



Office of Tribal Liaison

Lunch and Learn, Session #1

January 23, 2025

Agenda

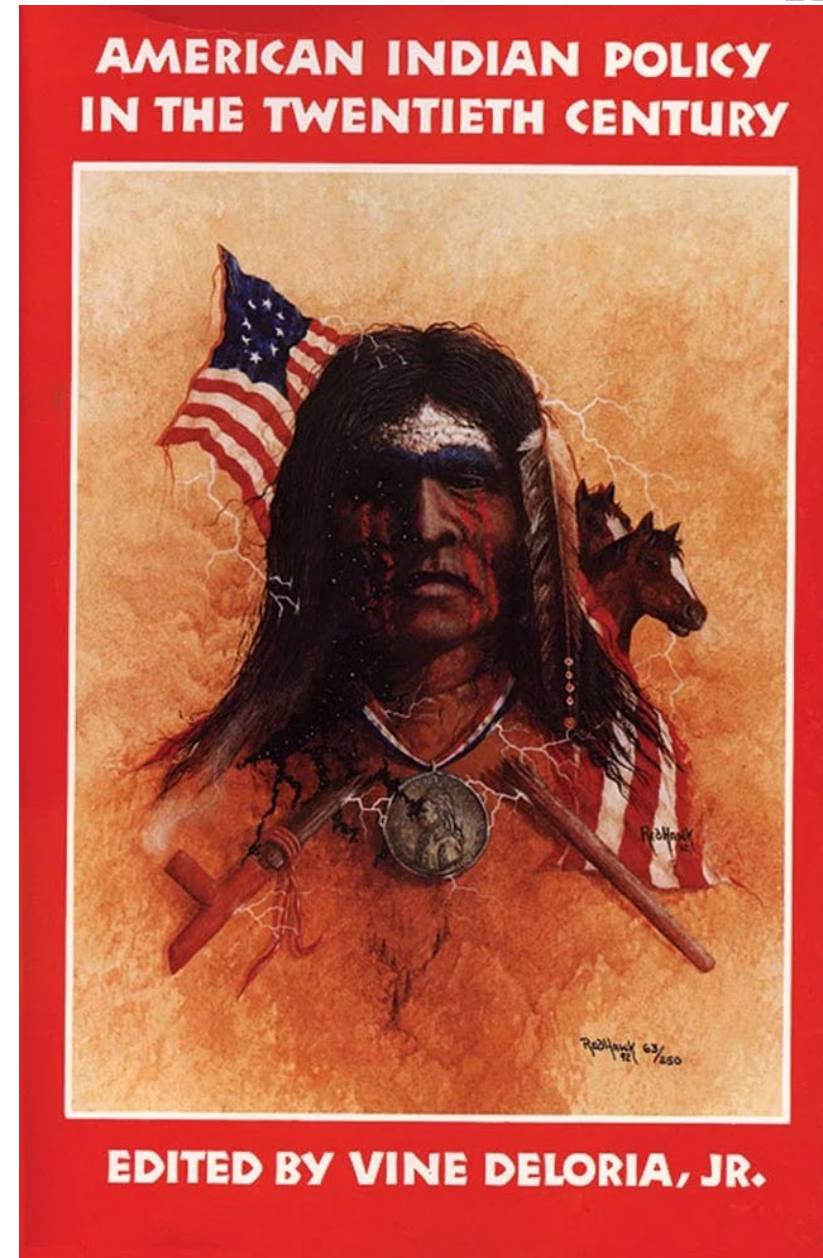
- Introductions
 - Name, department, and one thing you hope to learn today.
 - Place this information in the chat 😊
- Background and overview of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA).
- Discuss the applications of the STCA for improving State-Tribal working relations.
- Dialogue.

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Indian Laws and Policies

- State Indian laws and policies join a long history of Federal laws and policies
- Indian laws and policies establish the foundations of government-to-government relations.





