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Purpose

- Address the importance of federal and tribal partnerships in addressing suicide related crises.
- Provide recommendations, responsibilities and procedures for Tribes who receive services through the Indian Health Service (IHS) to request assistance.
- Ensure Tribes have access to behavioral health services.



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Tribal level response

- Roles and responsibilities
 - Leads in areas including:
 - Team
 - Public information
 - Resource planning
 - Intervention
 - Logistics
 - Administrative

IHS area level response

- Response phases
 - Immediate
 - Short term
 - Long term
- Roles and responsibilities
 - Interaction with crisis response lead by:
 - Area leadership
 - Area behavioral health consultant
 - Tribal CEO/president/chairperson

IHS headquarters level response

- Roles and responsibilities
 - Information and resources provided by:
 - IHS director
 - Area behavioral health consultant
 - Tribal CEO/president/chairperson
- Approaches
 - RedDOG
 - Clinical services
 - Training

Local community response team

- Focuses on the status of the crisis and initiates action plan to follow guideline recommendations on:
 - Crisis situation
 - Agency and organization communication and interactions
 - Community awareness and events
 - Follow up within community and those impacted

IHS request for assistance protocol

- Emergent request for assistance
 - Initiation and protocol
 - Asks
- Non-emergent request for assistance
 - Initiation and protocol
 - Asks

Area office protocol

- IHS headquarter response protocol
 - Initiation and protocol
 - Asks
 - RedDOG
- Tribal request for assistance
 - Initiation and protocol
 - Asks



Appendix

- Terminology
- Assessment processes
- Team processes
- Requests
- Educational topics and training programs

For more information

[http://www.ihs.gov/SuicidePrevention/
CommunityGuidelines](http://www.ihs.gov/SuicidePrevention/CommunityGuidelines)



Question & answers

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