

SAMHSA Grant Funding to Tribes

Summary of SAMHSA's Tribal Portfolio Programs

- **Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (TBHG/Native Connections):** This program for tribes and tribal organizations is intended to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance abuse and promote mental health among American Indian and Alaska Native young people up to and including 24 years of age.
- **Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention program:** The focus of this program is on implementation of statewide or tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. Grants support public/private collaboration among youth-serving institutions, schools, juvenile justice systems, foster care systems, substance abuse and mental health programs, and other child/ youth supporting organizations.
- **Campus Suicide Prevention Program:** This program advances a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide in institutions of higher education. The intent is to assist colleges and universities—including tribal colleges and universities—to build a foundation to prevent suicide. It also enhances services for students with mental and substance use disorders that put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts.
- **Circles of Care (COC) Program:** Through this program, tribes receive support to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving their communities. COC grantees focus on reducing the gap between the need for mental health services; the availability and coordination of mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders; and, the impact of historical trauma.
- **Systems of Care (SOC) Program:** A system of care helps children, youth, and families function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life. The SOC program is intended to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. The program supports the availability and provision of mental health and related recovery support services along with systemic changes in policy, financing, services and supports, training and workforce development, and other areas that are necessary for expanding and sustaining the system of care approach.
- **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative:** This program targets prevention of underage drinking among 12-20 year olds and prescription drug misuse/abuse for those 12-25.
- **Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (Project LAUNCH) Program:** This program promotes wellness of young children from birth to 8 years by addressing the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral aspects of their development. Project LAUNCH drives the development of networks that coordinate key child-serving systems and integrate behavioral and physical health services. The intent is for children to thrive in safe, supportive environments and enter school ready to learn and able to succeed.
- **Drug-free Communities (DFC) Support Grant Program:** The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and SAMHSA collaborate on the DFC program—ONDCP funds and provides oversight and SAMHSA manages the funded grants. The intent of the DFC program is to: (1) establish and strengthen collaborations among

communities, public and private non-profit agencies; and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth; and (2) reduce substance use among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in communities that increase the risk of substance abuse and promote factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

- **Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts and Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts Program:** This program expands and/or enhances substance abuse treatment services to provide alcohol and drug treatment—including recovery support services supporting substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination—to defendants/offenders.
- **Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Program:** This program expands the availability of comprehensive, residential substance abuse treatment, prevention, and recovery support services for low-income women, aged 18 and over, who are pregnant or postpartum, and their minor children, aged 17 and under, who have limited access to quality health services.

SAMHSA grant programs have their own application deadlines each FY. Information can be accessed at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants>.

Data, Information, and Technical Assistance

- **SAMHSA Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ)** promotes access and use of the nation's substance abuse and mental health data through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive (SAMHDA). SAMHDA provides public-use data files, file documentation, and access to restricted-use data files to support a better understanding of this critical area of public health. To access this data, visit: <http://www.datafiles.samhsa.gov/>. To request data or ask a SAMHSA data question, visit: <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/request-data-ask-a-question>.
- SAMHSA also provides a variety of technical assistance opportunities and web and written materials to help communities, and especially tribes, apply for funds and prevent and address substance abuse and suicide among all age groups, as well as to help build emotional health among youth. There are two SAMHSA technical assistance centers specifically devoted to tribal issues:
 - **SAMHSA Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center:** The Center provides tribes and tribal organizations access to culturally relevant and evidence-based support to address mental and substance use disorders, suicide prevention, and promotion of mental health. There are a range of technical assistance opportunities and information may be accessed at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-ttac>.
 - Other resources include the **National Native Children's Trauma Center (NNCTC)**, **Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)**, and **Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT)**.
- For additional information and assistance, please contact the SAMHSA **Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy** at otap@samhsa.hhs.gov.