

Tribal Action Plan Framework

Background:

The Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 stipulates that the governing body of any Federally Recognized Tribe may, at its discretion, adopt a resolution for the establishment of a Tribal Action Plan to coordinate available resources and programs in an effort to combat alcohol and substance abuse among its members. If a Federally Recognized Tribe does not adopt such a resolution within 90 days after publication of the Memorandum of Agreement in the Federal Registry, the Secretary of the Interior, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall require the Bureau of Indian Affairs agency and education superintendents, where appropriate, and the Indian Health Services service unit director serving such tribe(s) to enter into an agreement to identify and coordinate available programs and resources to carry out the purposes of the law for such tribes.

Purpose:

The Tribal Action Plan provides an opportunity for Federally Recognized Tribe to take a proactive role in the fight against alcohol and substance abuse in their communities by: assessing their needs and resources relative to alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment activities; identifying gaps in services; working with the community to identify urgent or emerging addiction issues; and assisting in the development of a comprehensive a strategy to prevent and reduce alcohol and substance abuse in the community.

The Federal agencies will develop an inventory of their resources in Indian Country; analyze the information received from the tribes and develop a response to the Tribal Action Plan. The response could include recommendations for redirecting or reallocating services and resources, and identifying targeted technical assistance and training opportunities, among others.

Components of the Tribal Action Plan:

Tribal Action Plans may include but not be limited to the following elements:

- Profile population needs
- Mobilize/build capacity to address needs
- Develop Comprehensive Strategic Plan
- Implement infrastructure development and evidence based prevention and/or treatment programs
- Monitor, evaluate, sustain, improve processes

Provided below are several models, with supporting documentation which could be helpful in the development of Tribal Action Plans. These models are currently used by IHS, OJP, and SAMHSA. Please also see the online CAPPS planning tool at: www.thecjportal.org/cjci/capps