
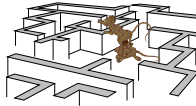


**States Working with Tribes:
Challenges and Successes**



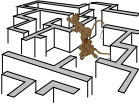
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INTERNAL CHALLENGES




- Hiring project director.
- Realizing the original grant had to be re-focused.
- Holding stakeholder focus group.
- Re-writing grant.

- Working with 9 Tribal plans.
- Contracting with 8 sovereign nations.
- Funds being released.
- Sharing data agreement.
- Dealing with carry-over funds.
- Communicating between the Tribes, NARA, SAMHSA working within constraints with funds.
- Building trusting relationships.




Successes




- State has had a long term relationship with the Nine Oregon Federal recognized Tribes and Native Americans Rehabilitation NW Inc. (NARA).
- State Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) Tribal Liaison was included in the design of grant and stakeholder focus group and consulted with throughout the project.
- SB 770, State and Tribes Government to Government agreement.

- John Spence PhD, had a history working with AMH, State of Oregon and Tribes. NARA contracted with him to work on plans, contract issues and building relationships with Tribes.
- Jason Yarmer hired as Director of NARA Prevention Suicide Grant, stabilizing project.
- NARA Prevention Suicide Grant included in Tribal Quarterly Prevention Summits with AMH.
- AMH Liaison works in partnership with NARA Elders Gatherings.



Lessons Learned



- Allow more time for start-up.
- Patience.
- Working with government.
- Collaborating is a must.

