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Abstract

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Project Name: Court Involved Youth Intervention Project

Reason for Grant: Improve tribal juvenile justice systems; provide alcohol and drug abuse counseling services

Tribal Population: 1,000

Number of Juveniles Served by the Project: 50 to 300

Location of the Project: Lenawee Lenape Reservation, Sheraton, WA

Type of Setting: Rural, Reservation

Tribal Resolution Passed: Yes (date, resolution#)

Type of Project: Intervention with court involved youth

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Proposal

Court Involved Youth Intervention Project

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Description

Our goal is to grow the number of Native American youth who use substance abuse counseling services by providing intensive case management, family counseling, and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Needs Assessment

Problem to be Addressed.

After the destruction and murder of the bombing of the World Trade Center and the Madrid Train Station attacks our national focus was on the possibility of horrendous terrorist crimes. Yet as our national focus shifts to the war on terrorism, it is easy to forget about the threats that residents of small rural counties and Indian Reservations face every day in every part of the United States. The crisis faced by some of our rural areas form just as dire a threat as 9/11. Rural areas are sometimes romanticized as idyllic life, yet the substance abuse patterns for Sheraton County paint a different picture. Violent crime and substance abuse treatment for youth are often at much higher percentages than either state or national averages. This epidemic is stealing away our leaders of tomorrow, a precious resource which we can no longer afford to lose.

Number and types of incidents of juvenile delinquency in the geographic area to be served. The majority of crimes committed on the Lenape reservation by youth are for breaking liquor laws or possession of marijuana and other drugs. Yet this is only the tip of the iceberg. While these are the youth currently being prosecuted, there are also 20 cases of truant youth which are tracked by the Tribe's education department as well as an additional 15 youth who are undergoing treatment.

Constituency

Age range targeted by proposed project.

This project targets youth ages 6 -17. We chose a wide age range because, as the tribal community is rather small, the ability to make a significant impact on community substance abuse is much greater by including younger children. The importance of starting young with substance abuse mental health intervention cannot be emphasized enough. One critical age for substance abuse intervention is sixth grade. Only 4.5% of second graders in Shelton Middle School report using alcohol in the last month. By eighth grade, that number has jumped to 46.9% (22.3% state). And by tenth grade, the number has increased to 63.7% (versus 12% state).

Number of juveniles to be served by proposed project.

Forty-five court-involved and truant youth will be served in this project. American Indian youth, both male and female, found in isolated, rural areas, and are often below the federal poverty line. These youth are mandated by either tribal or county court to treatment and intervention services. The tribal youth population between ages 6 and 17 is roughly 400 youth. This project will serve almost 25 percent of tribal youth.

Description of the geographic area to be served.

The geographic boundary for this program is Sheraton County, WA.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Grow the number of Native American youth who use substance abuse counseling services by providing intensive case management, family counseling, and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Performance Objectives:

- Project coordinator develops intervention methods and presents them to Youth Intervention Team by 00/00/0000.
- Project coordinator develops database of 50 referral services for complete psychological assessments, family counseling, and youth counseling services by 00/00/0000.
- Project coordinator implements monthly meetings between Education Team and Court Managers to discuss top three problem areas and the three most necessary steps to further facilitate coordination and intensive case management from 00/00/0000 through 00/00/0000.

Outcome Objectives

- Increase by 10 percent the number of youth who access treatment services and complete 85 percent of their Individual Treatment Plan goals before leaving treatment.
(00/00/0000)

Design

Goal: Improve tribal juvenile justice system through enhanced intake assessment and enhancement of reentry programs so that both address mental health issues for court-involved youth and their families.

Performance Objectives

- Youth Intervention Team hires Youth Intervention Program coordinator and probation counselor by 00/00/0000.
- Project coordinator develops firm relationships with ten mental health service providers in the local area by 00/00/0000.
- Team and coordinator develop and review final format for Initial Treatment Plan and weekly activities by 00/00/0000.
- Collect evaluation measures at three, six, and twelve months in program.

Outcome Objectives

1. Increase by twenty-five percent the number of youth who receive mental health screenings as part of court intake process. 00/00/0000.
2. Increase by twenty-five percent the number of families that are contacted when their children are involved with the court system. (00/00/0000)

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