North Dakota’s CoIIN team initially planned to host an Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Training, participate in a key stakeholder meeting, and identify individuals within the communities interested in the training. The team learned that the communities wished to lead the training themselves, so they provided a critical supporting role in assisting them with their needs and aiding to their success.

**GOAL:**
Identify breastfeeding needs and offer support for key stakeholders serving Indigenous populations.

**METHODOLOGY**
- Held 2 in-person key stakeholder meetings
- Conducted 3 stakeholder follow-up calls after the stakeholder meetings

**PARTICIPANTS**
- 5 mini grant recipients:
  - Bismarck Burleigh Public Health
  - Indigenous Birth and Breastfeeding Collective of North Dakota
  - Spirit Lake WIC
  - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe WIC
  - Rolette County WIC
- 17 participants attended in-person meetings
- 12 staff trained

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- Bismarck Burleigh Public Health
- North Dakota Breastfeeding Coalition
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)
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**RESULTS**
- Raised awareness for health equity
- Facilitated and supported first breastfeeding project of its kind in an Indigenous community
- Built new partnerships and relationships

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