

Overview of the Office for Victim's of Crime (OVC) American Indian/Alaska Native SANE-SART Initiative



Partnering Agencies

- DOJ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Indian Health Service
- Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs

Purpose of Initiative

- ▶ To establish a coordinated, multidisciplinary project to address the needs of victims of sexual violence
- ▶ Increase the capacity for AI/AN communities to respond to victims of sexual violence, including service agencies such as healthcare facilities, victim advocacy, law enforcement, and the justice system

Components of Initiative

- ▶ 3 Demonstration Sites
- ▶ 2 National Coordinators (IHS and FBI)
- ▶ 1 Training & Technical Assistance Provider
- ▶ 1 National Evaluator & 3 Local Evaluators
- ▶ 3 Federal Working Groups (Child Sexual Abuse, Alaska Native Issues, First Responders)
- ▶ 1 National Coordination Committee

Demonstration Sites

- ▶ 3 diverse communities
- ▶ PL-280 vs non PL-280 States
- ▶ Different stages of coordination and development
- ▶ 1st year: Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan
- ▶ 2nd - 4th year: Implementation and Coordination
- ▶ Purpose: Lessons learned and Best Practices for replication in other Tribal communities

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

- ▶ Choctaw, MS (rural area)
- ▶ Enrollment population of 10,271
- ▶ 35,000 acres over a nine county area
- ▶ Serves eight recognized Choctaw Tribal communities
- ▶ Tribal police (cross-deputized) and FBI
- ▶ 24/7 Tribal hospital
- ▶ Goal: Develop a Sexual Assault Response Team designed specifically for Choctaw for a culturally appropriate and coordinated response in the Choctaw communities

Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.

- ▶ Alpine, CA (Urban/rural PL-280 area)
- ▶ Consists of a delegate from each of the seven member Tribes, which include the Barona, Campo, Ewiiaapaayp, Jamul, La Posta, Manzanita, and Viejas Bands of Kumeyaay Indians
- ▶ 3 Tribal clinic locations: Alpine, Campo, & La Posta (substance abuse) -Exams referred to San Diego county
- ▶ Border patrol, San Diego county police, & State advocates
- ▶ Goal: Augment and enhance the coordinated community response (CCR) by providing a more formalized purpose and concentration on the American Indian Community SIHC serves

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation

- ▶ Tuba City, AZ (rural area)
- ▶ Serves the Navajo Nation and Hopi reservation
- ▶ Service area is 11,201 square miles in the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation
- ▶ Tribal police, BIA, and FBI
- ▶ 24/7 Tribal hospital
- ▶ Goal: Provide a comprehensive, coordinated community response for victims of sexual assault

National Coordinators

- ▶ 2 National SANE–SART Coordinators
 - IHS–Beverly Cotton (Mississippi Choctaw)
 - FBI–Shannon May
- ▶ Serve as senior project manager for the AI/AN SANE–SART Initiative
- ▶ Established to support the overall goal and strategies of the Initiative
- ▶ Represent varied perspectives on a federal level, modeling the perspectives of a sexual assault response team (SART)

Training & Technical Assistance Provider

Tribal Law & Policy Institute

- ▶ Provide one–on–one training and technical assistance to demonstration sites per 3 site visits to each grantee
- ▶ One individual call & one combined call (per month) bringing all grantees together to share progress, challenges and how they're addressing challenges and barriers
- ▶ Webinars – Strategic planning
- ▶ Website/share point site
- ▶ 1 in person meeting with all grantees where they shared their progress, challenges and successes
- ▶ Telephone, email contact
- ▶ Hard copies of variety of resources

National Evaluator & Local Evaluators

**National Evaluator – Dr. Eidell Wasserman, OVC
TTAC Consultant**

- ▶ Assist demonstration sites with data collection and evaluation

National Coordination Committee

- ▶ Member of Committee include National Tribal organizations and Federal agencies
- ▶ Representatives of multidisciplinary response to sexual assault
- ▶ Provide recommendations on funding, training, and technical assistance priorities; identify current federal resources, duplication, and gaps in services