American Indian Policy in the Twentieth Century



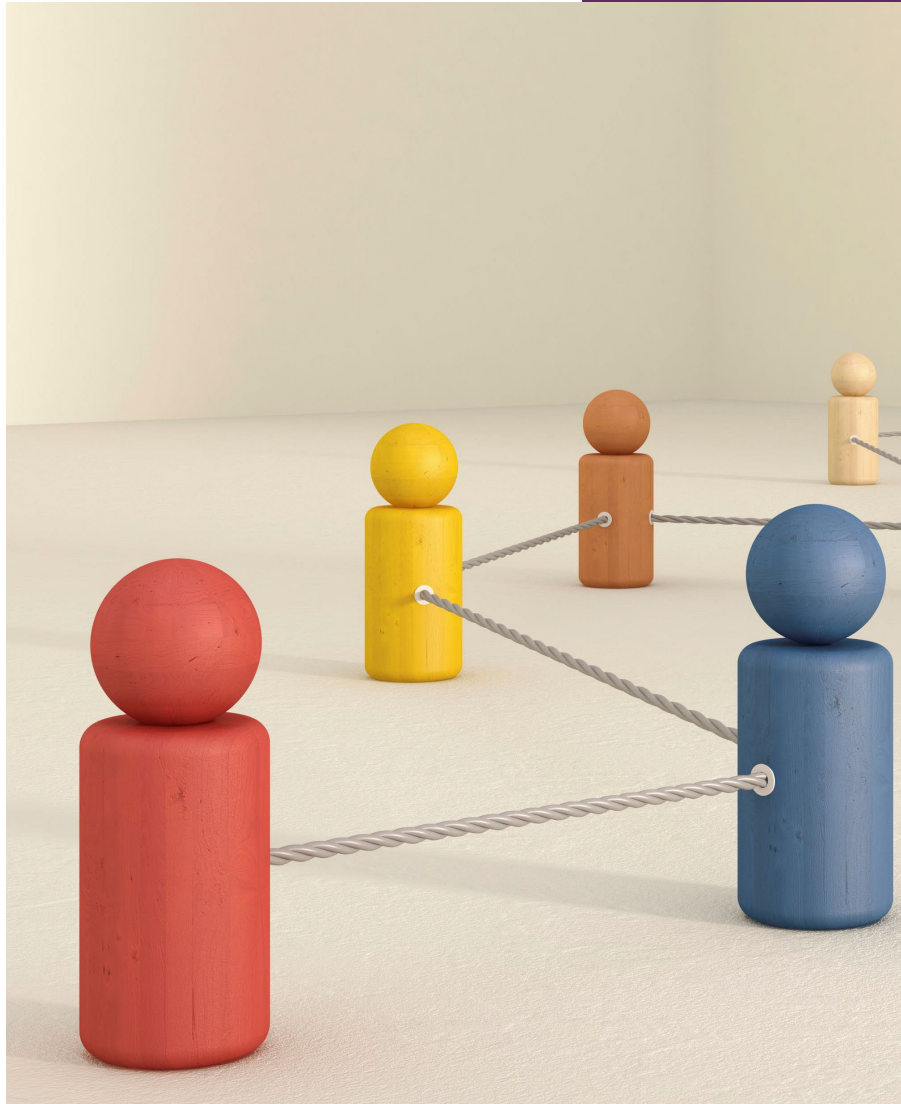
- “Indian policy has often been a sideshow in a larger American drama, despite the issues involved are at the core democratic theory as well as jurisprudence.”
- What do you think of this quote?

The State-Tribal Collaboration Act

The State-Tribal Collaboration Act of 2009 (SB196) promotes effective communication and collaboration, and positive government-to-government relations between the State of New Mexico and New Mexico's 24 Federally recognized Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations.

- **Bonus questions:**

- How many Pueblos?
- How many Apaches?
- How many Tribes?
- How many Navajo-this includes the bands?

