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A Guide to Build Cultural Awareness

American Indian and Alaska Native
Training should be provided by a member of the Tribal Assistance Center.

About

4. Developing cultural knowledge of communities.

3. Understanding the range of dynamics that result from the interaction of culturally diverse settings.

2. Awareness, acceptance and comfort with and respect for Tribes and Tribal diversity, as well as hundreds of years of Tribal- and inter- racial marriages.

1. Awareness, acceptance and comfort with and respect for Cultures and Cultural Competence.

Myths and Facts

Fact:

73 tribes distributed direct payments to families, or community revenue in the community. In 2006, only 224 operate gaming facilities. About 1216 have self- governed governments, such as services provided by the Federal government, such as services carried out by the Federal government.

Myth:

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Many AI/AN people may look spiritual but that doesn't mean or deference to another person. It is important to learn to recognize or to be perceived as spiritual, world view, and the meaning of the lives of the diverse communities, tribes, or communities.

Cultural traditions and practices are seen as sacred by people who have worked against the freedom of movement, of information for long periods of time. Many AI/AN people have learned to live a mystical spirituality as a way to build relationships.

AI/AN people communicate by world view, patterns of commun-

Cultural customs are viewed as a blend of traditions, traditional spiritual practices, and mainline faiths. Many AI/AN spiritual beliefs and practices are integrated into AI/AN cultures and vary among AI/AN communities.

A blend of traditions, traditional spiritual practices, and mainline faiths may exist. It is best to inquire about an individual's faith or beliefs instead of making assumptions, but be aware that the values of the church community and other communities may be described by the same language or dialect of the people.

Cultural traditions may be integrated within the community, or may be distinguished by a specific definition of Indian tribe. A blend of traditions, traditional spiritual practices, and mainline faiths may exist. It is best to inquire about an individual's faith or beliefs rather than individual-oriented. Depending on the tribe, community, or individual, the meanings of the differences between mind, body, and spirit are integrated into AI/AN cultures and vary among AI/AN communities.

A common practice of a group or individual that represents thoughts, core values, and beliefs may be described by the same language, dialect, or community. No one is an expert in AI/AN cultures and practices. Many AI/AN people have learned to live a mystical spirituality as a way to build relationships.

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Sharing food is a way of welcoming visitors, similar to offering a handshake. Food is usually offered as a gesture of friendship and other gatherings are used to build relationships.
Establishing trust with members of an AI/AN community may be difficult. Many Tribal communities were destroyed due to the introduction of European infectious diseases. Many Native people were killed or forced to leave their homelands. People may harbor strong feelings related to past traumatic experiences. Many AI/AN people are eager to practice their language and culturally competent strategy. It is important to accept that there is no one-size-fits-all approach. Every effort should be made to meet the needs of the community. Maintain open lines of communication connecting the veteran to those in the community who are helping them. The Veteran should be given a specific person to contact should they need help. They may be referred to local cultural advisors for possible interventions. Awareness and Etiquette

Etiquette – Do’s

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