

Root Cause of Poor Maternal Health outcomes for Black and Indigenous Peoples

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Land Acknowledgement



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Arizona

1. Ak-Chin Indian Community
2. Cocopah Indian Tribe
3. Colorado River Indian Tribes*
4. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
5. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe*
6. Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe
7. Gila River Indian Community
8. Havasupai Tribe
9. Hopi Tribe
10. Hualapai Tribe
11. Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
12. Navajo Nation*
13. Pascua Yaqui Tribe
14. Pueblo of Zuni

15. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
16. San Carlos Apache Tribe
17. San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
18. Tohono O'odham Nation
19. Tonto Apache Tribe
20. White Mountain Apache Tribe
21. Yavapai-Apache Tribe
22. Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

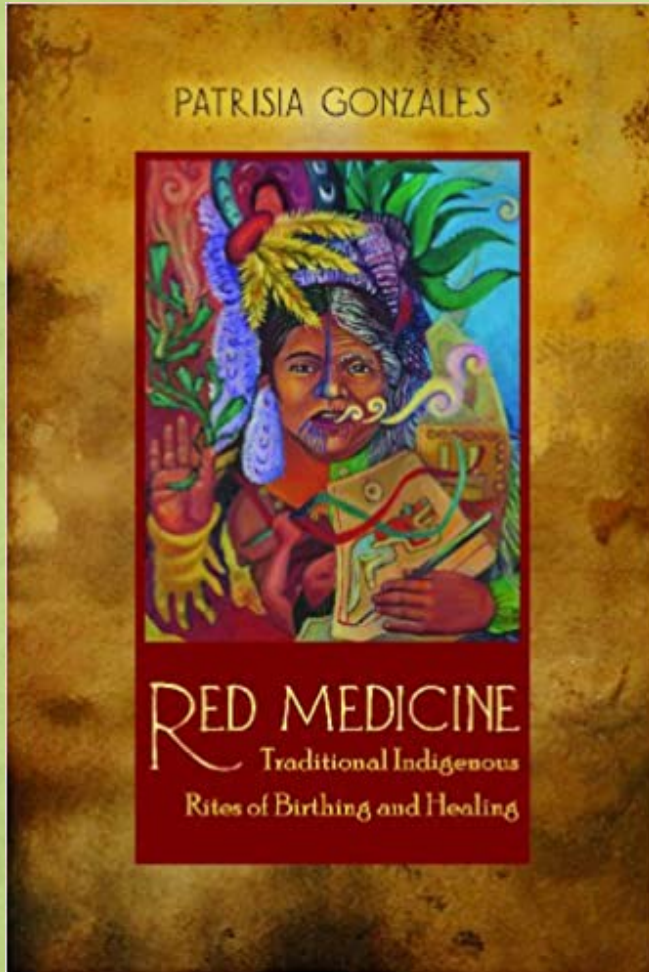
New Mexico

1. Navajo Dine peoples,
2. Pueblos of Acoma
3. Cochiti
4. Isleta

5. Jemez,
6. Laguna,
7. Nambe,
8. Ohkay Owingeh,
9. Picuris,
10. Pojoaque
11. Sandia
12. San Felipe
13. San Ildefonso
14. Santa Ana,
15. Santa Clara.

16. Santo Domingo
17. Taos
18. Tesuque
19. Zuni
20. Zia
21. Fort Sill Apache Tribe,
22. Jicarilla
23. Apache Nation
24. Mescalero Apache Tribe