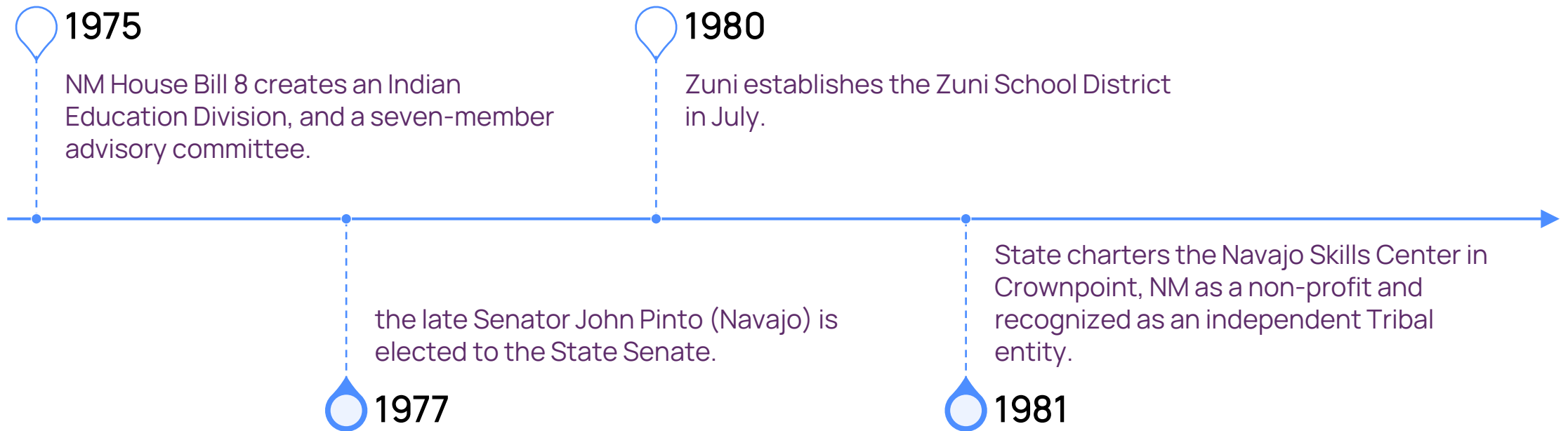


NM State-Tribal Relations

Contemporary history of State and Tribal relations:

- 1948 the state recognizes Native Americans' right to vote.
 - Miguel Trujillo, Laguna Pueblo WWII veteran
 - Trujillo v. Garley, 1948
- When were voting privileges recognized nationally?
- 1953 State Commission and Office of Indian Affairs created.
- 1969 State legislature authorizes bilingual education in languages other than English.

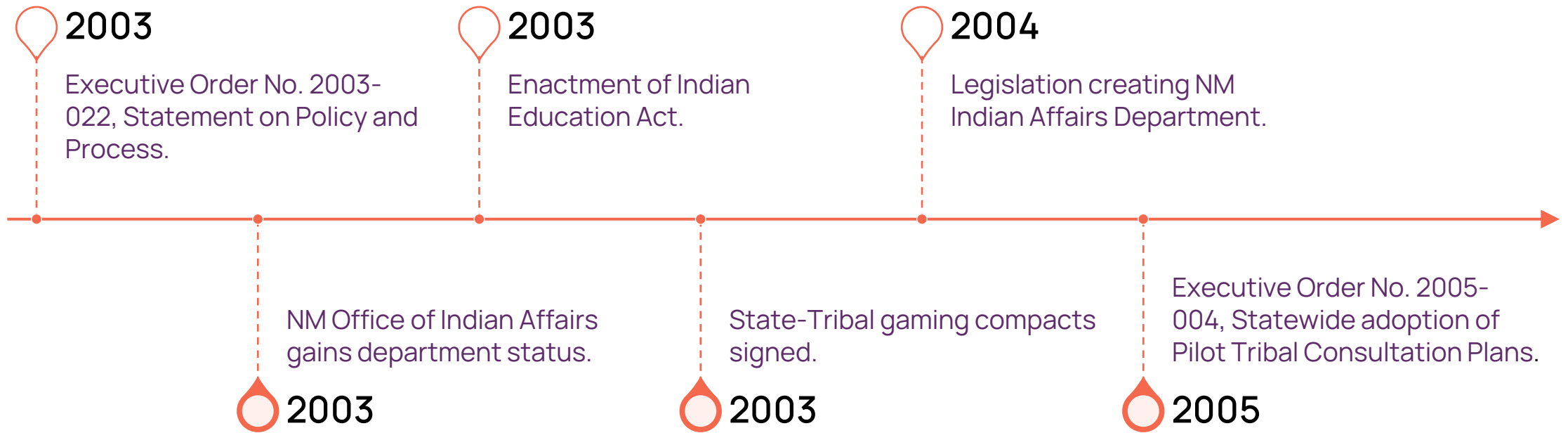
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Post STCA State law and policy development includes:
Education, Child Welfare, Healthcare Accessibility, and Public
Safety, to name a few.

