

# WHY WE COLLECT DATA

## WHY DOES DATA COLLECTION MATTER?

### 1 Data Sovereignty



Empowering Friendship Centre's to govern and manage data about themselves and to put data to work for the benefit of their community members.

### 2 Self-Determination



Self-determine organizational needs and paths towards the greater well-being of the communities you serve.

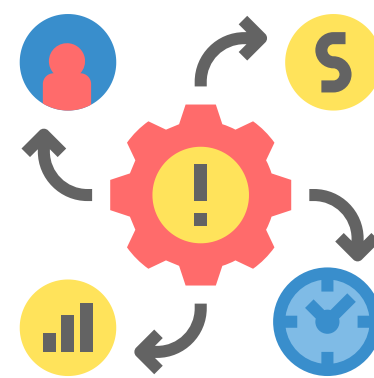
### 3 Storytelling



Data complements traditional knowledge systems and supports Indigenous storytelling practices.

## HOW DOES DATA BENEFIT FRIENDSHIP CENTRES?

### 1 Impact



Data complements our stories by showing the scale of an issue, highlighting gaps and measuring how far we have come or still have to go.

### 2 Informed Decisions



Reliable data helps Friendship Centres make informed decisions based on the unique needs of community members

### 3 Program Evaluation



Data collection helps Friendship Centres identify priorities, gaps in programming, emerging trends and be accountable to their community members

## WAYS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DATA COLLECTION WITH NAFC



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Visit the NAFC data webpage

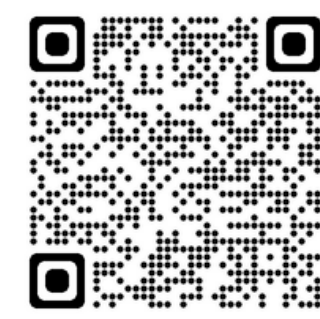
Learn more about the data initiatives at NAFC such as the National Data Strategy, Bridging Across Canada (BAC) Database Application and Community Led Data Collection.



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UNDRIP

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) **reaffirms the rights of Indigenous Peoples** around the world to access and control data about their Peoples, territories, lifeways, and resources.



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MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice

We call upon all governments, service providers, and those involved in research **to modify data collection methods** to increase accurate, comprehensive statistical data on 2SLGBTQQIA individuals.



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