

# COMMUNITY SUICIDE CRISIS RESPONSE Flowchart

Suicide death or cluster, **concern about proliferating effects**

**Notify Tribe** and local Behavioral Health and Crisis services

If Tribe determines that **community needs additional assistance**

-A **suicide crisis** can be recognized by medical providers, school, police, behavioral health providers, or community members. When a crisis is recognized it is crucial to make sure tribal leadership is notified without delay using established chains of command, and for the individual or agency reporting to continue with appropriate response.

-**Tribal leadership**, in collaboration with local IHS facilities, is responsible for convening a **Crisis Response Team (CRT)** to manage the day-to-day response to the crisis. This may include Tribal leadership, schools, medical providers, State, Federal, or other community members. A CRT Leader should be identified who will define the scope of the problem, goals of the response.

-**CRT Leader** will assign members to assist in specific aspects of the response, which should include Leads in: Intervention, Resource/Planning, Logistics, Public Information, and Administration. Leader will supervise and coordinate efforts of Team members, keep Tribal leadership informed, and ensure that necessary documentation is completed.

-**Admin/Finance Lead** obtains contact information form for each Team member, oversees expenses, provider credentialing

-**Resource/Planning Lead** conducts Incident Needs Assessment

-**Intervention Lead** ensures those in need are identified and services delivered

-**Logistics Lead** coordinates deployment of people, space, and supplies

-**Public Information Lead** oversees collection of incident/response data and is the single point of contact for media inquiries

-**Tribal leadership** may request assistance from **IHS Director**; IHS Headquarters Behavioral Health may coordinate a "RedDOG" team deployment if needed, and notify the appropriate IHS Area Director to activate Area resources to assist in the community response under the direction of the CRT. Tribal leadership may also request emergency funds.

*for resources and assistance, please see:*

<https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/communityguidelines/>

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