The State- Tribal Collaboration Act



STCA

- The developments and complexity of State and Tribal government relations pointed to the need for State law and policies to support positive government-to-government relations.
- Beginning in the summer and fall of 2008 NM-IAD began a research process that informed the development of the STCA.

STCA

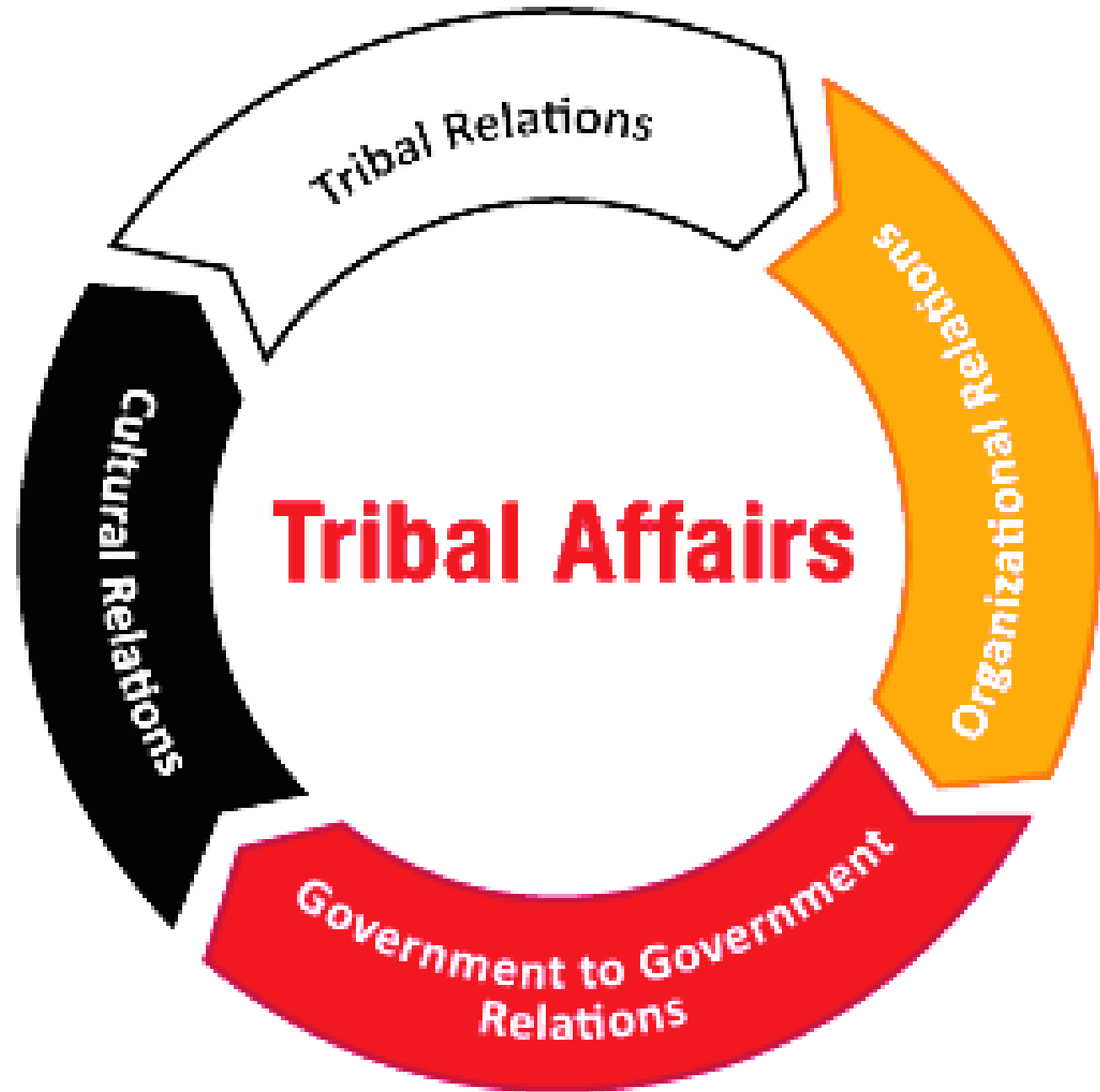
- Process involved State and Tribal leadership.
- Senate Bill 196 sponsored by late Senator John Pinto.

