

## **Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI)**

In September 2015, building from the demonstration project phase, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) announced the new five-year funding cycle to support Tribal, Tribal organization, Urban Indian Organizations (UIO), and IHS Federal facilities in their efforts to address methamphetamine, substance use, and suicide in Indian Country. Initial awards totaled \$13,237,000. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, IHS received additional funding to support MSPI Purpose Area #4, which focuses on building positive youth development and resiliency, promoting family engagement, and increasing the number of behavioral health providers who focus on American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth. In April 2016, 10 additional projects were awarded in Purpose Area #4, totaling \$14,226,332. For more information on the MSPI new funding cycle, please visit [www.ihs.gov/mspi](http://www.ihs.gov/mspi).

### **Goals**

1. Increase Tribal, UIO, and Federal capacity to operate successful methamphetamine prevention, treatment, and aftercare, and suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention services by implementing community and organizational needs assessment and strategic plans.
2. Develop and foster data sharing systems among Tribal, UIO, and Federal behavioral health service providers to demonstrate efficacy and impact.
3. Identify and address suicide ideations, attempts, and contagions among AI/AN populations through the development and implementation of culturally appropriate and community relevant prevention, intervention, and postvention strategies.
4. Identify and address methamphetamine use among AI/AN populations through the development and implementation of culturally appropriate and community relevant prevention, treatment, and aftercare strategies.
5. Increase provider and community education on suicide and methamphetamine use by offering appropriate trainings.
6. Promote positive AI/AN youth development and family engagement through the implementation of early intervention strategies to reduce risk factors for suicidal behavior and substance abuse.

### **Purpose Areas**

- Purpose Area 1: Community and Organizational Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning
- Purpose Area 2: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention
- Purpose Area 3: Methamphetamine Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare
- Purpose Area 4: Generation Indigenous Initiative Support

### **MSPI Programs**

The current MSPI project cycle funds a total of 129 grants and Federal awards across Indian Country, consisting of 99 Tribal grantees, 16 IHS Federal program awards, and 14 Urban Indian grantees.

### **National Collaboration on Technical Assistance for Evaluation**

In collaboration with Urban Epidemiology Centers (11 Tribal, one Urban), the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), and the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH), the IHS will provide technical assistance for evaluation to the grantees and IHS Federal projects throughout the duration of the project to ensure that awardees successfully meet reporting requirements.

**MSPI Contact:** Audrey Solimon, National MSPI/DVPI Program Coordinator,  
[Audrey.Solimon@ihs.gov](mailto:Audrey.Solimon@ihs.gov).