


SUSTAINABILITY OF TRIBAL SANE SART PROGRAMS



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What is Sustainability?


*Relating to or being a method of **harvesting** or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.*

(Merriam-Webster, 2009)

Simply Put

“Sustainability is about maintaining and continuing program services over a long time period and having the needed services become a permanent part of community resources”

From – Sustainability Toolkit for Indian Communities –
American Indian Development Associates, 2003



OVC established the AI/AN SANE-SART Initiative in 2010 to address the comprehensive needs of tribal victims of sexual assault, **with the ultimate goal of institutionalizing sustainable and evidence-based practices** adapted for the needs of tribal communities to help foster dignity and spiritual, mental, and physical health in victims of sexual assault.

Discussion for your SART

- What is to be sustained?
- Why should it be sustained?
- Who's responsible for sustaining it?
- How will it be sustained?
- What's needed in order to sustain it?
- What type of planning is needed?
- When will this plan begin?
- How will we know we are being successful?

What is to be Sustained?


- Positive changes made
- Policies and protocols developed
- Attitudes and community perceptions
- Improved response to victims
- Improved collaboration between responders
- Trust from community stakeholders
- Momentum built
- Other


- We often think sustainability is only about financial resources.



Sustainability Beyond Dollars

- Political Support
- Partnerships
- Incentives to maintain buy-in
- Organizational capacity
- Program Evaluation/data collection
- Program Adaptation
- Communication/Education
- Strategic Plan/Logic Model

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- *Sexual Assault Forensic and Clinical Management Virtual Practicum DVD*
(<http://www.iafn.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticle nbr=174>).



And yes, funding stability is part of the
equation

Sustainability Challenge in Tribal Communities

- Greater need for many resources
- Don't have the tax base to rely upon
- Financial resources are limited
- Historically day to day subsistence was priority
- Financial planning for the future was rare

Developing a Sustainability Plan & Self Assessment

- Create a Sustainability Sub-Committee
- Address sustainability on SART meeting agendas
- Conduct internal audit – expense/resource analysis
- Determine and access program resources
- Set goals and objectives of sustainability plan
- Reach out to supporters & develop community outreach plan with goal, action steps to meet the objective, by whom, by when and date for completion

Fundraising Plan

- Locally, state, federal grants
- Market products
- Donations
- Fundraising events
- Other



A Note About Use of Federal Funds

Federal grant funds cannot be used to support fundraising activities. For more information see p. 94, Section 3.13 of the 2014 OJP *Financial Guide* for additional information on these restrictions.

Summary

- Important to institutionalize SANE/SART practice
- Garner broad base community support
- Sustainability beyond financial support
- OVC SANE SART grant goals & objectives for Year 4 include developing a sustainability plan
- TLPI can assist with developing a framework for developing a sustainability plan if you need



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