

Multi-level Programming to Support Public Health Intervention and Prevention Efforts

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Pueblo of Acoma

Pueblo of Acoma is a federally recognized tribe and was named as the 28th National Trust for Historic Preservation

Acoma lies within Socorro, Valencia, Cibola, and Catron counties, 65 miles west of Albuquerque

Myriad issues face Acoma: alcohol misuse, substance use disorder, and suicide

It's important to recognize that the unique cultural characteristics and traditions of the Acoma Pueblo have been a vital component while braiding traditional and modern best practices across the spectrum of behavioral health and wellness promotion



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Learning Objectives

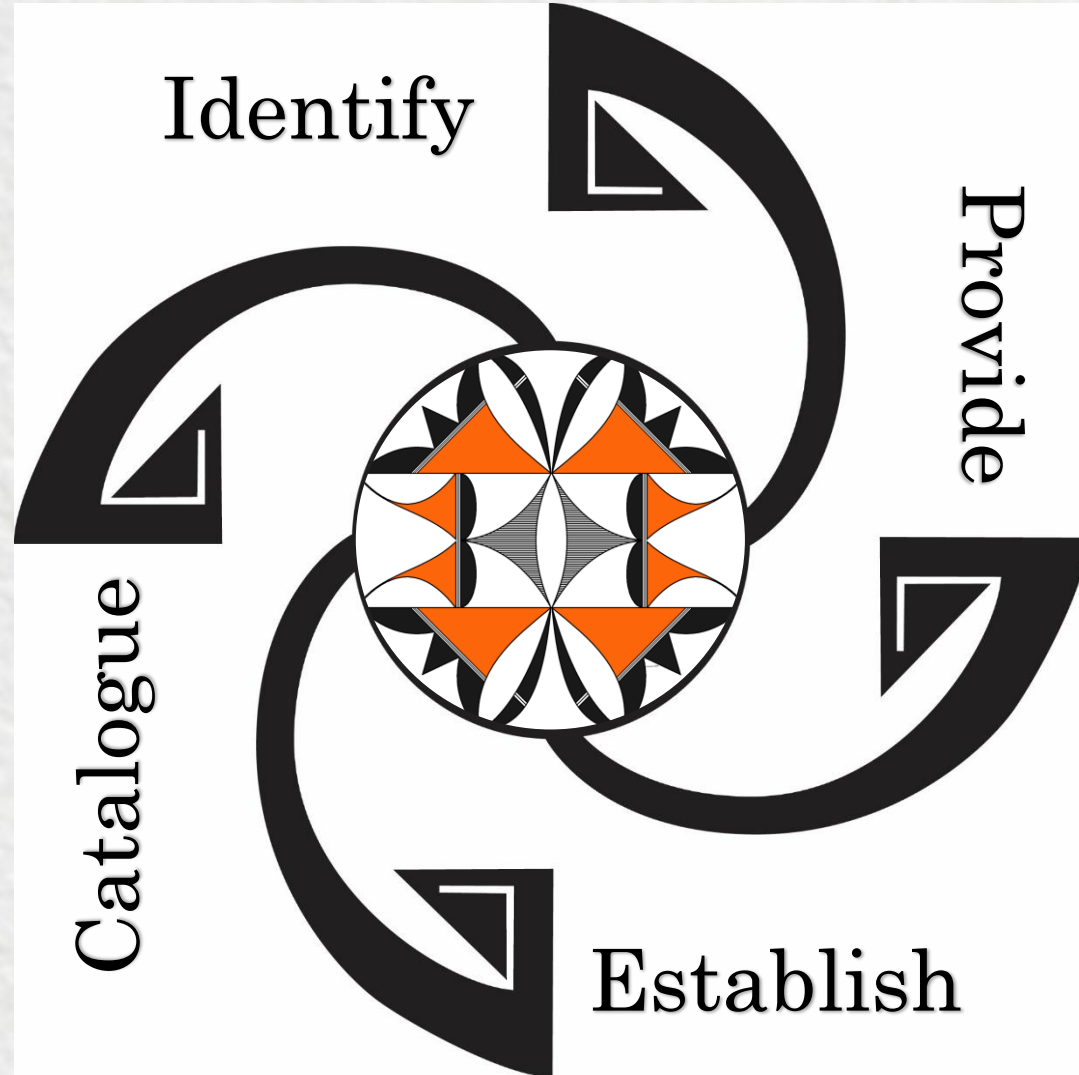
- Reinforce and amplify intervention and prevention messages to reduce risk factors by building of assets and resiliency.
- Multi-level programming provides a consistent, cohesive message across the community – belonging
- Seamless public health intervention and prevention efforts by honoring community traditions and culture
- An outcome that accomplishes the sustainability by engaging a strengths-based/community-based approach to addressing public health issues



