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LASER TLC Tribal Affinity Group: Tribal Learning Huddles

Three-part Series: Session #3 - Tribal TANF Program Stigma Reduction Strategies

November 3, 2022

Purpose & Background

The three Tribal LASER TLC Sites (Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boys Reservation, the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, and the Yurok Tribe) comprise the Tribal Affinity Group. All three tribes have expressed an interest to meet with their LASER TLC tribal colleagues to discuss common issues. Site team leaders, coaches and liaisons identified topics they want to discuss, and the site team leaders prioritized the topics. Considering the established priorities and recent feedback from the three Tribal LASER TLC Sites, the topic for this session will be: Overcoming Community Stigma Tied to TANF Program Participation.

Tribal Learning Huddle Series #3: Topic & Objectives

Topic: Tribal TANF Program Stigma Reduction Strategies

By the end of the third Tribal Learning Huddle, members of the LASER Site Teams will be able to:

1. Identify at least five successful strategies for addressing stigma at the individual customer and program/organizational level.
2. Consider implementing targeted innovative approaches to reducing stigma within their program and community.

Tribal Learning Huddle Agenda – November 3, 2022

4:00 – 4:05 **OFA Welcome to the Session**

4:05 – 4:20 Maria Aguirre-Mendoza, TANF Executive Director, Soboba Tribal TANF Program

Maria will describe successful strategies she’s used to address stigma including celebrating TANF customer accomplishments, assuring respectful communication with TANF customers, implementing trauma informed approaches, incorporating cultural activities to support positive identity and self-esteem, and offering positive feedback and incentives for success.

4:20 – 4:55 **Interactive Discussion**

LASER TLC Site Coach will lead a question-and-answer session with the three LASER TLC Tribal Sites.

4:55 –5:00 **Closing Remarks**