# Treatment of Native American Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders

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#### Trauma Informed Care

- Provides context for conceptualization
- Recognizes impact of trauma
  - ► Historical trauma
  - Intergenerational trauma
  - Complex trauma
- Focus on creating safe space
- Ensure that delivery approach does not exacerbate or re-traumatize

#### Empowerment

- Organizational framework
- Fortifying cultural identity
- Building on individual and community strengths
- Moving past learned helplessness
- Increasing self efficacy
- Collaborative treatment planning/therapy goals

# Culturally Specific Practice Based Evidence

- White Bison
  - Wellbriety
  - Medicine Wheel and 12 Steps
  - Daughters/sons of tradition
  - Understanding the purpose of life (trains adults to guide youth on their journey)
- Red Road Recovery Meetings
- Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)
- Native Stand

### Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)

- Collaborative model with individual and group sessions
- Builds on Strengths
- Targets thoughts, ideas, beliefs that contribute to acting out behaviors
- Based around skill building in the areas of:
  - Interpersonal effectiveness
  - Distress tolerance/reality acceptance
  - Emotion regulation
  - Mindfulness

## Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA)

- Teaches new/alternate ways of dealing with life stressors
- Positive reinforcement/reward for nonuse of substances
- Focus on utilizing existing resources to support sobriety
- Incorporates caregiver in treatment

## Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)

- Can be utilized in individual or group therapy
- Connection between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors
- Identification of distorted thoughts
- Challenging beliefs
- Behavioral practice assignments

#### **Matrix Model**

- 16 Week Model
- CBT based
- Reinforces positive behavior change
- Family involvement
- Scheduling minimizes "unstructured time"
- Incorporates use of urinalysis

# Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET)/Motivational Interviewing (MI)

- Key tenants in MI include:
  - Expressing empathy and avoiding arguing
  - Developing discrepancy
  - Rolling with resistance
  - Supporting self-efficacy
- MET targets ambivalence to change:
  - Builds motivation to change
  - Strengthens resolve to change

#### Summary

- Fortify cultural identity/connection
- Acknowledge trauma history
- Compliment evidence based practices with practice based evidence

#### References/Resources

 National Indian Health Board Prevention Practices Implemented within the MSPI Project

http://www.nihb.org/behavioral\_health/prevention\_treatment\_practices\_mspi.php

White Bison

http://whitebison.org/

Hazleden (Matrix Model)

http://hazleden.org

Indian Health Service Culturally Relevant Best Practices

https://www.ihs.gov/mspi/bppinuse/cultural/

