



Health Equity at NIHB: 2022 Recap

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Health Equity in Indian Country

Rethinking How the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Approaches Health Equity for American Indians and Alaska Natives

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3 Tribal Health Equity Events in 2022

May: Inter-Tribal World Café on Health Equity

- Foundations of Health Equity in Indian Country
- Key Drivers of health inequities for AI/AN

August: National Tribal Health Equity Summit

- What does health equity mean from a Tribal perspective?
- How do we advance health equity in Indian Country?

September: CMS Listening Session

- Specific feedback on the CMS Framework for Health Equity
- Rethinking how CMS approaches health equity for AI/AN

Key Questions

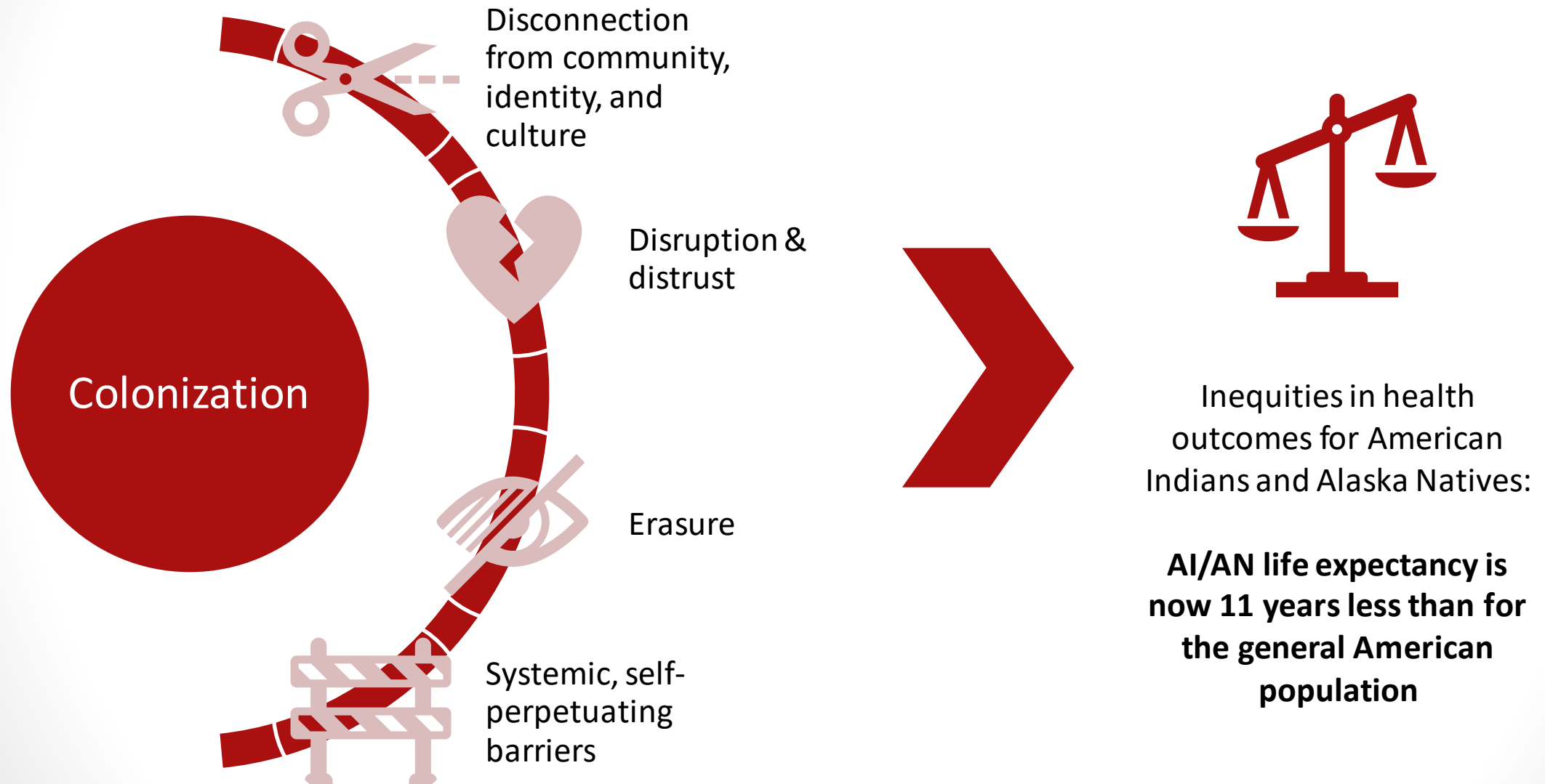
Why are these inequities happening?

Why have previous efforts to address health disparities fallen short?

What is unique about working for health equity in Indian Country?

What role can CMS play in advancing health equity for American Indians and Alaska Natives?

Why are these inequities happening?



Why
haven't
previous
federal
efforts
worked?

Culturally inappropriate interventions

Neglect to recognize U.S. policies as the
root causes of health inequities

Disregard the historical and ongoing
trauma of AI/AN people

Insufficient resources

Paternalism instead of self-determination

Focus on disparities and deficits instead of
strengths

Foundations of Health Equity in Indian Country

Tribal Sovereignty

Resilience through culture

Strong Tribal institutions

Tribal empowerment in state & federal governance

Federal trust responsibility

CMS can advance health equity for AI/AN by:

- Keeping all health equity work in context
- Accepting the federal government's responsibility to ensuring good health and well-being for AI/AN people
- Respecting Tribal sovereignty
- Conducting meaningful Tribal consultation
- Being responsive
- Recognizing that the answers for health equity lie within Tribal communities

How will this
year's Tribal
health equity
work advance
NIHB's
mission?

- Advocacy
- Policy Analysis
- Strategy Development
- Education
- Grant Writing
- Technical Assistance to Tribes

Questions?

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