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A STORY OF A RIVER & THREE SISTERS

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Visible disparities
in health outcomes



Invisible disparities:
due to
Structural Racism
&
Historical Trauma

Image adapted from Dr. Art James depiction of disparities in African American infant mortality.

“One of the most important things for us to accomplish...is [to make sure] policy decision makers actually understand who we are, at the core of our souls, of our culture, of our spirituality, our contributions...they haven’t learned that in the education system. But they can learn it by us.”

-Jacqueline Pata, president of
National Congress of American Indians



“The unifying thing about all of these programs...they are more traditional practices that come from the communities themselves and are more likely to be successful. These program are a result of practitioners listening... That is such a key ingredient for community change... listening and being humble enough to recognize that there are other ways of doing things.”

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