



FACT SHEET

Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative

In September 2009, the Indian Health Service (IHS) began the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI), a pilot demonstration project for IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health programs. The MSPI supports the use and development of evidence-based and practice-based models which are culturally appropriate prevention and treatment approaches to methamphetamine abuse and suicide in a community driven context.

Purpose

The goal of the MSPI is to effectively:

- Prevent, reduce or delay the use and/or spread of methamphetamine abuse;
- Build on the foundation of prior methamphetamine and suicide prevention and treatment efforts, in order to support the IHS, Tribes, and Urban Indian health organizations in developing and implementing Tribal and/or culturally appropriate methamphetamine and suicide prevention and early intervention strategies;
- Increase access to methamphetamine and suicide prevention services;
- Improve services for behavioral health issues associated with methamphetamine use and suicide prevention;
- Promote the development of new and promising services that are culturally and community relevant; and
- Demonstrate efficacy and impact.

MSPI Programs

The MSPI supports 127 pilot programs across Indian Country, consisting of:

- One hundred twelve (MSPI-T) Tribal and IHS awardees;
- Twelve (MSPI-U) Urban grantees; and
- Three (MSPI-Y) Youth services grantees.



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