



SUPPORTING NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

American Indian or Alaska Native: "A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and **maintaining tribal affiliation or community attachment.**"

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- IN ADDITION TO THE STEALING OF LAND, FORCED REMOVAL, AND GENOCIDE, NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS, COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBES WERE FACED WITH SYSTEMIC SUPPRESSION IN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.
- AMERICAN INDIANS ARE EXPERIENCING HISTORICAL LOSS SYMPTOMS (E.G., DEPRESSION, SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE, DIABETES, DYSFUNCTIONAL PARENTING, AND UNEMPLOYMENT) AS A RESULT OF THE **CROSS-GENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF TRAUMA FROM HISTORICAL LOSSES.**



BEST PRACTICES

- TRAUMA INFORMED COUNSELING CURRICULA AND SERVICES
- SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL CLIMATE TO PROMOTE EQUITY WITH OPPORTUNITIES
- ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPEMENT FOR COUNSELORS, EDUCATORS, AND ADMIN
- WRAP AROUND SERVICES TO MEET STUDENTS HOLISTIC NEEDS

IMPORTANT STATISTICS

- Native American and Alaska Native students (AI/AN) represent about 1% of US public school students
- AI/AN students have the highest high school drop rate, lowest high school graduation rate, and least amount of access to high speed internet at home
- Only 19% of Native Americans ages 18 to 24 are enrolled in college compared with 41% of the overall U.S. population
- 14.5% of the AI/AN population earned a bachelor's degree or higher compared with 31.3% of the overall population
- Most Native American students are first-gen college students with only 19% having parents with a bachelor's degree or higher



RESOURCES

- [Native Pathways, College Guidebook](#) made by Indigenous people
- [American Indian College Fund](#)
- [Student aid information](#)
- [UC RESOURCES](#)
- [CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COLLEGES](#)
- [Student financial aid](#)