

## RESOURCES

**Northwest Two Spirit Society**

**Portland Two Spirit Society**

**We R Native**

Check out these online resources for more information.



## BELONGING

**54 %**

of transgender AI/AN found a new welcoming faith community after leaving a faith community due to rejection. This is the highest out of all racial and ethnic groups.

## HEALTH

AI/AN transgender women reported the second highest rate of HIV (4.6%) out of all racial and ethnic groups. The rate in the general U.S population is 0.3%.

## EDUCATION

**39%**

of transgender AI/AN students left school due to mistreatment in 8-12 grades. This is the highest out of all racial and ethnic groups.

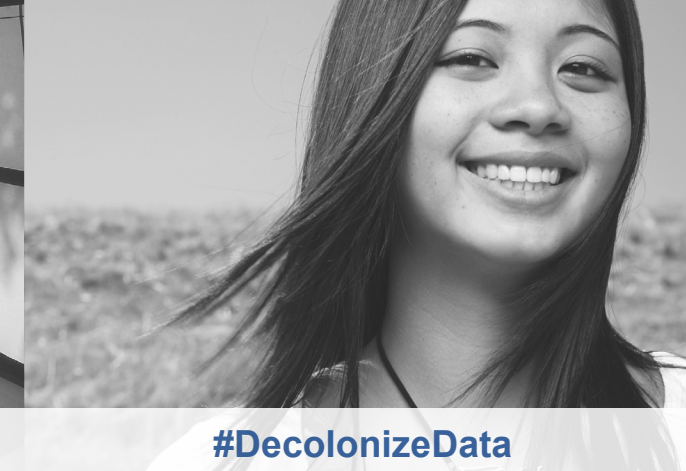
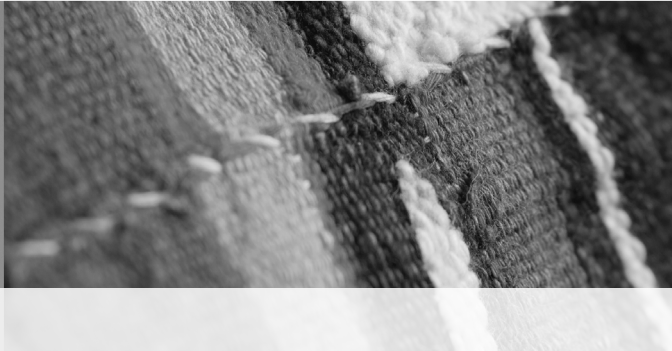
## Decolonizing Identity

**Addressing Two Spirit Health and Well-Being Through Data Collection**





# ADDRESSING GAPS IN DATA COLLECTION



#DecolonizeData

**Two-Spirit** refers to a wide range of sexual and gender identities of American Indian/ Alaska Native (AI/AN) people.

**Two-Spirit** is not limited to one specific identity, and instead reflects the diverse and unique AI/AN LGBTQ2S identities for cultures throughout the U.S.

Colonization has attempted to erase traditional AI/AN roles and understandings of gender and sexuality by making Two-Spirit people systemically invisible through structural oppression and institutionalized racism.

Significant gaps in data continue to oppress LGBTQ2S people through invisibility. It is crucial to decolonize data by including Two-Spirit and other gender and sexuality categories when collecting demographic information.

*Closing the gaps in data provides critical information to improve the health and well-being of our LGBTQ2S relatives.*

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IS  
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