



AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE SUSTAINABILITY SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL (CONTINUED)

Political and economic support

- Process to assess the current and future economic health of the community, including job viability for families, is in place and considered as services are developed.
- Strong and positive relationships exist between SOC leadership and key tribal, state, and federal leaders.
- Tribal, state, and U.S. congressional elected officials respect and know the tribal SOC.
- Process to assess leadership decision-making and power styles of stakeholders and the impact on the tribal SOC is in place.
- Tribal, state, and national election dates are known, and the impact on the tribal SOC is considered.
- Tribal SOC models: self-determination; equal partnerships between nontribal and tribal partners; leadership welcomed from all levels of the community; and the tribal community demonstrates that it buys in to the SOC.
- Tribal institutional leadership is stable and supportive of SOC principles.
- Tribal institutions have structures, policies, and procedures that match the cultural norm (tribal institutions are in sync with tribal values).
- Quality improvement process is in place for administrative and program practices and used on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Clinical and fiscal utilization management is in place.
- Quality assurance is managed through a process incorporating families and youth.
- Social marketing plan is in place, utilizing data as a means to impact policy change.

Strategic financing strategies

Assessment:

- Determination of all available (known and untapped) funds and matched dollars assessed.
- Full understanding of the financial strengths and challenges of an SOC developed within a clinic setting, as opposed to a nonclinic setting.
- Ability to redeploy funds is assessed as is the potential impact of redeployment on the community's well-being.

Partnerships:

- Relationships developed with other child-serving system leaders to start discussion of the benefits of pooled resources to expand the fiscal base and leverage funds.
- Relationship with the state mental health authority in place.
- Relationship with the state Medicaid office in place.
- Relationship among tribal–public–private leadership at state and local levels is established and fosters fiscal investments in children and families.

Readiness:

- Leadership understands the licensing requirements and state-negotiated service categories needed to seek Medicaid or Title IV-E waivers.
- Programs are operated more efficiently by cutting costs and reinvesting funds.
- Plan for training, licensing, and credentialing of staff in place, per Medicaid reimbursement requirements.
- Process in place for peer-to-peer fund development advice from other tribal SOC communities.

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