

Elevating tribal voices, priorities, and resilience

Why Choose KAI

Indigeneity
Native worldview, values, and mission-driven organization

Sovereignty
Respect for tribal sovereignty, self-determination and governance

Resilience
Strengths-based solutions leveraging communal assets

Overview

The people at KAI come from diverse communities, including more than 30 tribal nations. We understand the unique challenges facing Indigenous Peoples, tribal governments, and Native organizations. KAI brings respect for traditional knowledge, human resilience, and Indigenous brilliance to our work, along with our wealth of firsthand experience and dedication to quality.

KAI has long provided management consulting services to support tribes and build community capacity, work that reflects our deep commitment to honoring tribal sovereignty, promoting community empowerment, and fostering meaningful partnerships between tribes and external stakeholders. Our team includes former tribal leaders, educators, and researchers, with a deep understanding of federal Indian policy, government-to-government relations, and the historical treaty and trust obligations owed to tribes.



Services

- Formal Tribal Consultation
- Tribal Outreach & Engagement
- Facilitation
- Strategic Planning & Visioning
- Organizational Capacity Building
- Cultural Competency Training
- Curriculum Development
- Indigenous Evaluation Framework
- Key Stakeholder Interviews
- Theory of Change & Logic Modeling
- Focus Groups & Listening Sessions
- Policy Analysis
- Boarding School Research
- Language Revitalization Planning
- Native Education Improvements

Project Examples



Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Native Language Revitalization:

Technical support and facilitation of tribal engagement activities with American Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian communities, Native language scholars, language revitalization advocacy groups, and federal leadership to be used in developing a 10-year National Language Revitalization Plan



BIA's Renewable Energy Accelerated Deployment Initiative (READI) for Indian Country:

Facilitation for tribal consultations, technical work group facilitation, communications and outreach, meeting and event planning, literature review, and reporting



Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM):

Subject matter expertise and meeting and logistical support for BOEM tribal consultations



Michigan State Native American Boarding School Study:

Conduct a preliminary assessment of the Native American boarding school history in the state, coupled with an examination of the boarding school system's implementation, conditions, experiences, and operations through quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI):

Facilitation of strategic planning with ATNI leadership, along with surveying constituents, to identify the vision, major strategic pillars, actions, and priorities for the organization over the next 5 years



Coquille Indian Tribe:

Collaborative planning and implementation of a community-wide visioning process for developing 15-year "Ko-Kwel Nations 2039 Aspirations" plan that involves a landscape analysis, community survey, community meetings, and reporting.



American Indian College Fund (Fund):

Planning, facilitation, engagement, and evaluation services for the Fund's college capacity enhancement and sustainability project with TCUs



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