

Parental/Caregiver Distress among Oklahoma Choctaws Coping with Dependents Diagnosed with T1D and T2D



Reducing health disparities
by preventing or delaying
diabetes in American Indians
and Alaskan Natives.

The goal of this longitudinal research is to elicit cultural models of parental/caregiver distress (P/CD) as it evolves over two years of time among those coping with dependents diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D), and for comparison, Type 2 diabetes (T2D), ages 12-15. Cultural models of distress will be analytically derived from parent/caregiver perspectives on providing care to these young people coping with diabetes. These perspectives will be elicited by unstructured and semi-structured interviews. Their perspectives are inherently formed in the context of their contemporary Oklahoma Choctaw life. This research will be done in a collaborative fashion with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and characterized by partnership with parents/caregivers participating in the research. The findings will be used to promote improved caregiver coping, health of dependents, and provision of new practice-relevant facts of today's social life for health care providers to Oklahoma Choctaw people.

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The results of this research will be put into practice and distributed through in-service training workshops at the Behavioral Medicine Department of the Choctaw Nation Hospital and professional scientific presentations and publications.



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