

The outcome of this proposed project will be a lasting pipeline between the Northern Arizona University, Institute for Human Development, Arizona's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (IHD/AzUCD) and the Navajo Technical University to engage annually Navajo Scholars to the field of developmental disabilities. To bring these outcomes to fruition, the project will partner and collaborate with the NTU a minority serving institution .

The proposed project will be to bring the production of outcomes generated by this partnership agreement to ultimately involve American Indians in developmental disabilities leadership activities and positions. The approach to this project will be one of collegiality, collaboration, and mutual respect in developing this partnership and fellowship program. The key personnel from both the IHD/AzUCD and NTU will work collaboratively over the course of the year to bring clarity to activities with identification of timelines, key personnel, and anticipated outcomes to the MOU. The specific goal of this one year project will be to "Develop a lasting partnership/pipeline program to develop future Navajo leaders for the field of Developmental Disabilities".