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# Native American Center for Excellence

- A national resource center established by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).
- NACE provides culturally-centered training, technical assistance, and information resources services to a variety of Native and non-Native audiences throughout the United States.

# Advised by an Expert Panel



15 members with AI/AN expertise in prevention, assessment, capacity, planning, implementation, & evaluation, including youth & traditional healing and practices

# Training and Technical Assistance

NACE T/TA include:

- Collaboration with other SAMHSA efforts (FASD), consultants, tribal initiatives...
- Onsite tribal consultations
- Conference presentations
- Webinars
- Offsite information dissemination
- Website **<http://nace.samhsa.gov>**
- SAMHSA internal trainings
- Service to Science Academy Programs
- Research and Evaluation Summits





# NACE TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2009

- Yakama Nation
- Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
- Coquille Tribes of Oregon
- Navajo Nation
- Havasupai
- Great Lakes Intertribal Council
- Winnebago
- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa
- Grand Traverse Band of Odawa and Chippewa Indians
- Oneida
- Menominee
- Acoma
- Northern Arapahoe
- Tohono O'odham
- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz
- Klamath Tribes
- Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Redwood Valley Band of Pomo
- Round Valley
- Hoopa Tribe of Northern California
- Grindstone Rancheria
- Northern Valley Indian Health Center
- Auburn Indian Center
- Inter Tribal Council of Nevada – Statewide Native American Coalition
- Native American Health Center – Urban Indian Population 8 Clinics
- Sacramento Native American Health Center – Urban Indian Center in Sacramento
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Blackfeet Nation
- Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- Crow Creek
- Friendship House, San Francisco
- Cherokee Nation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
- Crow Tribe

# Key Challenges

- Advocacy
- Gathering Knowledge
- Building Knowledge
- Disseminating Knowledge
- Supporting Knowledge Implementation in Indian Country

# NACE Building Block Domains

1. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Youth
2. AI/AN Families
3. AI/AN Community
4. Schools
5. Tribal Leaders and Policy



# SAMHSA CSAP TIWG/NACE Project Officer Trainings



Federal Training on Tribal Structure, Protocols, Diversity of AI/AN Governments, Understanding State and Tribal Relations



# SAMHSA CSAP NACE Service to Science Academies 2008-2010



NACE Collaboration

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# 2009 American Indian / Alaska Native Evaluator Summit



- More than 50 AI/AN evaluators and researchers
- Discuss issues related conducting research and evaluation in Indian Country



# QUESTIONS

# To Request Services

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