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About

The Urban Indigenous Collective's (UIC) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit People (MMWIGT2S) works to fill a gap in research, advocacy, and education to the public about the MMIWGT2S crisis and epidemic. With a specific focus on New York City, which is home to one of the largest populations of urban Native Americans, UIC recognizes the pressing need for increased attention to this issue and the alarming lack of data and resources available to the Native communities affected by this crisis.

In recent years, the MMIWGT2S crisis has gained greater recognition as a widespread and deeply entrenched problem across North America. Native American women, girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit individuals face disproportionately high rates of violence, disappearance, and murder, often with limited attention from the wider society. While the crisis affects Indigenous communities throughout the United States and Canada, New York City, with its vibrant urban Native population, presents a unique set of challenges and complexities.

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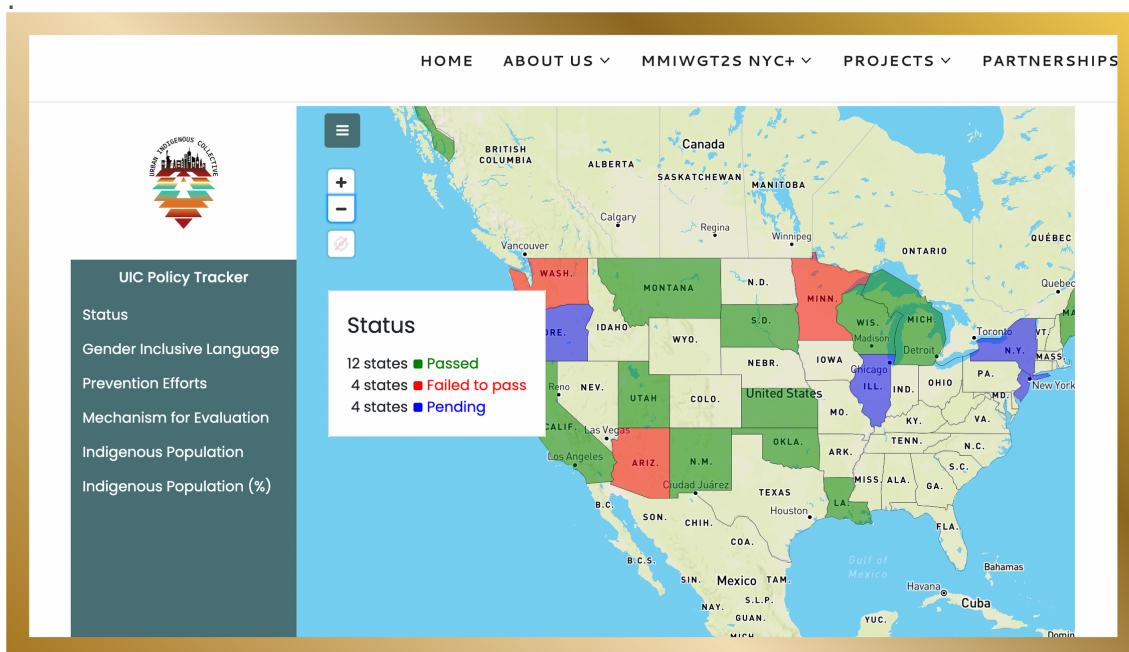
Despite the staggering number of Indigenous people living in New York City, the availability of accurate data and comprehensive resources specifically tailored to address the needs of those affected by the MMIWGT2S crisis remains woefully inadequate. Native communities grapple with systemic barriers, cultural biases, and historical injustices that impede their access to justice, support, and visibility. The urgency to bridge this gap in research, advocacy, and education is paramount, as countless lives are at stake and the voices of Indigenous women, girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit individuals deserve to be heard and their stories told. UIC's MMWIGT2S NYC+ initiative strives to fill this void by amplifying the voices of those affected, advocating for policy reforms, and providing vital support to Native communities in New York City. Through collaborative efforts with local organizations, tribal leaders, and community members, UIC aims to raise awareness, foster dialogue, and effect lasting change in the pursuit of justice, healing, and the prevention of future tragedies. The three pillars to our MMIWGT2S program are: research, advocacy, and community.

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RESEARCH

The research component of this project encompasses our database, which tracks MMIWGT2S cases through community reports as well as responses to our Freedom of Information law requests in various states on the East Coast, and spans across colonial borders. Our database is routinely updated with cases, whether or not they are tracked by police, and logs the data, or lack thereof, on MMIWGT2S cases. This data pertains to survivors, perpetrators, instances of violence, police and court response, location, and the analysis of the submission and responses to the FOIA requests we make.



ADVOCACY

The advocacy pillar of our program maintains our MMIWGT2S Policy Tracker, which provides an overview of the current state of legislation and policy introduced or implemented to address the MMIWGT2S crisis across the nation, as well as a rating of each policy. This information is available publicly on our website in an easily navigated spreadsheet.



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COMMUNITY

The community pillar of this project works to connect with relatives and survivors of the MMIWGT2S crisis to listen to and honor the memory of our missing relatives through documentation in the database. The advocacy pillar of our program maintains our [MMIWGT2S Policy Tracker](#), which provides an overview of the current state of legislation and policy introduced or implemented to address the MMIWGT2S crisis across the nation, as well as a rating of each policy.



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The community pillar of this project centers our MMIP task force, the task force works to connect with relatives and survivors of the MMIWGT2S crisis to listen to and honor the memory of our missing relatives through documentation into the MMIWGT2S database. The Task force guides the project, as we are able to follow the directives of direct survivors and community members otherwise personally affected by the MMIWGT2S crisis.

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HIGHLIGHTS OVERVIEW

Since October 2022, the MMIWGT2S NYC+ sought to outreach 17 local Tribes and ended up with 20 local tribal contacts. Outreach also extended to 26 Tribal Organizations about the work Urban Indigenous Collective has been doing on the FOIA/FOIL requests associated with the current status of East Coast Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and Two-Spirit folx in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.



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MMIWGT2S NYC+ DATABASE

The decision to utilize the Freedom of Information laws on the East Coast, specifically New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, request processes was to create a database concerning Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit People (MMIWGT2S NYC+). This effort is driven by our commitment to transparency, accountability, and the pursuit of justice.

By submitting a FOIL (NY), OPRA (NJ) or FOIA (CT) request, we aimed to access crucial information and data that would shed light on the extent of the MMIWGT2S crisis and its impact on Indigenous communities in New York City and beyond. This legal mechanism allowed us to begin to navigate the bureaucratic processes, obtain valuable insights, uncover systemic patterns, and empower us to hold relevant authorities accountable. Through the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests, we sought to empower our efforts in addressing the MMIWGT2S crisis by ensuring access to comprehensive and accurate data that can inform policy changes, support advocacy initiatives, and ultimately contribute to the safety and well-being of Indigenous communities. As of May 2023, we have submitted 114 FOIL, OPRA and FOIA requests.

MMIWGT2S NYC+ Database

UIC began requesting data under the NY Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), NJ Open Public Records Act (OPRA), and CT Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) on January 26, 2021 to public agencies in NY, NJ, and CT. These requests were sent to departments, including county sheriff's offices, state police departments, town clerks, and town police departments. UIC corresponded with these agencies through an online platform called Muckrock, a non-profit, collaborative news website, which provides original government materials.⁴ Public agencies can respond with requested documents directly on Muckrock and must acknowledge the request within 4 to 7 days, depending on the state (NY-5 days, NJ-7 days, CT-4 days). UIC requested 114 records from public agencies on all cases of missing American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) persons within each state. After reviewing UIC's Muckrock correspondence, most public agencies denied requests for access to records due to several different exceptions under each state's statutes. If an agency denies a requested document, UIC has the ability to appeal the decision based on each state's statutory deadlines.

DATA REQUESTS

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New York

UIC requested records of all cases on missing American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals in New York from sixty-two (62) public agencies. Seven (7) agencies answered with positive data. The remaining fifty-five (55) public agencies did not respond with data due to various reasons – four (4) agencies responded, but said no data exists in relation to the request, twenty-seven (27) agencies responded, but claimed to have no data, two (2) agencies responded, but said they did not sort records by race/ethnicity, six (6) agencies responded, but said they do not keep these records, nine (9) agencies did not respond, one (1) agency denied the request, claiming there was an error in the original FOIA Request, four (4) agencies did not respond because they were not found on Muckrock, and two (2) agencies responded, but denied the request for specific reasons, including records “not collected in a normal course of business.”



