Tribal Enrollment and Genetic Testing Resources

When the NCAI Policy Research Center began developing this resource guide, tribal leaders asked many questions such as, "What is genetic testing? What are good sources of information about genetic testing? What kinds of DNA testing can we use for tribal enrollment? How do we respond to individuals claiming tribal membership based on DNA tests?" The resources below were developed to provide tribal leaders with more information on genetic testing related to tribal enrollment. Tribes are sovereign nations and so will decide their own views on genetic testing. These resources provide information to assist in those decisions.

Considerations in Using Genetic Testing for Tribal Enrollment: A summary handout providing a quick overview of relevant issues and explanation of different types of genetic testing.

Tribal Enrollment and Genetic Testing: A paper providing a more in-depth discussion of the use of genetic testing in tribal enrollment, including case studies from tribes.

Tribal Sovereignty and Enrollment Determinations: A paper providing background information on different ways tribal nations determine enrollment.

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