

MFP Tribal Initiative: Five State
Collaboration Focused on
Preserving Culture, Tradition, and
Government-to Government Relationships
Through Innovative LTSS Services

Today's Agenda

MFPTI Overview

- Government to government
- Tribal sovereignty
- Principles
- 5 States and 33 Tribal Nations

Making the MFPTI Connection

- Stories from tribal nations implementing MFPTI strategies
- Call for partnership
- Future directions

Government to Government

It is essential to understand and respect the distinctive government to government relationship that exists between Tribal Nations and the United States Government.

Tribal sovereignty is not delegated from the U.S. government. Treaties, The Supreme Court, the President, and congress have repeatedly affirmed that Tribal nations possess inherent powers of self-government.

"Indian Nations had always been considered as distinct, independent political communities, retaining their original natural rights, as the undisputed possessors of the soil... The very term "nation" so generally applied to them means 'a people distinct from others."

- Chief Justice Marshall, United States Supreme Court

Tribal Sovereignty & Healthcare

What is Tribal Sovereignty?

- ✓ Refers to the legal recognition in the United States law of the inherent sovereignty of American Indian Nations (treaties do not create tribal sovereignty)
- ✓ Establishes that Tribal nations have the inherent right to govern themselves
- ✓ Tribal Sovereignty is broad, deep, and quite complex
- ✓ It consists of our "Systems of Knowledge & Ways of Being" spiritual ways, culture, language, social and legal systems, political structures, and inherent relationships with lands, waters and all upon them.

When issues like healthcare, housing, and clean water, for example are brought up in a multicultural, marginalized community context, the solutions offered will only apply to Indian nations if there are specific provisions for Indian nations. It is important to understand that tribal sovereignty is not delegated from the U.S. government.

MFP Tribal Initiative Overview



Increase transitions from institutional settings

Increase availability of and access to HCBS/LTSS

5 states awarded the MFP Tribal Initiative

Minnesota

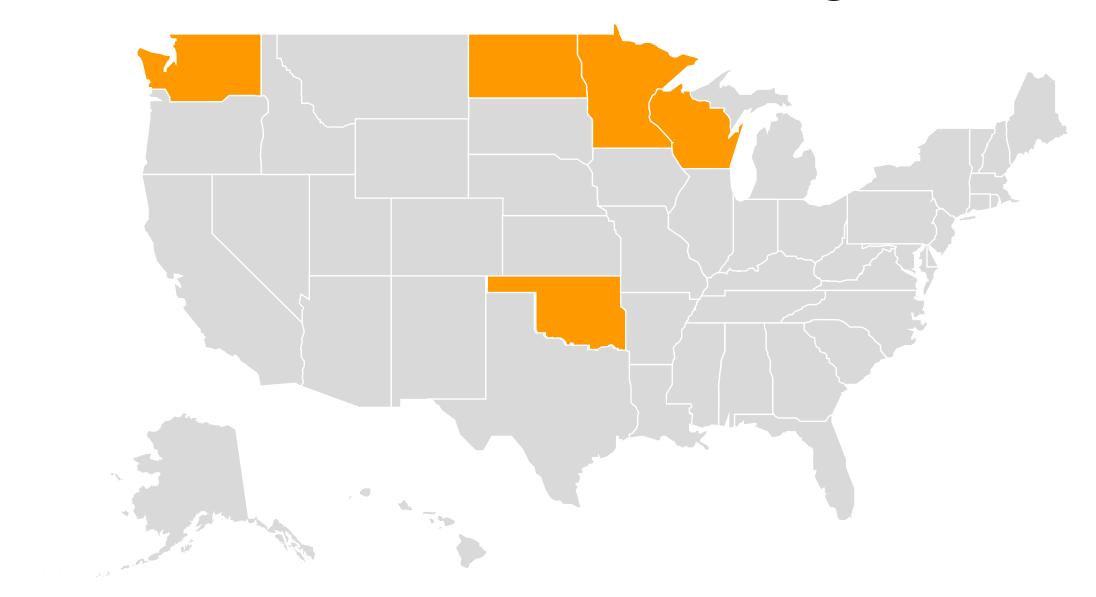
North Dakota

Oklahoma

Washington

Wisconsin

MFP Tribal Initiative States in Orange





Relationship Building

"When you've met one Tribal Nation, you've met one Tribal Nation"

Maximize Tribal Reimbursements

Honor Cultural Identity through Program Design Promote
Government
to
Government
Relations

MFP Tribal Initiative Principles

Enhance
Tribal
Services &
Infrastructure

Identify and Address Disparities

Increase Access to LTSS

Money Follows the Person Tribal Initiative



Tribal Nations

North Dakota

- South Segment of Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa



Oklahoma

- Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
- Kickapoo Tribes
- Kiowa Tribe
- Muscogee Nation
- Osage Nation
- Peoria Tribe of Indians
- Choctaw Nations



Washington

- Chehalis Nation
- Lummi Nation
- Makah Tribe
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- Nisqually Tribe
- Spokane Tribe
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- American Indian Community Center



Wisconsin

- The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- The Forest County Potawatomi
- The Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians/Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe
- Lac du Flambeau Tribe/Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- The Menominee Indian Tribe of WisconsinOneida Nation
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Saint Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin/ St. Croix Chippewa Community
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community/ Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians



Minnesota

- Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Red Lake Nation
- White Earth Nation
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



Making the MFPTI Connection

The following stories are from Tribal Nations in Minnesota, Oklahoma, & Washington, and how they have utilized MFPTI to bring their relatives home, or keep them home.





