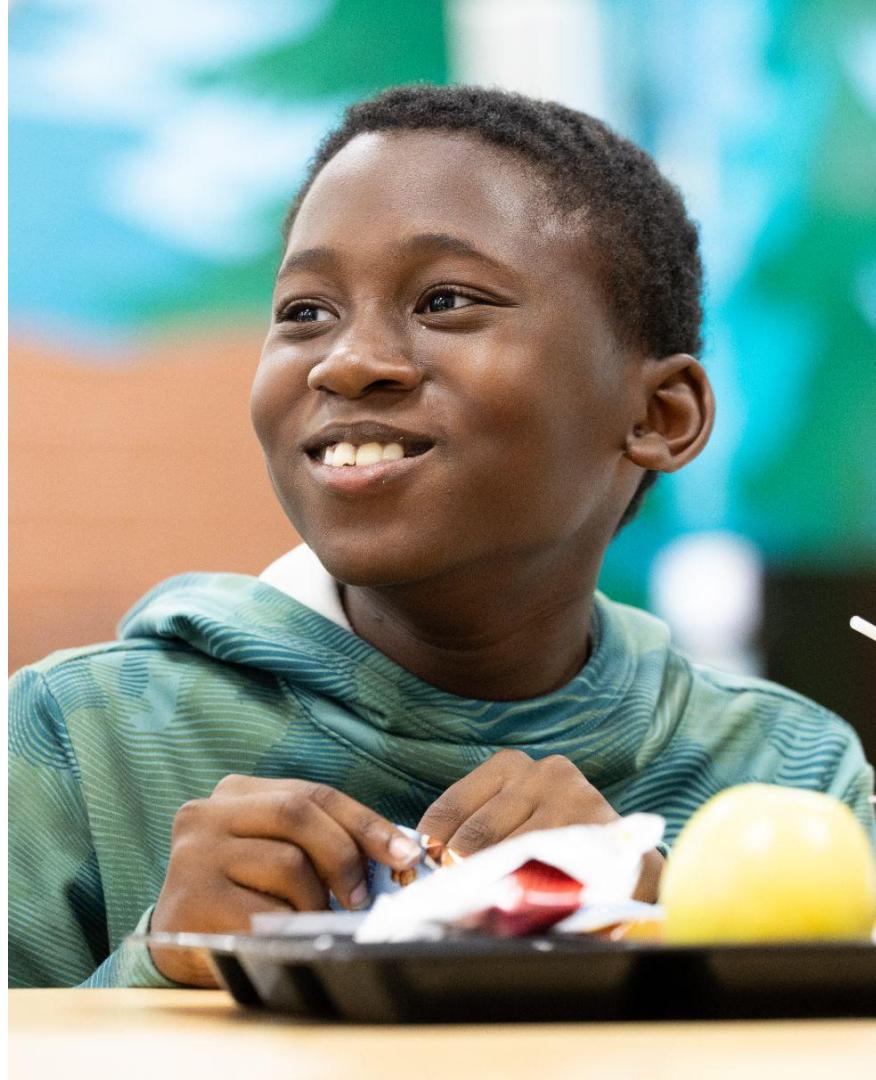


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Data Sharing in Indian Country

Partnering to Improve Program
Access and Administration

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Disclaimer

Our speakers represent their own experience with non-congregate summer meal programs in their states and localities. Certain program models and implementation methods may be restricted in some states. Check with your local state agency before implementing any new meal service models or implementation methods.

Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Indian Country 101**
- **What is Data Sovereignty and Why Does it Matter?**
- **Lets Chat! Crowdsourcing Barriers and Solutions**
- **Best Practices**
- **Additional Resources**
- **Q & A**





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**Our mission is to enhance the health and
wellness of Tribal communities by advancing
healthy food systems, diversified economic
development, and cultural food traditions.**

