



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

Action:

- All administration and program staff take responsibility to ensure reasonable program expenditures.
- Reinvestment is accomplished by allocating funds that can be “saved” through redeployment, refinancing, or reductions in spending, or using in-kind resources.
- Diversification of funding is accomplished.
- Federal revenue is leveraged by taking advantage of programs that provide funding contingent on state, local, or private financing.
- Grants are written and submitted on a regular basis.
- Funds are pooled, blended, or braided to create unified funding streams.
- Categorical funding across agencies is coordinated and aligned to support community services.
- Devolution or de-categorization of funding streams is completed to remove narrow eligibility requirements and rules and to expand array of supports and services currently unavailable to families.
- Medicaid or Title IV-E waivers are being sought and implemented.
- Technical assistance is provided to public and private agencies to increase their understanding of what is needed to create and sustain SOC services and supports.

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The tools presented in this chapter can help you, your staff, and your community build a sustainable program and system of services designed to meet the behavioral health needs of American Indian and Alaska Native clients. As an administrator or program manager, you are in a central position to know which of these tools will best serve your mission and how best to adapt them to your organization’s and community’s particular needs.



Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.”

—Sitting Bull (1831–1890), Hunkpapa Lakota