

Grantee: FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

Program: State Adolescent Treatment Enhancement and Dissemination, DHHS/SAMHSA/CSAT

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MENDING THE CIRCLE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Mending the Circle (MTC) project is a 4-year grant awarded to the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).



The objectives of the MTC include:

1. Collaborate with Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Center and the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center to improve substance abuse and co-occurring disorders treatment for American Indian/Alaska Native adolescents (13-17) and their families and transitional aged youth (18-24)
2. Implement evidence-based assessment and treatment practices. Treatment approaches selected are Motivational Enhancement/Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and The Change Companies Interactive Journaling
3. Link and coordinate with Tribal services systems serving adolescents and transitional aged youth to develop and improve infrastructure at the Tribal and Inter-Tribal levels

A Tribal Advisory Committee consisting of FPST Program Directors and staff that provide services to youth and transitional aged youth, in addition to interested community members was formed in the summer of 2014 and meet on a monthly basis. Two subcommittees were also formed that consist of the Nevada Tribal Health Directors and Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada's Statewide Native American Coalition.

All three committees promote the sharing of information such as workforce development trainings, the dissemination of evidence-based practices to Nevada Tribal treatment providers, focus on identifying gaps in service and identify funding streams, assist in development of financial maps and make improvements in the treatment and prevention of substance abuse related issues among tribal adolescents and transitional-aged youth. These committees assisted in identifying areas for workforce development that includes trainings and in-services such as SafeTALK, White Bison's Sons of Tradition, Drug Endangered Children, Family Engagement, Trauma Informed Care and Co Occurring Disorders.