Indian Health Service
American Indian/Alaska Native Community Crisis Response Guidelines

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Purpose

• Address the importance of federal and tribal partnerships in addressing suicide related crises.

• Provide recommendations, responsibilities and procedures for Tribes who receive services through the Indian Health Service (IHS) to request assistance.

• Ensure Tribes have access to behavioral health services.
Contents

• Tribal level response
• IHS area level response
• IHS headquarters level response
• Local community crisis response team
• IHS request for assistance protocol
• Area office protocol
• Appendix
Tribal level response

• Roles and responsibilities
  – Leads in areas including:
    • Team
    • Public information
    • Resource planning
    • Intervention
    • Logistics
    • Administrative
IHS area level response

• Response phases
  – Immediate
  – Short term
  – Long term

• Roles and responsibilities
  – Interaction with crisis response lead by:
    • Area leadership
    • Area behavioral health consultant
    • Tribal CEO/president/chairperson
IHS headquarters level response

• Roles and responsibilities
  – Information and resources provided by:
    • IHS director
    • Area behavioral health consultant
    • Tribal CEO/president/chairperson

• Approaches
  – RedDOG
  – Clinical services
  – Training
Local community response team

• Focuses on the status of the crisis and initiates action plan to follow guideline recommendations on:
  – Crisis situation
  – Agency and organization communication and interactions
  – Community awareness and events
  – Follow up within community and those impacted
IHS request for assistance protocol

• Emergent request for assistance
  – Initiation and protocol
  – Asks

• Non-emergent request for assistance
  – Initiation and protocol
  – Asks
Area office protocol

• IHS headquarter response protocol
  – Initiation and protocol
  – Asks
  – RedDOG

• Tribal request for assistance
  – Initiation and protocol
  – Asks
Appendix

- Terminology
- Assessment processes
- Team processes
- Requests
- Educational topics and training programs
For more information

http://www.ihs.gov/SuicidePrevention/CommunityGuidelines
Question & answers
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