Ancestral Acknowledgement



Indigenous Birth Workers

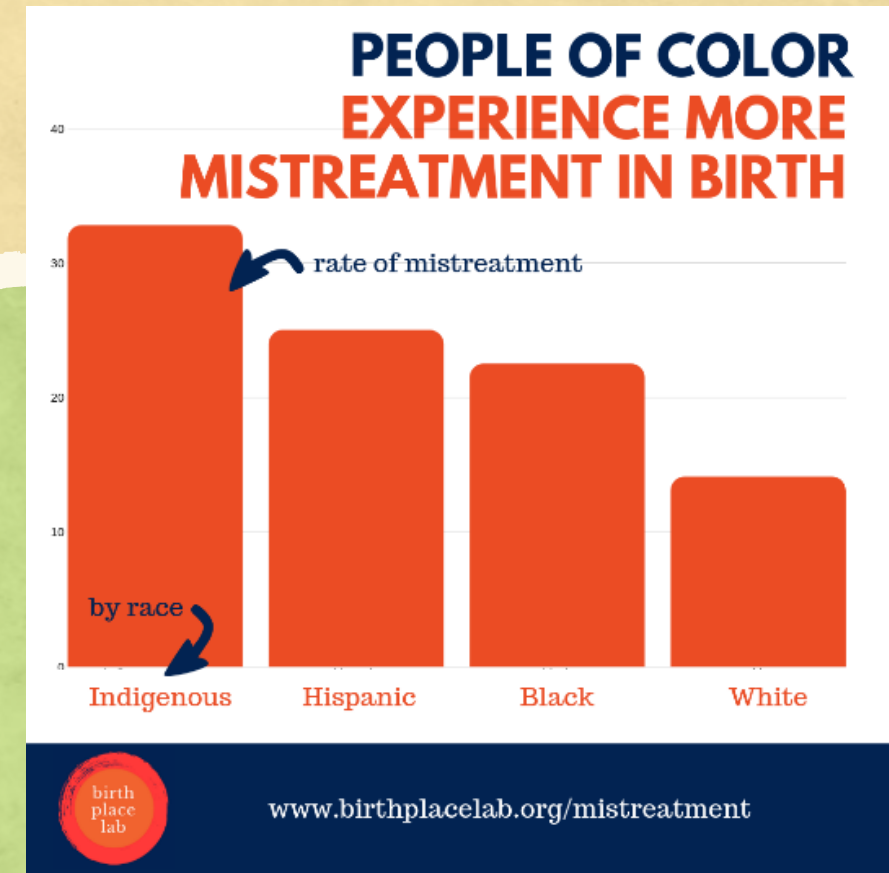


Acknowledgement of Slavery



Root Causes

- Slavery
- Missing Indigenous Voices at Maternal Health tables
- Stolen Land
- Treaties : unfulfilled agreements
- genocide, ethnic cleansing, and forced removal
- Family separation
- Inaccessible and/or traumatic health services
- Incomplete and flawed data collection :disappearing the indigenous
- State and national borders





Root Causes

- Elimination of Indigenous midwives, combining nursing with midwifery
- Inaccessible and/or traumatic health services
- Inaccessible reproductive health care and abortion
- Limited access to healthy foods and clean water
- Infrastructure barriers with roads and transportation
- Lack of affordable and secure housing
- Digital Divide

Root Causes – False Narratives

If we work to restore the narrative that has been erased, we will succeed in generating understanding about laws and policies that continue to devastate our Native world. That will lead to real change. The dominant American narrative dehumanizes, derides and objectifies us. The new narrative tells the truth, the strength of our history, the power of our contemporary attainments, the resilience of our cultures, the continuance of our values. Until we reclaim the narrative about ourselves, our distinctiveness, our diversity, our sovereignty and our nationhood, we will continue to be caught in an erasure quagmire that was designed to secure our extinction. Reclaiming the narrative will be hard work, but it will work, if we do it together.