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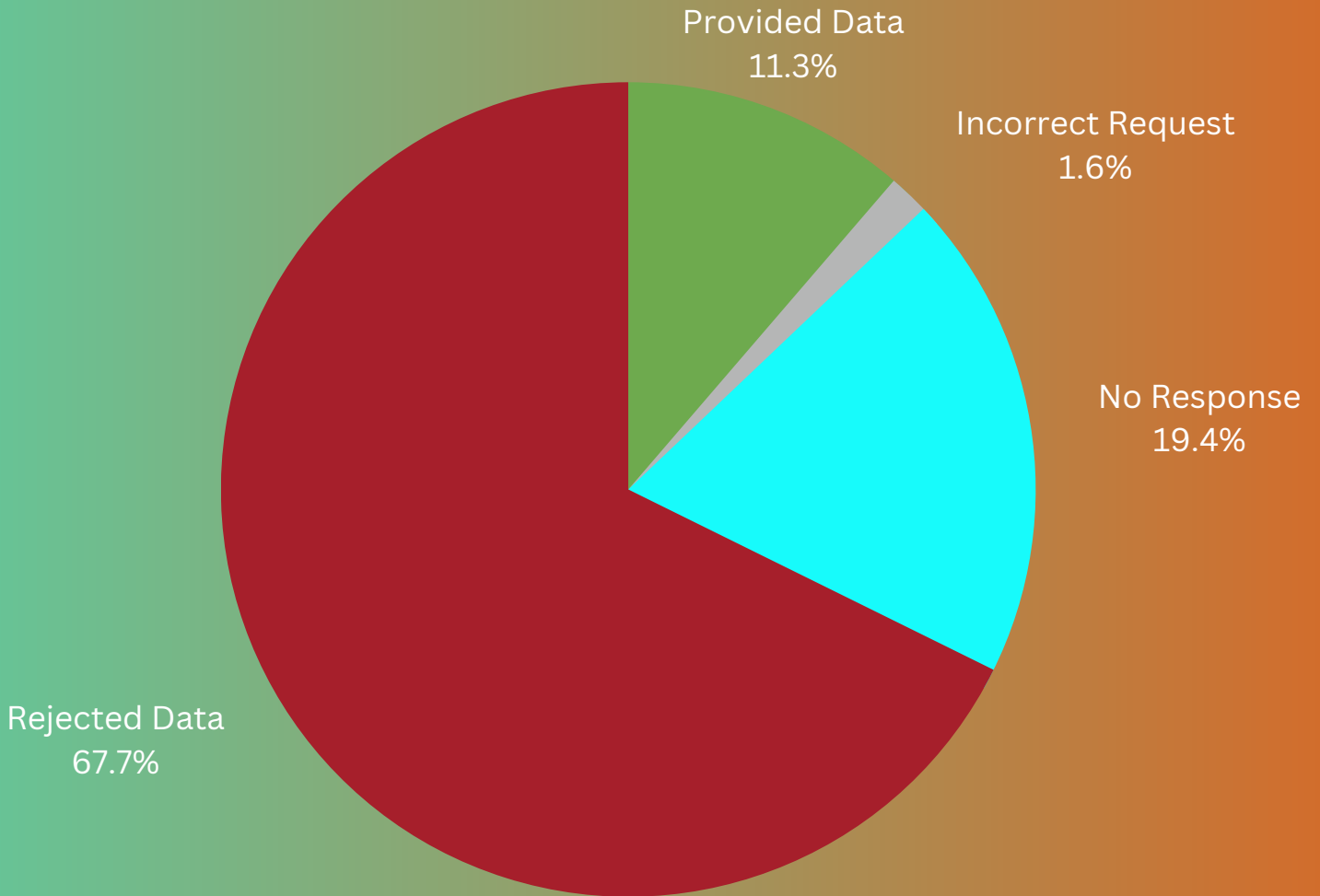
The NYPD, one of the largest agencies in New York, acknowledged and responded to the request within the required 5 day period, but denied the record, citing a FOIL provision of Public Officers Law, claiming that the request constituted an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We suspect that many of these public agencies either do not collect the disaggregated data requested, or made claims to deny producing records that UIC could have rightly appealed but cannot as the deadline has expired. One observation of this process is how resource intensive it is to engage in these bureaucratic processes. Some of these requests for disaggregated data may be successful in the future if reformulated to avoid reasons for denial.



