

# UNDERSTANDING + USING TREATY RIGHTS

For Tribal Leaders and Citizens

*Event Recap!*



## *As a citizen of a Native nation, what are my treaty rights?*

- Not all Native nations entered into treaty agreements with the United States but all Native nations are inherently sovereign.
- Many of the treaties outlined hunting and fishing rights, land ownership, and rights to services provided by the federal government for the Nations involved like healthcare and education.

## *How do I learn more about my treaty rights?*

- Check your nation's website if they have one to find their treaty or treaties.
- Look through the Oklahoma State University Libraries Tribal Treaties Database.
- Ask your relatives! Odds are they once worked on treaty rights or they know of a relative who has and can share their experiences and expertise with you.

# *Once I have an understanding of my treaty rights, what can I do?*

- Advocate for Your Rights
- Participate in Tribal Governance
- Educate Others
- Support and Engage with Tribal Organizations
- Participate in Culture
- Advocate for Policy Changes
- Leverage Media and Communication
- Participate in Education and Training Programs
- Promote Youth Involvement

# ***What can tribal leaders and governments do to promote education about treaty rights to their citizens?***

- Provide an overview of your nation's treaty/ies for citizens that is accessible. For example, new council members should understand the rights outlined in your nation's treaty agreement/s.

***What can tribal leaders and governments do to promote education about treaty rights to their citizens?***

- Create a way to review agreements about your nation's treaty rights.
- This will help you understand what activities or partnerships your nation has agreed to with local, state, or federal partners.

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