Engaging Tribal Leadership in the Design and Implementation of National Research in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

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Grassroots Education & Awareness

Support from Tribal Leadership

Involvement of Government, Community, Individuals

Back to Grassroots with Tribal Participation

Catalyst for Congressional Action

National Support w/ VAWA 2005 & 2013

National Baseline Study
Principles of Government-to-Government Relationships

• Building Relationships
  – Community visits
  – Tribal approvals
  – Tribal IRB approval

• Maintaining Relationships with Tribal and Federal Stakeholders

• Collaboration and Partnerships

• Commitment
  – Ensuring confidentiality
  – Community capacity building
  – Training field staff
Building Relationships

- Incorporate local rule
- Formalize government-to-government relationship
- Personalize Recruitment strategies
- Build rapport
- Outreach and Education
- Identify and cultivate community-based relationships
- Hire local field staff
Building Skills

- Internal processes/protocols
- Education for Tribal leadership and community
- Information on research methods and approaches
- Application of required tribal approval methods
- Training of local field staff
Working Together

• Establish meaningful involvement
• Support for research
• Participant arrangements
• FAQ’s and informational materials
• Engagement of local agencies
• Implementation assistance
• Access to local, safe and private facilities
Commitment

- Appropriate pathways
- Develop policies and processes
- Informed participation
- Participation to benefit all AI/AN women in tribal communities
- Provide local facilities and counseling support
- Provide feedback
- Encourage participation
Questions?
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