Rejected Data
Provided Data
Incorrect Request
No Response

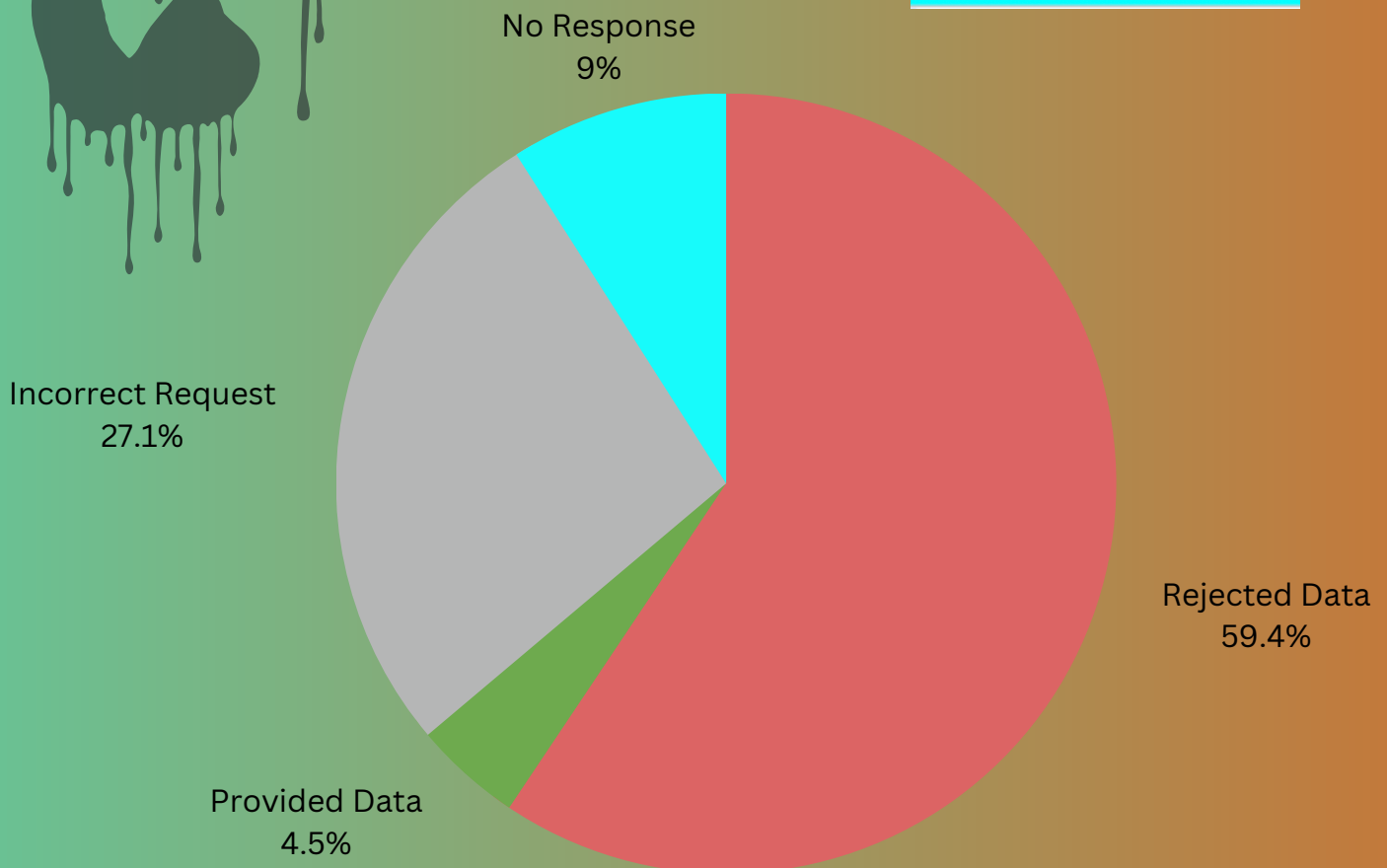


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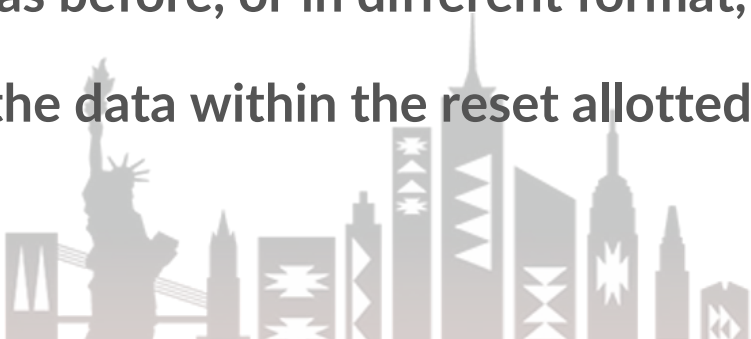
UIC requested records of all cases on missing AI/AN individuals in New Jersey from twenty-two (22) public agencies. No public agencies responded with positive data. The public agencies did not respond with data due to various reasons including, records not being kept and overly vague requests. For example, the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office stated that UIC requested records “without identifying specific government records”. The Cardozo team could not find relevant case law on the issue of submitting a duplicative OPRA request.





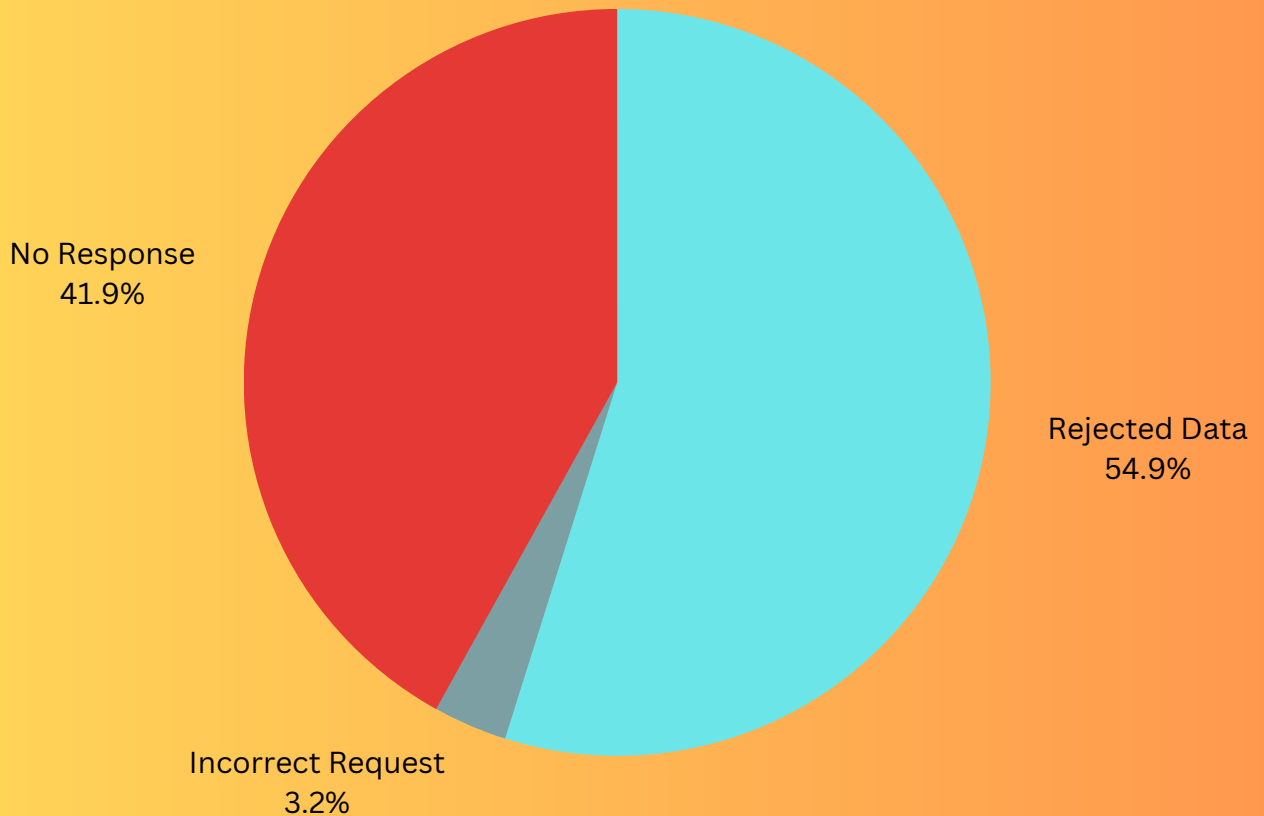
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UIC requested records of all cases on missing AI/AN individuals in Connecticut from thirty-one (31) public agencies. No public agencies responded with positive data. All public agencies responded but failed to provide the data requested due to various reasons, including: seeking information without identifying specific government records and contacting public agencies (mainly town clerks) that do not keep records on missing people. Furthermore, due to a gap of funding, UIC, due to change in staffing, missed the deadline to bring an appeal in Connecticut under Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act, and in lieu of the missed deadline must resubmit the inquiry in the same format as before, or in different format, with the aim of obtaining the data within the reset allotted time period.





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Policy Tracker

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MMIP TASK FORCE

After successfully engaging in outreach efforts within the tri-state area, UIC completed the recruitment process for additional members of the Taskforce in the first quarter of 2023. These new members include representatives who are survivors and family members of survivors and one member represents a local tribes Clan Mothers.

With the expanded Taskforce, UIC commenced official meetings to facilitate collaboration, information sharing, and strategic planning to address the issues surrounding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and Two-Spirit individuals (MMIWGT2S). The MMIP Outreach Manager serves as the MMIP Task Force Chair who hosts the quarterly meetings for the Taskforce and maintains the Taskforce applications and onboarding processes. After starting in October, the primary initiative was to expand the Taskforce, and by January we had recruited 2 new members.





MMIWGT2S NYC+ EAST COAST SUMMIT

The Taskforce officially met for the first time with its new members March 6th, and will meet next in June 2023, and then will meet again in Fall of 2023 in the September-October timeframe. These quarterly meetings provide a platform for Indigenous survivors of MMIWGT2S to actively contribute and shape the events and programming conducted by UIC. The Taskforce's invaluable insights and expertise serve as a guiding force in UIC's ongoing efforts to raise awareness, advocate for justice, and support affected communities.

This year, the Taskforce coordinated and co created an event for MMIP day of Remembrance, in lieu of May 5th National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Trans and Two Spirit Folx.

The voice of Chenea Bullock on the Taskforce also includes that of the local Shinnecock Clan Mothers, and their concerns in Lenapehoking as a Representative.

URBAN INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE **MMIP TASK FORCE**

The **MMIP Taskforce** consists of:

Sutton King, CoFounder of UIC, Menominee/Oneida, Survivor based in NYC

Dani Cranmer, MMIP Outreach Consultant and Taskforce Chair and Acjachemem/Yaqui/Sonoran Survivor based in PA and NJ

Chenea Bullock, Shinnecock, out of Georgia and NJ, Representing local Shinnecock Clan Mothers

Tammy Walking Stick Riley, Absent Member Shawnee and Lenape Descendant, Survivor, and located in PA

Jan Iverson, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Survivor is located in PA



PARTNERSHIPS

In partnership with Sovereign Bodies Institute (SBI), UIC met monthly with SBI who collect complementary data to our project on the west coast and in Canada. Throughout the project, UIC provides updates and receives feedback and guidance on the project from SBI.

In collaboration with Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School's Benjamin B. Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic (HRAPC) based out of New York City, UIC and the Cardozo Law students, under the guidance of Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum, and Visiting Research Scholar, Aideen Byrne, worked together to develop culturally appropriate materials to support in understanding the Freedom of Information laws in NY, NJ and CT request processes and analysis on the data that UIC had collected to date.

