INDIGENOUS Projects, Services & Resources

at the Center for Rural Health







National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative

Restoring respect & dignity by honoring Indigenous Elders.

Most cases of elder abuse are undetected, under-reported, and unresolved resulting in injury, financial decimation, and even death. The National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) provides culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Indian Country.

NIEJI Projects, Services, and Resources

Elder Abuse Prevention Education

Technical assistance to tribes in addressing Indigenous elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation through information, presentations, and sharing resources.

Online Interactive Elder Justice Curriculum

Free online education modules to train those working with Indigenous elders to identify and address elder abuse. Modules include Elder Abuse, Caregiver, Financial Abuse, Healthcare, Legal, Policy, and Social Services.

Tribal Elder Protection Team Toolkit

In addition to the toolkit, NIEJI provides technical assistance to help communities develop comprehensive assessments and consultation to address elder abuse concerns.

Native Elders Maltreatment Survey

Technical assistance to American Indian tribes, Alaskan villages, and Hawaiian homesteads in the collection of local data on elder abuse. This includes assistance on obtaining tribal approval, sampling, remote training, and consultation for interviewers, as well as, data entry, data analysis, data storage, and data tables.

Tribal Elder Abuse Codes

Technical assistance and resources to help tribal communities develop elder abuse codes that fit the needs of the communities and maintenance of a tribal elder abuse codes database.

Directory of State and Tribal Hotlines

An interactive map of state and tribal hotlines to report elder abuse and to find resources for elders.

Elder Abuse Catalog

A free and customizable online catalog of elder abuse prevention educational materials, and products.

National Resource Center on Native American Aging

To identify & increase awareness of evolving Native elder health & social issues.

The National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) is committed to identifying Native elder health and social issues. Through education, training, and technical assistance, we assist in developing communitybased solutions to improve the quality of life and delivery of related support services to the Native aging population.

NRCNAA Projects, Services, and Resources

Native Aging in Place Project (NAPP)

Builds local capacity with Native elders while they remain in their homes or "age in place". The project engages caregivers and health professionals through the utilization of the Native Elder Caregiver Curriculum.

Native Elder Caregiver Curriculum

American Indian elders are valued members of their communities who prefer to 'age in place.' This is a tool to assist caregivers that have the responsibility of caring for their elders.

Native Elder Services Locator

An interactive map with tribal elderly services available in the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Native Urban Elder Needs Assessment Survey

The purpose of this survey is to assist urban organizations in creating a record of the health and social needs of their elders.

Title VI Needs Assessment - Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

The purpose of this project is to assist tribes, villages, and homesteads in creating a record of the health and social needs of their elders.

Well-Balanced (Wise Elders Living Longer) Program

A group program designed specifically for Native American elders that combines exercise, information, and social interaction to help elders remain active and independent.

American Indian Health Research Conference

The annual American Indian Health Research Conference is a daylong event featuring national speakers, researchers, students, and community members. It serves as an opportunity for participants to network and partner with communities, tribal colleges, and researchers.

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