After enactment, policy implementation guided by NM IAD report findings in:

- “Pilot Tribal Consultation Efforts by State of New Mexico: Study of the Implementation of Executive Order 2005-2004.”

General Goals of the STCA

- Positive government-to-government relations.
- Effective communication and collaboration.
- Cultural Competency.



Key Elements of STCA



- Annual State-Tribal Summit.
- Agency Communication and Collaboration Policies.
- Designated Tribal Liaisons.
 - [Tribal Liaisons - NM Indian Affairs Department](#)
- Cultural Competency Training.
- Annual Agency Report.

What Triggers the STCA?

Generally, STCA is triggered when a State activity impacts a Tribal interest:

- Section 3(C) of the STCA: “A state agency shall make a reasonable effort to collaborate with Indian nations, Tribes, Pueblos in the **development** and implementation of policies, agreements, and programs that directly effect American Indians or Alaska Natives.”



Communication,
Collaboration,
Consultation.



Generally, the following State activities may require STCA adherence:

- Healthcare services and programs accessibility.
- Education funding and program development.
- Child protective services.
- Public safety agreements for rural Tribal communities.
- Environmental activities near Tribal resources.
- Emergency management and response.

Successful Implementation of the STCA

Timely notification.

- Information sharing and communication.

Collaborative preparation and planning.

- Agenda development/location.

Respect and mutual understanding.

- Embodying the goals of the STCA:
 - Positive government-to-government relations.
 - Effective communication and collaboration.
 - Cultural Humility/Competency.

Understanding Power Dynamics

- Another essential factor to consider is cross-cultural communication strategies in relation to the perception of power dynamics:
 - State governmental agency representative
 - Tribe (as a consumer/stakeholder)
- Are we doing something
 - To
 - For
 - With
- Example:
 - You receive notice of a grant opportunity, which includes a Tribal set aside.
 - The grant funder has identified a deadline at the end of the month.
 - You have worked with Tribes in the past, and the grant application is simple.
 - Is this an example of “To, For, or With?”

Conclusion

- The STCA is designed to support and promote positive government-to-government relations.
- Communication and Collaboration policies guide state agencies in engaging effectively with Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations.
- Building meaningful government-to-government interactions requires trust and a commitment to sustainable, long-term relationships.

Upcoming Lunch and Learn events



Thank you!

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- State-Tribal Collaboration Act
- State Tribal Communication, Collaboration, and Consultation Policy
- STCA Annual Reports (2009-2024)

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