- Changing the Narrative About Native Americans org



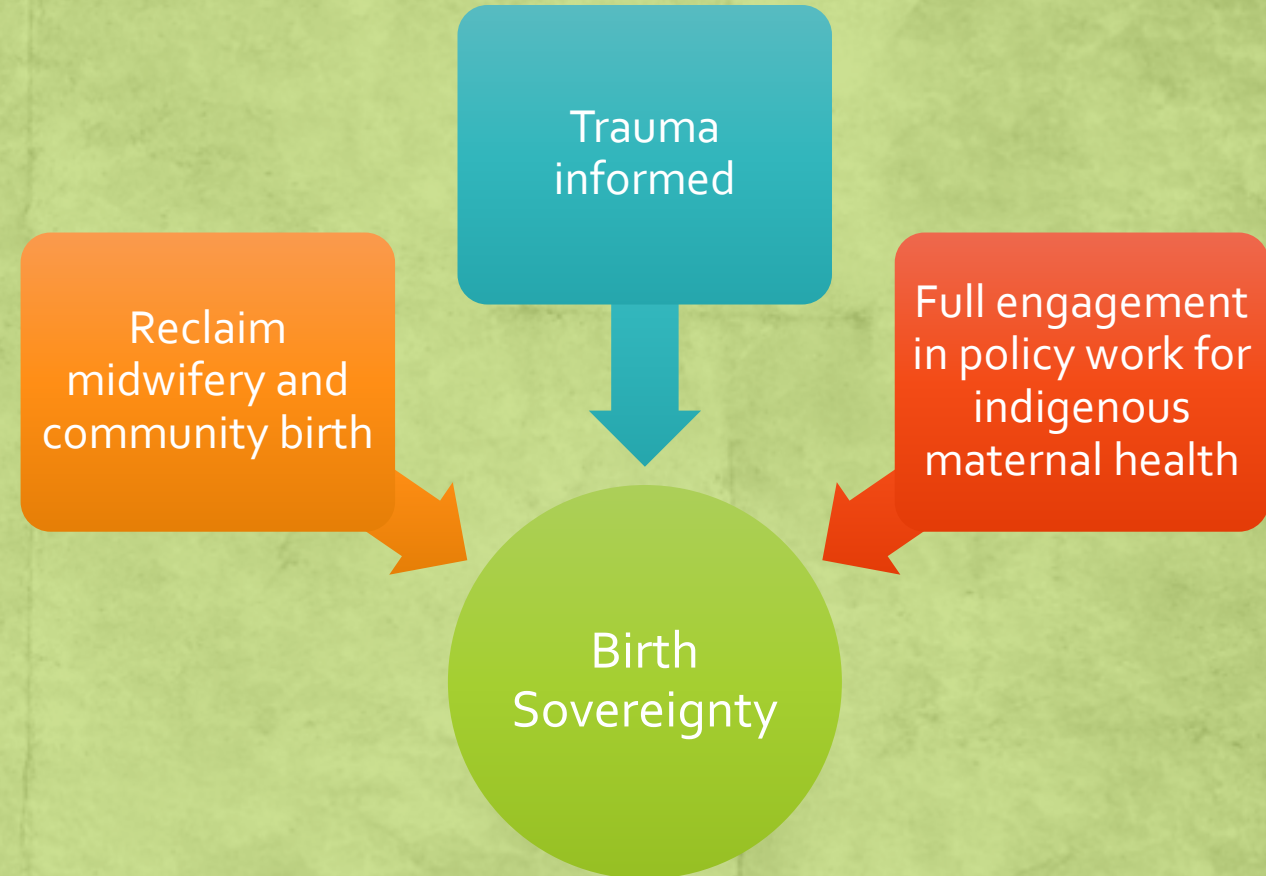
For years, the lives and experiences of Indigenous peoples have often been introduced or described from a negative perspective. This may be well-intentioned because the narrative draws attention to the many challenges and incredible needs faced by Native peoples, but this narrative reinforces stereotypes and implies hopelessness. Native peoples are deeply hopeful and have an abundance of cultural knowledge that is positive. A better narrative is one that reclaims the truth of our positive values and relationships.” — Cheryl Crazy Bull (Sicangu Lakota) President and CEO, American Indian College Fund