PARTNERSHIPS

During the course of the Collaboration between UIC and the HRAPC, the MMIP Outreach Consultant also supervised the Clinic students who followed up on law enforcement correspondence based on 120 previously submitted FOIL, OPRA, and FOIA requests about MMIWGT2S cases through Muckrock website. They categorized law enforcement agency responses to these requests into nine categories to better understand how agencies disaggregate data and keep records of MMIWGT2S cases. Lastly, they stored any cases received through the FOIL, OPRA, and FOIA requests in the UIC server.

PARTNERSHIPS

Materials created included:

- Freedom of Information Act Memo
 - This memorandum assesses Urban Indigenous Collective (UIC)'s process of requesting, following up, and collecting agency information on MMIP-related data and advises on what potential next steps in this process might be in light of these findings.
- Freedom of Information Act Brochure
 - The purpose of this brochure breaks down the Process of a FOIA Request clearly delineating the policies and logistics the requestor is held to within a specified timeframe
- Freedom of Information Act Presentation NY, NJ & CT
 - Implications Report with regards to the Data collected through the Muckrock System which was presented to the public via the MMIWGT2S+NYC East Coast MMIP State of Address.
- Analysis of UIC's Request Presentation
 - The analysis of UIC's Requests Presentation is a compilation of the data UIC requested in visual representation of pie charts for viewing ease composed of the status of the request into categories based on the responses to the Data Requests

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The UIC Community Advisory Board (CAB)

Is a diverse group of volunteers composed of Indigenous community leaders and champions living within the tri-state area.

Sovereign Bodies Institute

The MMIP Outreach Consultant leads monthly meetings with Sovereign Bodies Institute (SBI), who collects complementary data to our project on the west coast and in Canada. UIC provides updates and receives feedback and guidance on the project.

The Cardozo Law School Benjamin B Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocities Prevention Clinic

As part of the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR), the Benjamin B. Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention (HRAP) Clinic provides students with hands-on legal training under the supervision of clinical professors and faculty members. The Clinic adheres to the Institute's three-part strategy of preventing genocide and mass atrocities, recognizing that it implies protecting populations and rebuilding during and after crisis. The HRAP Clinic trains the next generation of human rights advocates while offering students the opportunity to make a difference.

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THE CARDOZO LAW SCHOOL

- **Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum, Associate Professor of Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Director of the Benjamin B. Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic and the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR)**
- **Aideen Byrne, Visiting Researcher Scholar at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law CLIHHR and HRAP Clinic**
- **Samantha Luring, second year student at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**
- **Ariella Omar, second-year student at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**

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Two Sigma Data Clinic

Two Sigma Data Clinic is a Core Team of Members committed to innovating technology and open sourced data and supporting social causes and humanitarian issues. Two Sigma's Data Clinic begins by bringing together key stakeholders in the design and creation process to understand the scope and details of a project. Next, Data Clinic assembles a volunteer team of Two Sigma data scientists, engineers, and project managers aligned with the skill sets and capabilities for an organization's project.

Overview: Two Sigma Data Clinic is a team of a Core Team of Members committed to innovating technology and open sourced data and supporting of social causes and humanitarian issues.

Engagement and Team: Two Sigma Data Clinic brings teams together to assess the viability of a data science or technology collaboration. Next, they assemble a volunteer team of Two Sigma data scientists, engineers, and project managers with the right skill sets and capabilities for your project.

Research and Development: Once they're aligned on scope, deliverables, format, and timing the project can get underway. Our engagement team works closely with you on a part-time basis over the course of the project to manage everything from discovery to delivery.

Results and Impact: While deliverables vary based on each engagement, one of Two Sigma core goals is to help our partners independently use data and technology more effectively and efficiently in their organizations.

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NIWRC

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center's mission is to provide national leadership to end violence against American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian women by supporting culturally grounded, grassroots advocacy. With a vision of restoration of sovereignty and safety for Native women, the NIWRC provides resources and advocacy for the safety of Native women. The NIWRC provides national leadership in ending gender-based violence in tribal communities by lifting up the collective voices of grassroots advocates and offering culturally grounded resources, technical assistance and training, and policy development to strengthen tribal sovereignty.



LENAPE CENTER

Lenape Center has the mission of continuing Lenapehoking, the Lenape homeland through community, culture, and the arts. Since 2009, Lenape Center is based in Manhattan and has been led by Lenape elders who have created programs, exhibitions, workshops, performances, symposia, land acknowledgment, and ceremonies to continue our Lenape presence in Lenapehoking. Lenape Center pushes back against Native erasure and seeds the ground with Lenape consciousness for the next generations. Lenape Center is working towards the creation of a physical culture center. The Lenape Center proudly acknowledges that the Lenape diaspora includes five federally recognized nations in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Ontario. Lenape Center does not speak for these nations and recognizes they have active thriving tribal governments that speak for themselves.



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NICHUSAK

("my women friends," in the Unami language) is a women-led working group composed of social activists, lawyers, and artists. The group was brought together by the Lenape Center in Spring 2021 to focus on the issues surrounding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) crisis in Lenapehoking. Nachusak's mission is to promote the safety and wellbeing of Indigenous peoples through policy advocacy, social engagement, and artistic expression. Nichusak collaborates and supports established advocacy and awareness efforts surrounding the MMIP crisis. The group works to meaningfully and substantively add to the existing conversations, spread awareness, advocate, and educate the public on the MMIP crisis. Nichusak works on restorative justice with a focus on the prevention of MMIP and its consequences for families, communities, and society



Strong Hearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts has become a lifeline to Native American and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic and sexual violence by offering a culturally-appropriate, anonymous and confidential service available 24/7 nationwide. By calling or texting 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483), or chatting online at strongheartshelpline.org: survivors, family, friends and partners questioning their own behavior can connect with StrongHearts advocates who provide support and advocacy including: Crisis intervention, Assistance with safety planning, Domestic violence education and information, Referrals to Native-centered domestic violence and sexual violence service providers, Basic information about health options, Support finding a local health facility or crisis center trained in the care of sexual assault survivors and forensic exams, and general information about jurisdiction and legal advocacy referrals.



MMIWGT2S STAFF

Sutton King, MPH, Co-Founder, Co-Director | Menominee/Oneida

Ariel Richer, PhD, LMSW, Co-Founder, Co-Director | Venezuela/Trinidad & Tobago.

Danielle Cranmer, MMIP Outreach Consultant | Acjachemem Tribal Member, Lobo Family *Ishwut Kuktum* (Wolf Clan), Sonoran, and Yaqui descendant

Austin Serio, IT Manager | Chicoran Shakori

Delfina Roybal, Communications Manager | Diné

Miah McCarthy, Visual Design and Media Manager | Diné

Teddi Mattox, Research & Policy Associate | Saponi-Catawba

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED & PUBLIC EVENTS OUTREACH

Our outreach efforts at UIC have extended far and wide, connecting with various communities and organizations dedicated to addressing the MMIP crisis. We have actively engaged with the entire Internet MMIP community, collaborating with MMIP East Coast, MMIP NJ, DE, PA, as well as numerous social platform groups focused on disseminating vital information about MMIP issues across Canada, Mexico, Central US, and West Coast MMIP groups. Through these collaborations, we have reached countless



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MMIP-impacted families nationwide, providing them with access to essential support and resources through referral and linkage to culturally competent support services such as Stronghearts Native Helpline, Sovereign Bodies Institute, the NIWRC, Lenape Center and Nachusak on the East Coast. Additionally, cross-walking West Coast, Canadians, and others to like or similar resources in their territory or region. Finally, in offering to assist Tribal Members to reconnect with their own Tribal governments, or advocating or brokering for those connections where-in MMIP status requires advocacy or assistance is needed to connect to resources to assist Tribal Members to address jurisdictional issues related to MMIP status.

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URBAN INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE **SOCIAL MEDIA**

To expand our reach and ensure accessibility, UIC has leveraged its social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, to live-stream our conference series. This approach has allowed us to engage with a broader audience and create new potential partnerships. One such collaboration is with the MMIW and Every Child Matters Memorial Groves, spearheaded by Lora Bennitt Delmage, who selected UIC as a beneficiary of funds donated to the Grove. This partnership has opened doors for shared initiatives and increased impact in our collective efforts.