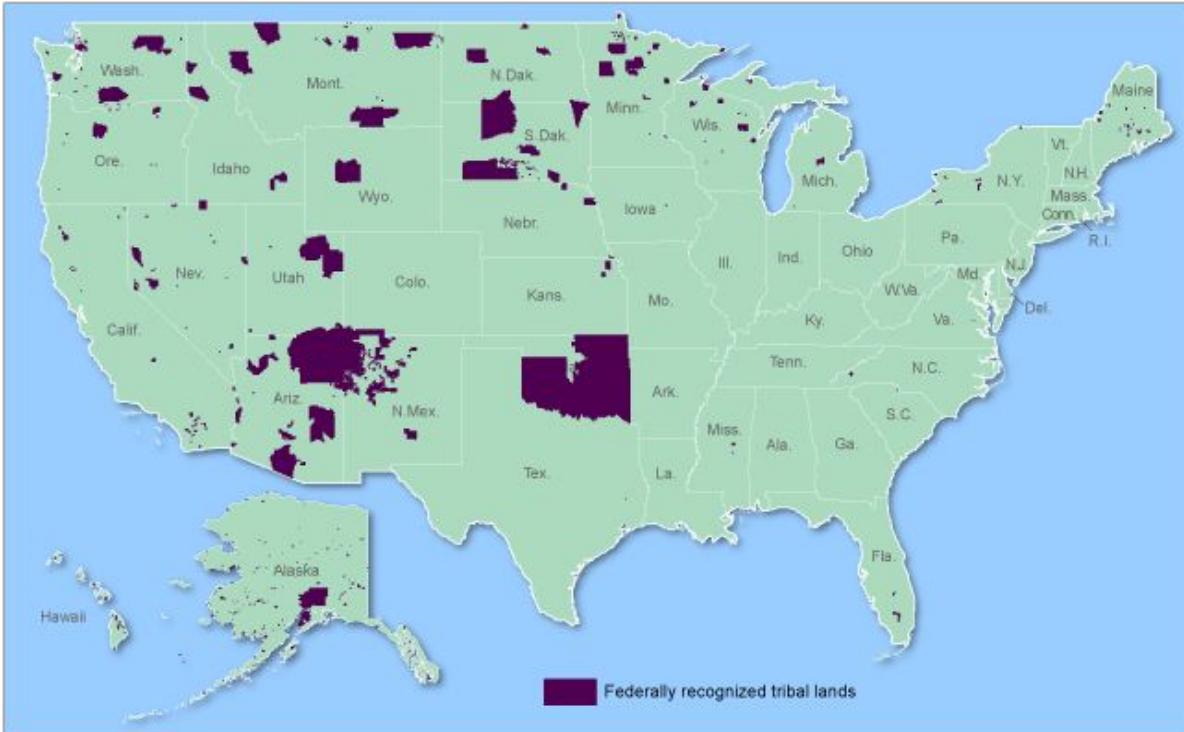


Indian Country 101

Over 570 Tribes across the nation

- Each has its own unique set of circumstances, history, goals, etc.
- Historic policies separated Native people from their lands, their resources, and one another. Often, food and access to it was weaponized as a part of this process
- 1 in 4 Native households face food insecurity
- Tribes continue to exist, and to thrive. Their service their citizens and surrounding communities is substantial and often innovative.

Federally Recognized Tribal Lands



Source: GAO, based on U.S. Census Bureau data and the Federal Communications Commission's definition of tribal lands. | www.gao.gov

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What is Data Sovereignty?

Indigenous data sovereignty is the right of a nation to govern the collection, ownership, and application of its own data. It derives from tribes' inherent right to govern their peoples, lands, and resources.

Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Lets Chat!

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What do you want out of a partnership?

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**What would make you
wary of partnering or
sharing information
with another entity?**

**Can you share some
practices you are
implementing or would
like to implement?**

Best Practices

Every Tribe and every circumstance will be different. Please consider these a jumping off point and not a checklist.

- Do your research
- Build relationships over time
- Communicate early and often
- Give yourself a framework
- Look for ways to be a value add
- Engage government and community

Additional Resources

- Center for Tribal Data Sovereignty, NCAI and ASU
- The Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance
- Indigenous Data Alliance
- U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network
- Center for Indigenous Health Research and Policy at OSU Center for Health Sciences
- Individual Tribes

Questions ?

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