



## National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Native American Community Initiative

**Goal:** To strengthen communication and collaboration between Crisis Centers in the Lifeline network and the communities they serve where there are populations of indigenous people.

### PILOT COMMUNITIES

| State        | Crisis Center  | Reservation                                | Tribe                     | Community             |
|--------------|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| WYOMING      | Wyoming Behavioral Institute, Casper                 | Wind River                                 | Northern Arapaho Shoshone | Arapaho Fort Washakie |
| MONTANA      | Voices of Hope, Great Falls                          | Fort Peck                                  | Assiniboine-Sioux         | Poplar                |
|              |  | Northern Cheyenne                          | Northern Cheyenne         | Lame Deer             |
| NORTH DAKOTA | FirstLink, Fargo & Helpline, Bismarck                | Standing Rock                              | Lakota                    | Fort Yates            |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | HELPI!Line Center, Sioux Falls                       | Standing Rock                              | Lakota                    | McLaughlin            |
|              |  | <i>Cheyenne River potential pilot site</i> | Lakota                    | Eagle Butte           |
|              |  | Rosebud                                    | Lakota                    | Mission               |
|              |  | Crow Creek                                 | Dakota                    | Fort Thompson         |
| MINNESOTA    | Crisis Connection, Minneapolis (or) FirstLink, Fargo | <i>Red Lake potential pilot site</i>       | Ojibwe                    | Red Lake              |

### OBJECTIVES:

- **Facilitate relationships between Crisis Center staff and stakeholders in tribal communities.**
  - Identify tribal point of contact and key community stakeholders
  - Communicate with lead Crisis Center staff person identified by center director
  - Facilitate mutual site visits and ongoing meetings for planning and collaboration
  - Facilitate follow-up activities where needed
- **Develop cultural awareness and sensitivity survey and training as per the direction of the designated tribal community for crisis center telephone workers.**
  - Speak with identified tribal contact and other key community members (elders, healers, etc)
  - Assess community needs, including socio-cultural and historical issues that may impact current stressors and/or mental health
  - Assess community strengths and sources of resiliency
- **Strengthen the effectiveness of the local referral systems.**
  - Work with tribal contact person(s) to compile a list of local resources including emergency services, law enforcement, mental health treatment, support groups, spiritual healers, etc (as identified by tribal community)
  - Share resources with crisis center serving the respective community
  - Update resource list every six months
- **Promote culturally sensitive social marketing and educational materials in tribal communities.**
  - Solicit community feedback about Native American NSPL designated materials
  - Involve community members in the development of promotional materials
  - Partner with community members to distribute promotional and educational materials and information
- **Identify similarities and differences that can inform serving Native American communities on a national level in a culturally and respectful manner.**