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Provide consultation with Tribal Governments before any action by ODMHSAS is taken that will significantly affect American Indians

Collaborative Governance- collectively empowered to make a policy decision or make recommendations to a final decision-maker

Technical Assistance Collaboration-Agencies and Tribes
There are 39 tribal nations headquartered in Oklahoma.
Oklahoma Tribes

- According to the 2015 US Census Bureau estimates, there are about 532,016 American Indian and Alaska Native people living in Oklahoma representing 13.6% of the state’s population.

- Federal recognition of an Indian tribe involves official acknowledgement by the United States of the political status of tribes as a government. Members of a federally recognized tribe are eligible for a number of unique federal programs such as those offered to Indian people by the Indian Health Service.

- Many federally recognized tribes have constitutions, others operate under articles of association or other bodies of law and some have found a way to combine their traditional systems of government within a modern governmental framework. Contemporary tribal governments are often modeled upon the federal system of the three branches: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

- The chief executive of a tribe is usually called a chairman, chairwoman or chairperson, but may also be called a principal chief, Mekko, king, governor, president, mayor, spokesperson, or representative.

- Many tribes have established, or are building, their judicial branch or tribal court system to interpret tribal laws and administer justice.

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- District Attorney’s Council
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- Oklahoma Department of Transportation
- Oklahoma Department of Veteran’s Affairs
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Oklahoma State Department of Health
- State Department of Education
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“ODMHSAS supports a holistic framework that reinforces the belief that the mind, body, and spirit are all connected to health and that tribes know best how to address their needs through prevention activities, community partnership, and collaborating with other agencies in prevention and treatment efforts.”

~ ODMHSAS Website Tribal State Relations

- Consortia
  - Grant Specific
- Collaborations
  - Jurisdictional, TA Specific
- Consultation
  - Leadership
Cultural competence is defined as the ability to function effectively in the context of cultural differences. – SAMHSA Culture Card (2009)