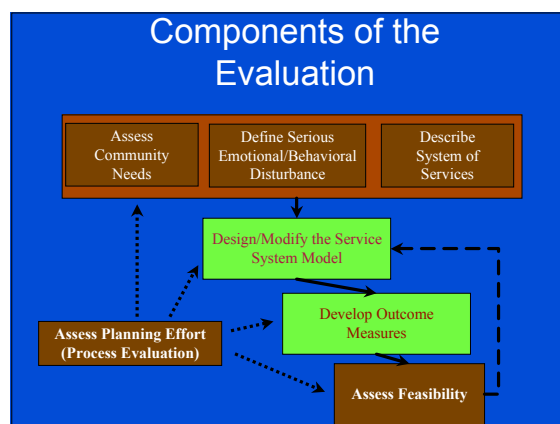


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Oklahoma Tribes

- 38 Federally Recognized Tribes
- Over 200,000 American Indians
 - 7.4% of Oklahoma population
 - Largest ethnic minority group in the state
- 2nd largest tribal population of all U.S. states (California is first)
- Tulsa metro is the 3rd largest urban Indian population in the country~86,000
- Over 150 different tribes representing Tulsa

First Steps- Year 1

- Consulting with Elders
- Hiring Community Coordinators
- Start conversations about behavioral health
- Presentations to the Community
 - Elder backing
 - Always an exchange
 - Initial resistance
- Creating an Advisory Board
 - FOOD
 - Relating to real life issues

Collecting Data- Year 2

- Developing Evaluation Measures
- Negotiating with University about data ownership
- Training Community Researchers
 - Research Ethics
 - History of Research ON American Indians
 - Participatory Research Models
 - Research Design and Methodology
- Recruiting Participants and Collecting Data
 - Indian Education Mail-outs
 - Pow-wow's, Stomp Dances, Community meals/gatherings
 - Newspapers
 - Valuing people's time
 - Spiritual and ceremonial leaders

Service System Model- Year 3

- Analyzing Data using community researchers
- Interpreting Data with Advisory Board
- Disseminating information into community
 - Joint presentations
 - Community using the data
 - Getting ideas about how to meet needs and build on strengths
- Drafting Service System Model and getting feedback.
- Assessing Feasibility
- Move from "raising awareness" to community "embracing the vision" of a better community for youth

Data Use

- Service System Model
- Advocating for Substance Abuse services for youth at the state level
- Partnering with local university on NIMH grant application to focus on identifying strengths and resiliency/protective factors
- Research project examining relation between substance use and cultural connections
- Partnering with Oklahoma DMHSA on Anti-Stigma Campaign focused on American Indian
- Institutionalizing research at the clinic with Applied Research Center and Community Research Advisory Board

*Native
Ideas
Into Action*



Topics for Discussion
Strengths and Challenges



Research Fidelity
Dual Relationships
Data Relevance and Use
Cultural Competence
Objectivity
Spectrum of Biases
Reliability/Validity
Confidentiality