



Domestic Violence Funding

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Presentation Outline

- Prevalence of domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA)
- Primary care connection to screening for DV and SA
- Indian Health Service (IHS) DV/SA funding
- Resource center for DV
- Promising best practice models



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Statics

- American Indian (AI) women suffer from the highest rate of violent victimizations in the United States
- U.S. Department of Justice reported that DV among Native women to be the highest of any ethnic or racial group in the U.S.
- Native women are five times more likely to be a DV homicide victim



Connection to Primary Care

- Domestic Violence is a health care issue
- U.S. Department of Justice reports that 37 percent of all women who sought care in emergency rooms for violence related injuries were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend....
- Recommend DV screening at least annually and if women are pregnant screen during each trimester
- Recommend screening performed by a healthcare women professional



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Reports

- In 2007 Amnesty Internal Report published “Maze of Injustice” which reported failure to protect indigenous women from sexual violence
 - Laid out a number of recommendations
 - Announced study with media follow-up which made it on many of the largest news outlets and NPR
 - A legislative hearing was held
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Amnesty International

- Develop comprehensive plans of action to stop violence ...
 - Tribal, state and federal authorities should, in consultation ...develop necessary accurate data on sexual violence against Indigenous women
- The federal government should take steps
 - including sufficient funding to ensure full implementation of the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Woman Act, Title IX ... (pg.84)



Funding for Indian Health to Address Domestic Violence

- Public Law 111-8 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009
- In 2009 provided \$7,500,000
- In 2010 Congress increased funding to \$10,000,000
- Address domestic violence and sexual assault within American Indian and Alaska Natives communities



Domestic Violence Funding for California

- 2009 funding \$154,000
 - Sexual assault \$58,000 and;
 - Domestic Violence prevention \$96,000
- 2010 funding \$223,000
 - Sexual assault \$85,000 and;
 - Domestic Violence prevention \$138,000



Congressional Intent of Funding

- Support a national effort by the Indian Health Service to address domestic violence and sexual assault within American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) communities



Grant Process

- Competitive grant
- Tribal health care programs may and did submit 2 applications
 - Domestic violence prevention
 - Sexual assault expansion projects
- California Area Office received 11 grants from seven tribal programs



Domestic Violence Prevention Proposals

- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
 - Indian Health Council, Inc. (two)
 - Kima:w Medical (Hoopa Tribe) two
 - Northern Valley Indian Health
 - Sonoma County Indian Health
 - Toiyabe Indian Health (two)
 - United Indian Health Services (two)
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Grant Process Criteria

- David Sprenger, M.D. and Dawn Phillips scored the proposals based on criteria from Head Quarters (100 points available)
- Six tribal health care program grants were sent to Head Quarters (HQ)
- California Area requested HQ to fund two additional grant applications and these two applications were sent to HQ



Best Practice Models

- Family Violence Prevention Fund's (FVPF) Health resource center at 888-792-2873 or email www.endabuse.org/health
- Building Domestic Violence Health Care Responses in Indian Country: Promising Practices Report

A Promising Practices Report

**Eat your
vegetables.**

**Don't play
with matches.**

**Finish your
homework.**

**Respect
women.**



Violence against women is not part of our traditions. Harmony relies on our ability to respect, honor and nurture all our relatives. We must teach the boys in our life early and often that this is what it means to be a warrior and that violence never equals strength. A safer world is in their hands, help them grasp it.

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