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LISTSERV

In addition to digital outreach, we have maintained regular contact with the UIC database of signees, consisting of 609 individuals who volunteered to receive updates on our work and programming. Through our listserv, we have kept our supporters informed and engaged, ensuring they are part of the ongoing dialogue and activities of UIC.

Tribes and Native Organizations

Recognizing the importance of engaging with local tribes and Native organizations, we have reached out to and established connections with 20 local tribes and 26 Native organizations from October 2022 to May 2023. These collaborations have allowed us to tap into their expertise and guidance, fostering a collective approach to addressing the MMIW crisis.

Furthermore, we have liaised with esteemed institutions and agencies such as Cardozo Law School Human Atrocities Clinic, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Sovereign Bodies Institute, StrongHearts Native Helpline, Lenape Center, and Nachusak (Lenape Center's MMIP arm). Through these connections, we have shared crucial information and resources while also identifying opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

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NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

The following are Native Organizations with whom we have outreached: Sovereign Bodies Institute, StrongHearts Native Helpline, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Red Feather's Legacy, The MMIW Memorial Grove, Lenape Center, Nachusak, Native American and Indigenous Student Group at NYU, NYU Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), Native American and Indigenous Students at Cornell (NAISAC), The Indigenous Graduate Student Association (IGSA) at Cornell, Cornell Law School's Native American Law Student Association (NALSA), Indigenous Students at Syracuse, North American Indigenous Center of New York, Native American Community Services, American Indian Community House, Native and Indigenous Peoples Student Association (NAIA) at Furman University, Rutgers Native American Cultural Association (RU Indigenous Turtle Island Club), Princeton Indigenous Advocacy Coalition, NAISA- Native American and Indigenous Students Association at UConn, Native and Indigenous Student Association at Yale, Indigenous Student Union at Quinnipiac University, Institute for American Indian Studies, Connecticut/Rhode Island Indian Council, Nipmuc Indian Association of Connecticut, Inc.

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TRIBES

The Following are Tribes with whom we have conducted outreach: Cayuga Nation of Indians, Oneida Indian Nation, Onondaga Nation, St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians, Seneca Nation, Tonawanda Band of Senecas, Shinnecock Nation, Unkechaug Nation, Tuscarora Nation, Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation, Ramapough Lenape Nation, The Powhatan Renape Nation, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, The Golden Hill Paugussett, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, Mohegan Tribe, Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, and The Tribal Council of the Siwanoy Nation.

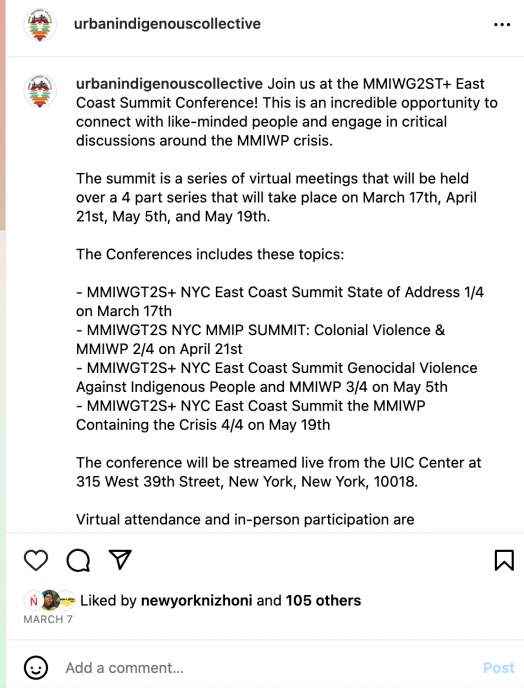


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MEDIA

Our outreach efforts have extended beyond organizational networks and academic circles. We have engaged with various media outlets, including Wired Magazine, Columbia University, and Cardozo Law School, through interviews and through media advisories. We successfully sent media advisory to 610 distinct media contacts. These interactions have allowed us to amplify the voices and stories of those affected by the MMIW crisis, raising public awareness and generating informed discussions on this urgent issue.



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MMIWGT2S NYC+ MURAL

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One of the significant milestones for UIC's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit People (MMWIGT2S NYC+) project was the creation of a powerful mural that served as a visual representation and honoring those who have been impacted by this crisis. In collaboration with Start Today, a division of Colossal Media, we had the privilege to bring this mural to life in November 2021. From its installation in November 2021 until the spring of 2022, the mural stood as a poignant reminder of the ongoing struggle faced by missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit individuals.



URBAN INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE **MMIWGT2S NYC+** **MURAL**

The artwork for the mural was specially designed for us by the talented artist Eloy Bida. The mural prominently featured our project's visual representation, capturing the essence of MMIWGT2S NYC+ and the voices we aim to amplify. Adjacent to the artwork, a QR code was incorporated, providing a seamless link to our MMIP landing page. This landing page served as a gateway to essential information about our database, policy tracker, and available resources for those seeking support or wanting to contribute to our cause.



MMIWGT2S NYC+ MURAL

The mural was not only a tribute to the MMIWGT2S NYC+ project, but it also held a profound personal significance. It was dedicated to the memory of Ingrid Washinawatok, a relative of UIC Co-Founder Sutton King, who was tragically murdered in 1999. Ingrid lived in Brooklyn and was a tireless defender of Indigenous rights, and her legacy of advocacy and resilience inspired our work. As a way to honor her and her enduring spirit, we held a blanket ceremony that included her husband and son.

This ceremony served as a powerful symbol of remembrance, healing, and solidarity with the families and communities impacted by the MMIWGT2S crisis.

MMIWGT2S NYC+ MURAL

Being located in Brooklyn, a neighborhood renowned for its vibrant street art scene, our mural garnered significant attention and engagement. Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals passing by were captivated by the powerful imagery and were compelled to learn more about the MMIWGT2S crisis.



MMIWGT2S NYC+ MURAL

The location of the mural at 41 White Street ensured substantial foot traffic and visibility. As people walked the bustling streets of Brooklyn, they encountered our mural and were compelled to pause, reflect, and inquire further about the MMIWGT2S crisis. The mural's strategic placement allowed us to effectively reach and educate a wide range of individuals, bridging the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and promoting dialogue and understanding.

MMIWGT2S NYC+ EAST COAST SUMMIT

UIC hosted its first ever annual MMIWG2ST+NYC East Coast MMIP Summit Conference which was made up of four parts on MMIP Crises for East Coast Territories namely NY, CT, NJ, and PA . The purpose of this summit was to publicize UIC's MMIP work implications, and findings via a MMIP State of Address which included public service announcements on the FOIA and FOIL processes as it pertains to the MMIP Crisis in the East Coast.

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Topics included in the Conference included the State of Address of UIC's status as a Data Requester of MMIP Data on the East Coast, to provide education and discussion on the Root Causes of the MMIP Crisis, to Honor the Missing and Murdered, to elevate MMIP Survivor's Voices, and to create an open public forum for all Indigenous people in the East Coast regarding the MMIP Crisis and to use Kinship Community to share MMIP materials and content to raise awareness to the Crisis, while also contributing to a compilation and sharing of resources for Indigenous Peoples in the East Coast through our partnerships. In total, the summit had 238 attendees.

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- Provided education and discussion on the Root Causes of the MMIP Crisis
- Honored the Lost Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
- Elavated MMIP Survivor's Voices
- Created an open public forum for all Indigenous people in the East Coast regarding the MMIP Crisis
- Created Kinship Community to share MMIP materials and content to raise awareness to the Crisis

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Series one was titled, MMIWG2ST+ NYC East Coast Summit MMIP State of Address, held March 17th, 2023. Series one had 78 registrants via Eventbrite, of which 20 were live attendees and 58 were virtual. Speakers included Sutton King, Co-Founder of UIC, Dani Cranmer, MMIP Outreach Manager of UIC, Annita Lucchesi of Sovereign Bodies Institute, Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum, Cardozo School of Law CLIHHR and HRAP Clinic Director, and Samantha Luring and Ariella Omar, with the supervision and support of Aideen Byrne, Visiting Research Scholar at the Cardozo Law School Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic, Series one aimed to assess the level of public and Tribal Organizations' interest within NYC, CT, NJ, PA regarding UIC's MMIWG2ST+ Program and Task Force.