A Narrative of Hope at Changing Woman Initiative

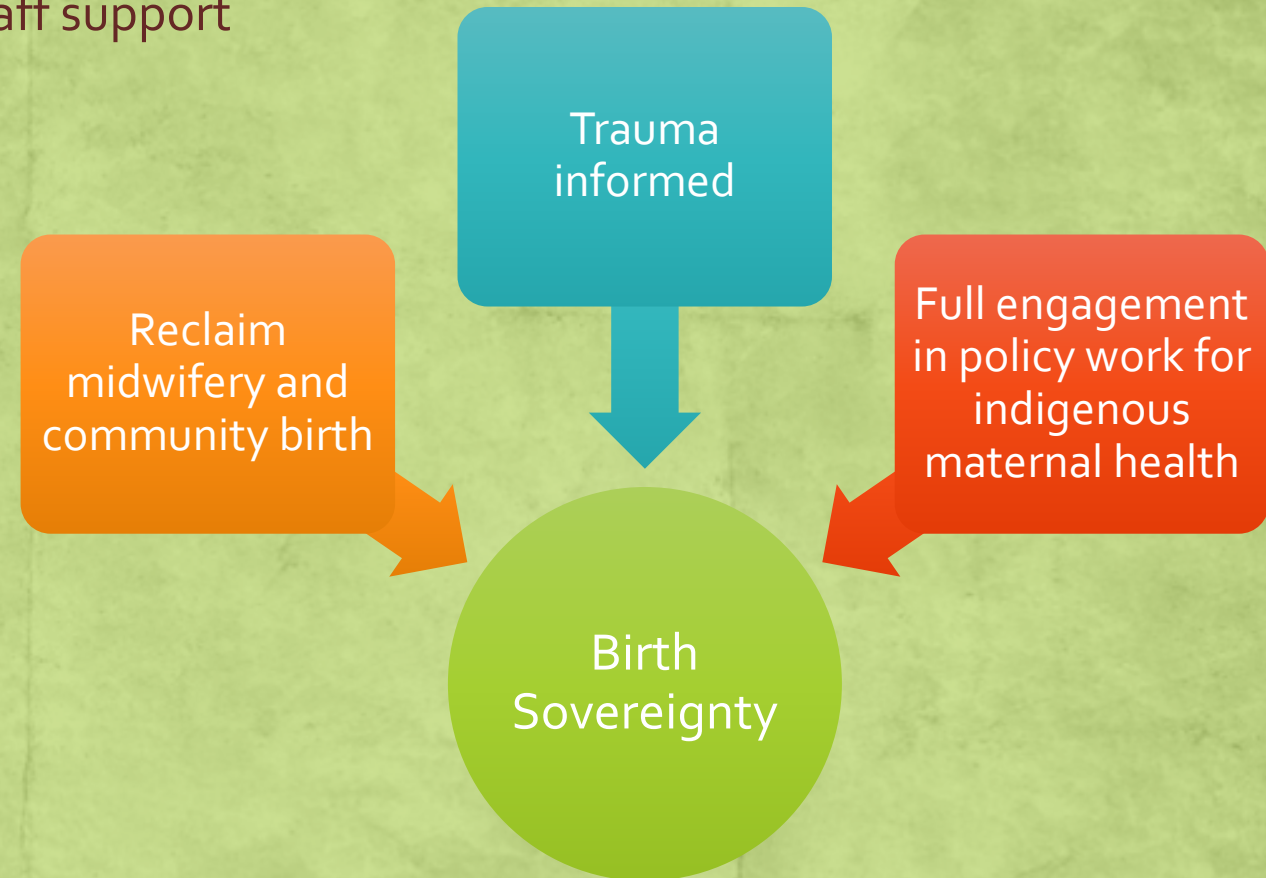
Reclaiming midwifery and community birth

- Growing the indigenous birthworker community
- Home visits/home birth/Hospital supported birth/Midwifery Center
- Filling in the gaps
 - Native birth teams
 - Nutrition
 - Postpartum care
 - Lactation support
 - Mind body
 - Easy access clinic
 - Supplies
 - Herbal medicines
 - Traditional healing
- Permissions





- Creating a Trauma Informed organization
 - Supporting and encouraging traditional healing
 - Incorporation of ceremony
 - Training/mentoring
 - Staff support



- Policy work focused on reclaiming community birth
 - Policy team
 - Collaboratives in the Southwest
 - Canadian and Mexican collaboratives
 - Data Sovereignty and considerations
 - Honoring the work that has come before ours



Reclaim
midwife
communit



Full engagement
in policy work for
indigenous
maternal health

Birth
Sovereignty

Thank you!