Minnesota

- Bois Forte Band Community Services Development; Strategic planning (input sought from tribal members, key informants and stakeholders); Benefits Advocacy; enroll as a providers of Home Health Care; Assessor Training; Lead Agency Role; Non-Emergency Transportation; TBI services; Inter-Governmental Agreement
- Mille Lacs Band Tele-health; Non-Emergency Transportation; TBI services; Billing and Information Systems; Benefits Advocacy; Residential Services; Inter-Governmental Agreement; Consultation
- Red Lake Nation Mental Health Services, Adult Day Care; Personal Care Assistant Services, Adult Foster Care; Therapy Services (physical, occupational, and speech); Public Health Nursing, Waiver Case Management; Urban project
- White Earth Nation Benefits Advocacy; Information Systems

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Health
Care Authority
Tribal
Government
Relations Mission
Statement

The goal of Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Tribal Government Relations is to improve
services to American Indian SoonerCare
members; Indian health care providers, and
sovereign tribal governments, through effective
meaningful communication, and by maximizing
partnerships.



Oklahoma MFP Tribal Partners



- 6 full grantees
- 3 in application/MOA phase
- 13 in discovery phase
- Partners in 4 other states:
 - Minnesota
 - North Dakota
 - Washington
 - Wisconsin



Goals of OK MFPTI Partners



- **goals:** Decrease patient wait time for home care
- Increase home caretaker capacity & awareness of environmental needs
- Establish a transportation team
- Establish a care coordination network

Muscogee Creek Nation's goals:

- Rebalance the MCN Contract Health incoming patient referrals
- Enhance patient care coordination
- Increase Medicaid enrollment
- Promote enhanced patient navigation

Osage Nation's goals:

- Increase communitybased outreach staff members
- Focus on benefits and resource assistance
- Promote and coordinate in house services
- Conduct home safety assessments

Goals of OK MFPTI Partners



- Education on Medication compliance
- Transportation assistance
- Hiring CHR staff & Wellness Team
- Implement an EMR and billing system

Kickapoo Nation's goals:

- Establish a PCL program staff
- Run a marketing campaign
- Develop policy and awareness related to LTDD
- Create training and development opportunities for caregivers





OHCA Partnership

- Continued Program Support
 - Aid with outreach and awareness
 - SoonerCare program education
 & onsite training
 - PCL program education
- Community Outreach Coordinators available for:
 - Outreach events, health fairs, etc.
 - SoonerCare and PCL co-branding opportunities

Washington



Makah Nation





Nisqually Tribe

- Partnered with American Indian Health Commission
- Conducted needs gap assessment to examine the services they already had
- Surveyed elders on ways to improve services in their Health Center



MFPTI Ongoing Challenges & Opportunities

Not understanding Tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship

Homogenizing Tribal communities; the belief that all Tribal nations are the same.

Lack of funding and access to comprehensive, cultural services

Government staff who oversee important policy & program areas not receiving adequate tribal relations training

Regulatory barriers: statutes, state MA plans, policies and administrative procedures that impede tribal capacity building efforts



Future Directions

- Effectively recruit and retain work force
- Strengthen Government to Government Consultation
- Expand tribal relations training for State and Federal policy staff
- Eliminate governmental barriers in regulations, policies and processes
- Expand the availability of a full range of culturally accessible services
- Deal effectively with the shortage of housing

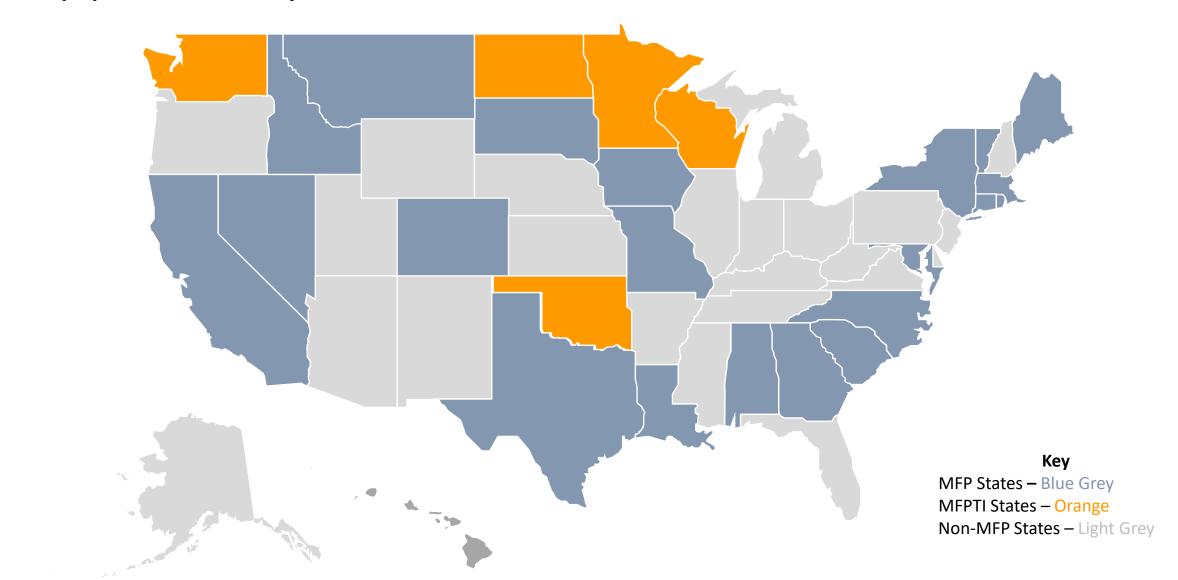
Call For Partnership



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Opportunity for MFP States



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