Introduction

- Prevention, intervention, awareness, and trauma-informed care rely on a coherent and consistent messaging system and supportive environment.
- ABHS has developed a practice-based policy to address the stress and overwhelming burden on community crisis response teams (CRT) by developing a community “safety-net” in Acoma that shares responsibilities, messaging and support across multiple departments and service provider units.

Methods



Multi-level Programmatic Alternatives to Community Response Teams

Resources

- Suicide Prevention & Treatment
- ATOD Prevention Intervention & Treatment
- High School Diploma, GED & College Readiness Programs
- Workforce Training & Placement

Assets

- Culture
- Traditions
- Language
- Consistency of Safe Messaging
- Program Capacity



Services & Outcomes

Braiding Services

- Mental Health First Aid
- Crisis Response
- Smoking Cessation and Prevention
- Re-integration of offenders
- Parenting programs
- Wellness Court Program
- Seeds of Resiliency Project
- American Indian Life Skills
- In-school Prevention Programming
- Care Coordination
- Oral histories, folklore, and traditional knowledge and beliefs Acoma language classes
- Job training and placement



Outcome Potential

- Build capacity (individual & system levels)
- Increase effectiveness of prevention efforts
- Ensuring stakeholders are working toward the same goals
- Enhancing cultural competence

Referral System

Regardless of provider services, Acoma community members are within one referral to requested or needed services.





Referral (cont.)

- Support and referrals guide Tribal residents to supportive services and messages. The safety-net helps close service and education gaps in Acoma while relieving the burden of the CRT. Culture, tradition and native language provide the foundation and build a sense of belonging through the safety-net
- Outcomes include improved prevention, intervention and treatment, improved education, workforce placement and attachment to Acoma culture leading to a feeling of belonging



Long-term Impact of Acoma Safety Net

Qualitative Impact

- Increase awareness for available services
- Improve feeling of “belonging” to the community
- Dispel silos between disparate programs
- Leverage resources and assets
- Improved health and well-being
- Address gaps in services
- Preserve culture and language

Quantitative Impact

- Increased number of self-referrals
- Improved job training and job placement
- Improved educational outcomes at all levels
- Improved grantmaking outcomes
- Increased external partnerships
- Increase self-referrals
- Reduce substance use and suicide rates



Challenges

- Program and programmatic silos
- Limited sharing of program resources
- Limited perspective from other programs
- Limited staffing and funding support
- Addressing taboos

The Acoma Safety-Net succeeded when assets and resources were braided together to address challenges faced by the Tribe in delivering a coordinated catalogue of services for the benefit of the public health of Tribe's members

