



Reclaiming Data

We steward Alaska MMIWG2S data with and for the benefit of our Indigenous community. The methods, collection, and dissemination center and uplift Indigenous worldviews. This self-determination of data shifts the power of knowledge and information back to the people to advocate for needed change. This shift contributes to Indigenous communities and tribes making informed decisions with their data for sustainable solutions they create- this is data sovereignty from grassroots mobilization.

Systems Advocacy

Our second strategy is advocating for improved data systems. We educate policymakers and advise Tribes and state agencies to improve data collection and use. DIJ identifies systemic level gaps and then targets these with front-line actions. The intimate casework in stewarding data means carrying the stories of our people and seeing system failures and patterns. Our report, paired with strong partners of the MMIWG2S Alaska Working Group, led to the first MMIP Bill being passed in Alaska.

Community Building

Any strategy for addressing MMIWG2S will only be sustainable with healing. Our community building program ensures we are staying connected with Alaska Native families directly impacted by this issue in a good way. There is little to no resources for survivor families and we are working to fill the gap through healing and traditional arts. These events are grounded in cultural practices, values of reciprocity and care. DIJ is a partner in the Alaska MMIWG2S Working Group and co-hosts community-building events throughout the year.

Our Vision:

Indigenous Peoples thriving in strong, vibrant communities steeped in ancestral power, justice, and love.



From Prevention to Prosecution:

We demand justice on every front. In 2021, we gathered and reclaimed a total of 229 cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Womxn and Girls in Alaska. Now, we have documented over 1,000 cases.

Fellowship Program

DIJ recognizes the urgent need to build the capacity of Indigenous leaders on the front lines of data sovereignty. Growing and mentoring young leaders is planning generations ahead for the work at hand. We are ready to uplift their brilliant ideas as contributions to community solutions. Data sovereignty necessitates Indigenous peoples recognizing and remembering that we have always been researchers, harvested data, and analyzed that information for the better of the whole. The DIJ fellowship program provides front-line work of decolonizing data into practice through grassroots initiatives for change.



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Reclaiming data of missing and murdered Indigenous womxn, girls and relatives.