Engaging Tribal Leadership in the Design and Implementation of National Research with Tribal Communities

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Overview

• National Baseline Study
• Federal Government Efforts
• Levels and Strategies of Tribal Engagement
• Communication and Dissemination
National Institute of Justice  
U.S. Department of Justice

• Research, development, testing, and evaluation science agency

• Mission: Strengthen Science. Advance Justice

• Strategic Goals:
  ▪ Foster science-based criminal justice practice
  ▪ Translate knowledge to practice
  ▪ Advance technology
  ▪ Work across disciplines
  ▪ Adopt a global perspective
Goal

Equitable and mutually beneficial research partnerships
Grassroots Education & Awareness

Support from Tribal Leadership

Catalyst for Congressional Action

National Support w/ VAWA 2005 & 2013

Back to Grassroots with Tribal Participation

Involvement of Government, Community, Individuals
Federal Government Efforts

Building Relationships
- Letter of Invitation
- Personal Visits with Tribes leadership and staff

Maintaining Relationships
- Federal Stakeholders
- Tribal Stakeholders

Collaboration & Partnerships
- NBS Research Contractor
- NBS Data Collection Contractor
- Federal Advisory Task Force
- Office on Violence Against Women
- Participating Tribal Communities

Commitment
- Funding
- CBRP
- Participatory Agreements
- Written Research Protocols
- Capacity Building

NIJ Principles of Government-to-Government Relations on NBS
Components of Tribal Engagement

- Tribal Leadership
- Community
- Interpersonal
- Organizational
Dimensions of Tribal Engagement

- Building Relationships
- Building Skills
- Working Together
- Commitment
Component: Leadership/Political

**Building Relationships**
- Incorporate local rule
- Formalize government-to-government relationship

**Building Skills**
- Internal structures or processes/protocols
- Education for tribal leadership

**Working Together**
- Establish meaningful involvement
- Support for research

**Commitment**
- Appropriate pathways
- Develop policies and/or processes
Component: Interpersonal

Building Relationships
- Personalized recruitment strategies
- Build rapport

Building Skills
- Info on research methods and approaches
- ACASI and CAPI

Working Together
- Participant arrangements
- FAQs and info materials

Commitment
- Informed participation
- Participation to benefit all AI and AN women
Component: Organizational

**Building Relationships**
- Outreach and education
- Establish Tribal Point of Contact

**Building Skills**
- Research methods education and awareness
- Apply required tribal approval methods

**Working Together**
- Engage local agencies
- Assist with implementation

**Commitment**
- Local facilities and counseling support
- Comment on NBS manuscript
Component: Community

Building Relationships
- ID and cultivate community relationships
- Hire local field staff

Building Skills
- Educate community on NBS objectives
- Train local field staff

Working Together
- Local, safe, and private facilities
- Host ongoing events to stay engaged

Commitment
- Encourage participation
- Comment on NBS manuscript
Communication & Dissemination

- Pre-Data Collection
- During Data Collection
- Post-Data Collection
## Pre-Data Collection

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The Takeaway

It is appropriate and feasible when conducting *national* research to work with tribal communities in order to ensure more *equitable* and *mutually beneficial* research partnerships.
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