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Series two titled, “MMIWGT2S NYC+ East Coast Summit MMIP Root Causes”, was a Virtual Conference held on April 21st, 2023. Series two was virtual and live-streamed, 52 tickets were sold and all 52 were in virtual attendance. Speakers included, Austin Serio of UIC on the Shakori Chicoran Tribe and the effects of Colonial Violence, and Caroline LaPorte from Nichusak, Lenape Center, and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, the Cardozo Students Ariella Omar and Samantha Luring presented the Muckrock Data.

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The purpose of series two was to discuss Genocidal Conditions and Colonial Violence and the relation to MMIWP: Together we discussed the harms and risks which make Indigenous People and Tribes vulnerable to MMIWP. How Genocidal Conditions and Inter and multigenerational Trauma create the dynamics that target Indigenous people and create the conditions which lend to MMIWP Crisis.





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In series two we provided an introduction to MMIWG2ST+ programming and discussed the aim and purpose of the MMIWG2ST+ Taskforce. The session delved into the topic of Colonial Violence, offering a historical perspective on the violence endured by the Chicoran Shakori Tribe. We also explored the impacts of colonial violence on tribal members and communities, including the associated harms and risks such as suicide, substance abuse, mental health issues, and generational trauma, which contribute to the susceptibility to MMIP. Moreover, we defined the MMIWG2ST+ Crisis and emphasized the significance of Colonial Violence against Indigenous People as an ongoing contributor to the MMIP Crisis. UIC leadership engaged in a discussion on the risks associated with colonial violence, which created the dynamics for MMIP susceptibilities. Lastly, we facilitated a dialogue with the audience, allowing them to share the effects of inter- and multi-generational trauma in their own communities.

MMIWGT2S NYC+ East Coast Summit MMIP Honor Vigil and Ceremony, Series 3

Series three, titled "MMIWP Honor Vigil and Ceremony," was a virtual and live-streamed event held on May 5th the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. We were able to register 52 individuals with 38 attendees joining virtually and 14 attending live through Eventbrite tickets. By the end of the Vigil, the live attendance had increased to approximately 30 individuals.

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MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	3/17/23 9:00 PM	Live Admission	\$0.00	20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	3/17/23 9:00 PM	Virtual Ticket	\$0.00	58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	4/21/23 3:00 PM	Virtual Ticket	\$0.00	51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	4/21/23 3:00 PM	Live Admission	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	5/5/23 10:00 PM	Live Admission	\$0.00	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	5/5/23 10:00 PM	Virtual Ticket	\$0.00	38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	5/18/23 9:00 PM	Virtual Ticket	\$0.00	42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MMIWGT2S+ East Coast Summit	5/18/23 9:00 PM	Live Admission	\$0.00	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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The primary focus of Series three was to honor and remember the lives affected by the MMIWG2ST+ crisis. Despite the unfortunate turn of events where the mural dedicated to the MMWIGT2S NYC+ project was painted over without consultation, our commitment at UIC to honoring the lives affected by the MMIWGT2S crisis remained. The erasure of this visual representation only reinforced the urgency and significance of our work, given the ongoing data erasure. We made a powerful decision to hold our vigil for the National Day of Awareness in front of the mural's remnants, reclaiming the space as a testament to the resilience of Indigenous communities. This act served as a reminder that our voices will not be silenced, despite attempts to erase our existence. The profound impact of the mural, even in its altered state, symbolized the challenges we face in raising awareness and combating the erasure and marginalization of Indigenous peoples. Its absence became a metaphor for the erasure and invisibility experienced by missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit individuals, inspiring us to continue advocating for justice, support, and change.

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The event began with the introduction of the MMIWG2ST+ Taskforce, inviting survivors to participate actively in the task force's efforts. Throughout Series 3, we delved into the harms and risks associated with colonial violence, specifically highlighting the genocidal violence perpetrated against Indigenous people. Recognizing the importance of protection against MMIWP, we discussed the cultivation of protective factors within Indigenous individuals and communities. We emphasized the urgent need for health equity, social and economic justice to combat the systemic conditions that contribute to the MMIWG2ST+ crisis. Additionally, we addressed the necessity of culturally responsive support services and advocated for associated legislative actions to ensure comprehensive support for those affected.

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During the event, we introduced the Red Feather Alert System, an initiative aimed at enhancing the safety and well-being of Indigenous communities. We also stressed the importance of appropriate data collection, aligning with the Calls to Action, to improve understanding and response to the crisis. As Series 3 drew to a close, we provided a debrief and offered closing commentary on the discussions and insights shared throughout the event.

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MMIP Focus Group and Forum, Series Four

MMIWP East Coast Focus Group, provided a platform for in-depth discussions on the MMIWP crisis in Lenapehoking. The event was held on May 19th and welcomed contributions from associated experts, groups, organizations, tribes, tribal members, and Indigenous individuals interested in learning more and contributing to the conversation about the real dynamics associated with MMIWP in our homes, families, and communities. The series format was a focus group specifically dedicated to exploring the MMIWP crisis in NYC, as well as a debriefing session and an introduction to kinship community resources.



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SERIES FOUR

The objective of the Focus Group was to gain a better understanding of MMIWP in Lenapehoking and to identify and discuss the dynamics that intensify or mitigate the associated risks. Expert speakers shared insights on gender-specific violence, focusing on MMIWGT2S+: DV, IPV, and safety for Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals. Following Series 4, after UIC processes the the closure of the MMIP season, an email will be devised to send to all 238 Ticket Registrants, plus the 609 contacts from the UIC Listserv, that includes a thank you and thoughts of appreciation for time and consideration to UIC's MMIP Crisis Summit Conference in the East Coast, and it will provide a retrospective look at the series, include the Call to Action, the Final Report, and a compilation of the Shared Kinship Resources gathered throughout the planning of the MMIP conference along with the link to the survey requesting their participation

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Focus Group Approach

The focus group was a qualitative investigation into the history of MMIWGT2S in Lenapehoking on May 19th, 2023. This focus group was held as a part of the Series 4 Summit Conference. A hybrid environment Live Streaming, Zoom Conference, and Live format at once, sought to make the Conference highly accessible to the public. A specially devised electronic invitation was sent to 20 local tribes, and 26 Indigenous organizations, and customized marketing materials designed to invite viewers and followers to participate were promoted via Urban Indigenous Collective and Partners' Social Media outlets such as Instagram, Facebook, Youtube and materials were made for TikTok. A survey was produced and electronically circulated to participants.



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The Survey

The Survey seeks to identify risk areas associated with gender-based violence against indigenous women, two spirits, and relatives, and indigenous people, and to identify trafficking and victimhood thereof, Indigenous women, girls, trans, and two spirits. The Survey seeks to obtain demographics such as name, age, zip code, housing status, and included victim status within the last 6 months, and the presence or exclusion of sex and or labor trafficking. We intend to continue to circulate this survey, or a form of it, to assess MMIP-related dynamics among the indigenous population within our network capacity in hope that it will be beneficial to defining the East MMIP Crisis.





SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

To provide an analysis of our social media performance from recent MMIP Summits across all platforms, namely Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and Twitter. This report will outline our reach, likes/interactions, and followers count for each platform.

Engagement Overview

Platform	Reach / Impressions	Likes / Interactions	Followers
Instagram	7,623	1,937	11,300
Facebook	1,711	238	4,900
TikTok	333,800	30,738	1,808
Twitter	1,257 (Impressions)	56 (Engagement)	641

Social Media Posts



Links to Content

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ENGAGEMENT ANALYSIS

Instagram

We have the highest number of followers on Instagram at 11,300.

A good proportion of followers engaged with our content with 1,937 likes.

Reach of 7,623 suggests we've managed to extend beyond our follower base, attracting new attention.

Top locations

New York; 15.2%

Los Angeles; 2.2%

Chicago; 1.3%

Portland; 1.3%

Seattle; 1.2%

Age range:

13-17; 1%

18-24; 12.2%

25-34; 41.4%

34-44; 28.8%

45-54; 11%

55-64; 2.9%

65+ ; 2.4%

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Facebook

Despite lower reach (1,711) and fewer followers (4,900), the platform still contributed positively to our visibility.