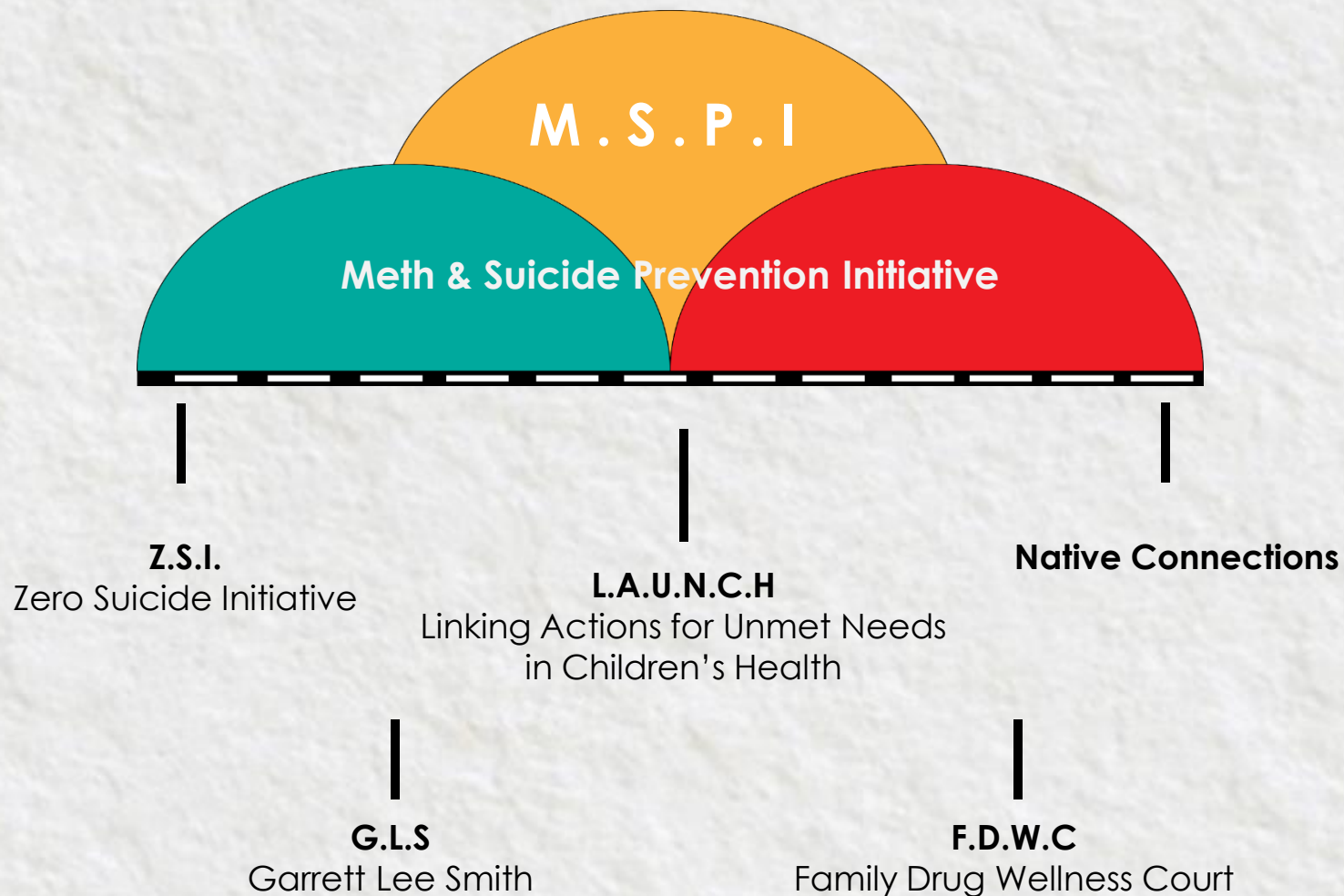
Conclusion

Functional, active partnerships within an organization or enterprise are essential to delivering:

- A cohesive, consistent intervention, prevention and treatment messaging
- Disparate programs that collaborate can deliver those messages from different perspectives
- Braiding culture, tradition, history, and native language into the effort binds the entire effort into a single organism
- Intervention, prevention and treatment outcomes improve through community sense of belonging and supplemented with improved education and academic outcomes, job training and placement, healthier life-choices, and reduced risk

“Culture is prevention”

Safety-Net Foundation for Future Success



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