

Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative

In September 2015, building from the demonstration project phase, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) announced the new 5-year funding cycle to support Tribal, Urban, and IHS Federal programs in their efforts to build the capacity of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services to AI/AN's who have experienced domestic or sexual violence. A total of \$7,596,000 was awarded. For more information on the DVPI new funding cycle please visit www.ihs.gov/dvpi.

Purpose

The goals of the DVPI are to:

- Build Tribal, Urban Indian Health Programs and Federal capacity to provide coordinated community responses to AI/AN victims of domestic and sexual violence;
- Increase access to domestic and sexual violence prevention, advocacy, crisis intervention, and behavioral health services for AI/AN victims and their families;
- Promote trauma-informed services for AI/AN victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families;
- Offer health care provider and community education on domestic violence and sexual violence;
- Respond to the health care needs of AI/AN victims of domestic and sexual violence; and
- Incorporate culturally appropriate practices and/or faith-based services for AI/AN victims of domestic and sexual violence.

For the new DVPI funding cycle, two (2) purpose areas have been established to help meet these goals:

1. Purpose Area 1: Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention, Advocacy, and Coordinated Community Responses
2. Purpose Area 2: Forensic Healthcare Services

DVPI Programs

The new DVPI funding cycle awarded a total of 57 grants/IHS federal awards across Indian Country, consisting of: 42 Tribal grantees; 9 IHS Federal program awards; and 6 Urban Indian grantees.

National Collaboration on Technical Assistance for Evaluation

In collaboration with the 11 Tribal and 1 Urban Epidemiology Centers and the National Council of Urban Indian Health the IHS will provide technical assistance (TA) for evaluation to the grantees and IHS Federal projects throughout the duration of the project to ensure that awardees are successful with reporting requirements.

Do You Need Technical Assistance?

Are you a current awardee and need TA for your grant or Federal award? Please visit the DVPI Technical Assistance webpage for contact information for your assigned IHS Area Project Officer and your assigned TA Provider for evaluation at www.ihs.gov/dvpi/techassistance/.

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