Likes/Interactions are comparatively lower with 238 engagements.

TikTok

Our reach on TikTok is exceptional, standing at 333,800.

We received a significant number of likes at 30,738, despite having a relatively smaller follower count (1,713).

This suggests that our content resonates with TikTok users, offering a valuable opportunity for growth and engagement.

Twitter

While our Twitter following is the smallest (641 followers), and impressions being relatively low at 1,257, it is important to continue building our presence here.

Engagement was comparatively lower with 56 interactions.



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CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATIONS, NEXT STEPS, AND CALL TO ACTION

In conclusion, the MMIWGT2S NYC+ Final Report highlights the comprehensive efforts undertaken by UIC to address the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Trans and Two-Spirit People (MMIWGT2S) in the New York City area. This Report reviews activities of UIC FOIL, OPRA, and FOIA and MuckRock Data Request Process, as well as highlights outreach efforts to Indigenous people in the East Coast and beyond to engage Native tribes and Tribal Organizations in NYC, CT, NJ, and PA, and some of our Collaborative Partnerships across the Eastern half of Turtle Island in this past year. One of the special activities we did was to create UIC's first ever East Coast MMIP Summit Conference. This series of events helped to create a public forum for MMIP Issues in the East Coast, and helped us to disseminate informational sessions aimed to address the MMIP Crisis in the East Coast. We are hoping the Summit Conference will become funded and supported for an annual conference that UIC will produce to share our work and findings across Indian Country. We also worked hard together to create content to disseminate with regards to MMIP Awareness in the East Coast.



CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATIONS, NEXT STEPS, AND CALL TO ACTION

This final section will review recommendations and next steps, specific to the processing of the implications of findings, and our Data Request Data and will produce subject matter expert recommendations to address the MMIP Crisis in Lenapehoking, and on Turtle Island.

This part will include our call to action for 2022-2023 years, and recommendations for next steps in addressing the MMIP Crisis in the East Coast.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is crucial for UIC to prioritize and advocate for the collection of data by agencies. The absence of data highlights the significance of mandating data collection, reinforcing the need for accurate data collection to prevent the occurrence of data genocide. Therefore, UIC recommends the following.

- **Securing Multi-Year Funding:** Given the missed deadline in Connecticut, UIC recognizes the importance of securing multi-year funding to support ongoing efforts and ensure the availability of resources necessary to manage FOIA-related deadlines and processes effectively. By securing stable funding, UIC can enhance its capacity to advocate, navigate legal procedures, and continue the fight against the erasure of data and the MMIWP Crisis.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

- **Engage with Tribal Nations:** UIC will actively engage with tribal nations and Indigenous communities to understand their specific needs, challenges, and cultural contexts related to MMIWP. By including their voices and perspectives, UIC can develop more effective strategies and interventions that are rooted in cultural sensitivity and community empowerment.
- **Advocate for Data Collection Standards:** UIC will advocate for the establishment of standardized data collection protocols and guidelines across law enforcement agencies, social services, and other relevant institutions. This can help ensure consistent and accurate data collection practices, including the classification of race and gender, to better understand and address the violence against AI/AN individuals.

Recommendations and Next Steps

- **Expand Database:** UIC aims to expand their database now that they have an established Taskforce. They will continue sending FOIA requests, focusing on New Jersey and Connecticut after exploring options in New York. Efforts will be concentrated on gathering accurate data on trans and Two-Spirit individuals, who are often overlooked in studies and data on MMIWGT2S.
- **Explore FOIL/OPRA/FOIA Options:** UIC will consider different approaches in navigating the FOIL/OPRA/FOIA processes in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. While duplicative requests may face barriers in New York and New Jersey, Connecticut seems to have a more open approach. However, it is important to acknowledge that the process may be arduous, potentially leading to appeals and litigation if agencies deny requests.
- **Research Public Databases:** UIC will continue researching public databases pertaining to missing and murdered AI/AN individuals. This exploration aims to identify any available information that could be acquired without relying solely on requests to public agencies through platforms like Muckrock.

Recommendations and Next Steps

- Formulate New Data Acquisition Questions:
UIC will consider formulating new and specific questions to acquire data on murdered AI/AN individuals. By tailoring the inquiries, UIC can gather more comprehensive and detailed information to address the crisis effectively.



Recommendations and Next Steps

- **Educational Campaign and Public Awareness:** UIC will develop educational campaign and public awareness initiatives to raise awareness about MMIWP and its underlying causes. This will include workshops, community forums, media campaigns, and educational materials targeting law enforcement, service providers, policymakers, and the general public. Increasing public awareness is crucial for building support, mobilizing resources, and fostering a collective commitment to addressing the MMIP Crisis, and therefore, we intend to annualize our MMIP Summit Conference to add critical core infrastructure to the MMIP Crisis Reconciliation Process for Natives in the East Coast; as a forerunner of MMIP on the East Coast, and with expansion of the MMIP Programming, UIC can provide consultation and provide training on MMIP root causes and interventions and even hopefully provide technical assistance towards reconciling or mitigating MMIP Crisis dynamics for Indigenous people and communities in the foreseen future.

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- **Implement Harm Reduction Strategies:** In light of the ongoing MMIWP Crisis and the urgent need for intervention, UIC will prioritize not only understanding and defining the crisis, but also implementing harm reduction strategies. This approach will help contain the crisis and enable effective interventions to safeguard the lives and well-being of AI/AN individuals.
- **Policy Tracker:** UIC aims to expand the Policy tracker to include Every Child Matters or the Residential School Legislation because Boarding School Children/Survivors are also MMIP, to begin to monitor ICWA legislation if it is deregulated on the Federal level, and is to become state-based, monitor the states in the East Coast as it pertains to Indigenous people, and finally, to include any legislation on implementation of Missing or Murdered Alert Systems for Indigenous People, or “Red Feather Alert Systems” if and as they unfold in states across the East Coast.
- **Engage with State Representatives:** In the first year of the MMIWGT2S NYC+ project, UIC reached out to all 63 State Representatives in New York State via email, seeking their support in addressing the MMIWGT2S crisis. However, no responses were received. Moving forward, UIC will expand its outreach to State Representatives in Lenapehoking, starting with New Jersey and Connecticut. The goal is to engage policymakers across the East Coast and advocate for necessary policy changes to address the ongoing crisis.

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Recommendations Cont.

By taking these recommendations into consideration, UIC can play a significant role in advocating for data collection, addressing data gaps, and implementing proactive measures to combat the MMIWP Crisis. Through the research MMIWGT2S NYC+ has so far enabled us to undertake, we have found that many law enforcement agencies do not track race, and some that do track race have racially misclassified victims. Indigenous women are subject to some of the highest rates of violence, and without the classification of their race, there is no way to quantify the full scope of that violence. UIC proposes three major recommendations based on these findings:

First, there needs to be accountability by law enforcement as they gather and file data about their cases. They are generally the first ones on the scene in the case of a missing or murdered person, and collecting the proper information to classify, and identify, that person is a crucial process. There is no way we will fully be able to track and understand the scope of violence against Indigenous women if law enforcement does not track race.

Recommendations Cont.

Second, a statewide MMIWGT2S Taskforce should be created in Lenapehoking in each of the three states. There is a very large Indigenous population in New York and very little data on MMIWGT2S, such that a targeted Taskforce that centers voices of family and survivors through their direct involvement on the taskforce, is essential to bring awareness to, and to address, this issue that affects a proportionally large section of the state's population.

Third, lawmakers in Lenapehoking need to enact policy condemning and fighting MMIWGT2S, in order to follow and even surpass the steps taken by lawmakers on the West Coast. Specifically, we recommend introducing policy that mandates training for law enforcement, social workers, and employees at high traffic businesses such as bartenders, hotel staff, and flight attendants, to be trained on how to identify trafficking and sexual assault within Indigenous communities. Concurrently, we recommend that the policy redirects funds from police and law enforcement to community training, mental health services,

Social Media

Our TikTok platform showed remarkable reach and engagement, suggesting it's a promising platform for future MMIP Summits promotions. Instagram, while not reaching as far, has a highly engaged follower base. Continued work on this platform should retain this strong community.

Facebook and Twitter, while currently less impactful, are valuable platforms for different demographics such as elders in the community.

Strategic content tailoring might help in increasing engagement here, like larger text size.

Continued cross-platform strategy will help us maximize reach and maintain contact with our diverse community.

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MMIWGT2S NYC+ East Coast Summit Call to Action

This Call to Action is in response to a year long review and response to 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years with consideration given to the issue of MMIP in Canada and in the West Coast and South American MMIP Crisis as it unfolds in visibility in conjunction with the Not Invisible Act, Savannah's Act, and considers the most dire of issues facing Native Americans today including active genocidal conditions, colonial violence, and it's perpetuation of discriminatory practices through the educational, legal, judiciary, mental health, law enforcement, adult and children's systems of care, victim services, human and sex trafficking fields, and in accordance with human rights, safety for Indigenous People and Communities, and Indigenous victims of violence, data sovereignty, data collection, data genocide, and processes of white-washing of Indigenous people. The Call to Action aims to mitigate and interrupt dynamics leading to harm and risks associated to, and with, MMIP Status.





CALL TO ACTION

1. Implement Red Feather Emergency Alert System for Missing Indigenous Persons that is Scalable and Replicable in each state on the East Coast thus changing visibility of Missing Persons cases, and proliferating Bolos in accordance with such cases effectively across states in the East Coast to include NamUs, and BIA updates to include Indigenous people of any recognition status.

Call to Action

2. Legislature on Race Identification in Race Categories required across Agencies, Organizations, Departments, all state and county and private sector programs, all educational, law enforcement institutions, all judicial systems, the children's system of care and adult systems of care, to include Protective Services, Victims Services, Mental Health Services, regardless of Blood Quantum and to include: Federally and State Recognized Tribes, as well as Non-Recognized Tribes, and Central and South American indigenous populations, as well as self-identifying Indigenous peoples of indigenous lineal descent, for accurate Data Collection from 576 Recognized Tribes and 400+ Unrecognized Tribes across the United States, and the Americas. Thus, ending the Data Genocide and White-Washing of Indigenous Peoples Data, as such required to collect real and accurate data on all Indigenous people.



Call to Action

3. Include Every Child Matters into MMIP Considerations: Database and registry of Boarding School Identified Remains of MMIP Relatives tracking and following Policy & Legislation, combat burden of Identification of Remains from negatively affecting Indigenous Peoples and Communities; Government should be responsible for cost of burden of Identification of Human Remains to be returned to Tribes, and Tribal Members, and Families without cost burden of identification to them as victims of Genocidal Conditions and Forced Removals.

4. A Truth, Healing, and Reconciliations Commission to include: Federally and State Recognized Tribes, as well as Non-Recognized Tribes, and to include Central and South American indigenous populations, and self-identifying Indigenous peoples with lineal descent from Tribes of the Americas.

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CALL TO ACTION CONT.

5. TERMINATE data Genocide Practices, End WhiteWashing of the Data, and End Paper Genocide against Indigenous Peoples and communities Effective IMMEDIATELY. End Outlier Data Practices on Smaller subset Races. Have a “No Human subject population too small as a Data Outlier” Policy. Maintain subset data and status on other-than-federally recognized tribes and peoples.

6. Expand BIA and Specifically, Missing and Murdered Funding Federally to Supports Triaging Missing and Murdered Crises and Cases on State levels and to field interventions with culturally competent supports accordingly.

7. Ensure culturally responsible/competent interventions and resources for community supports and interventions to identified Harm & Risk Domains associated with MMIP Crises addressing Health Equity, Social & Economic Equity & Justice irrespective of Federal and or State Recognition, indigeneity recognized and evidenced by lineal descent alone

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8. Intervene on Children's System of Care and end further forced removals and use ICWA to ensure and include culturally specific interventions irrespective of Recognition Status of Tribe.
9. Advocate for Biological Rights for Native American People to not only Exist/Survive but to Thrive Socially and Economically; Geneva Conventions: Articles 2 & 6; e.g. End Blood Quantum Laws associated with the termination of American Indian tribes through the discriminatory practices of Blood Quantum Laws.
10. Educate Indigenous People and Communities of effects of Inter and Multigenerational Trauma, Genocidal Violence, and Colonial Violence, highlight Decolonization. Additionally, End Violence against Native Americans and cultivate Protective Factors in Native People and Communities.



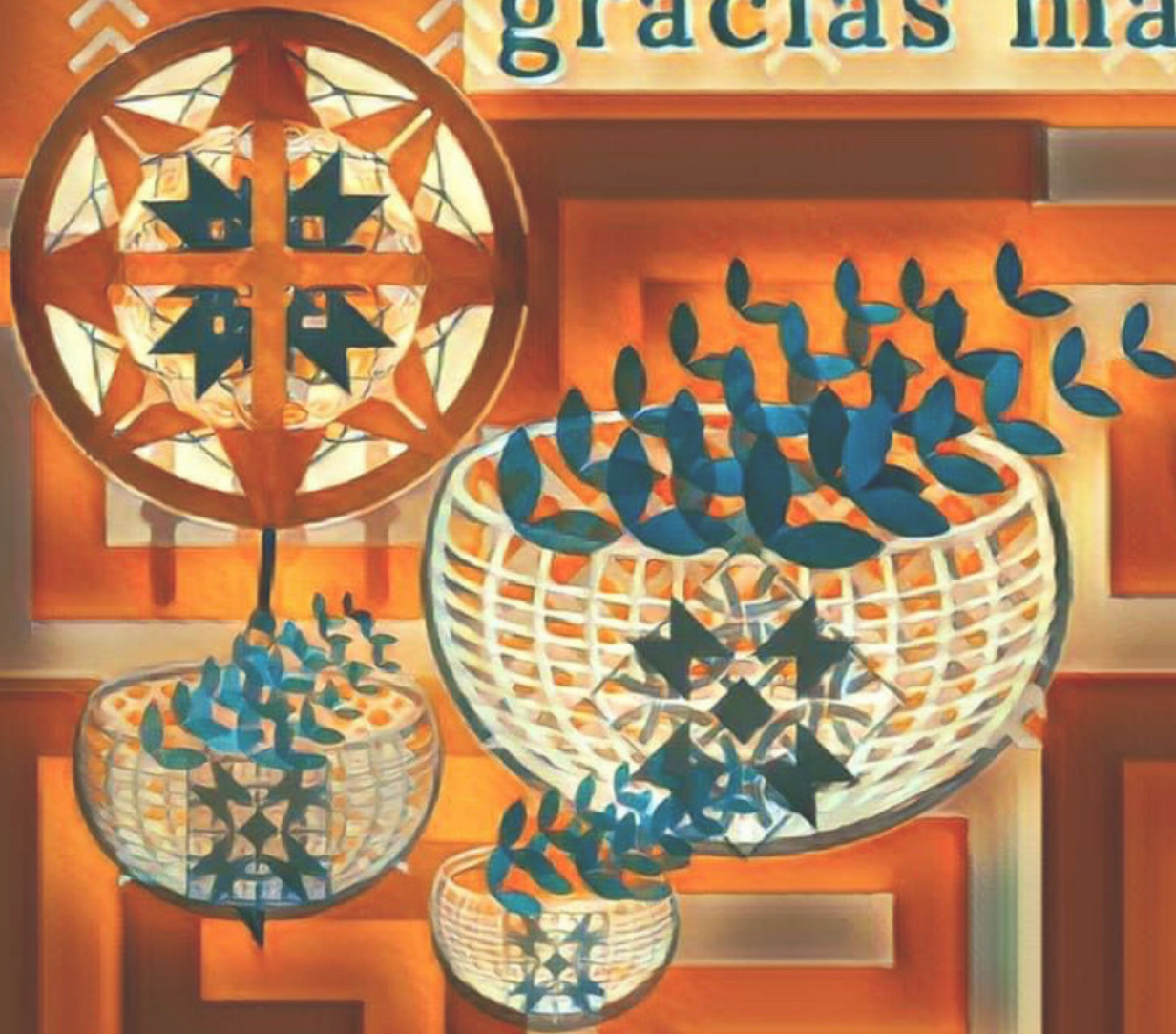
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