

National Center for Cultural Competence

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Project

National Sudden and Unexpected Infant/Child Death & Pregnancy Loss Project

The National Center for Cultural Competence provides national leadership and contributes to the body of knowledge on cultural and linguistic competency within health care systems and organizations. The center works to move research into policy and practice.

The Center also manages two national collaborative projects:

- Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs , which helps States and programs to design, implement and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery and support systems
- National Sudden and Unexpected Infant/Child Death & Pregnancy Loss, which increases the capacity of State and local programs, family support and advocacy organizations, and national organizations to increase their capacity to incorporate cultural and linguistic competence into their services and supports, materials and training efforts and community engagement.

Funding

HRSA awarded \$585,250 cooperative agreement to Georgetown University in 2009 to establish the National Center for Cultural Competence and help health programs and their partners to improve services and supports for children and youth with special health care needs and families affected by sudden and unexpected infant/child death.

Key Successes

The National Center for Cultural Competence and the National Center for Family/Professional Partnerships co-convene monthly "Sharing Wisdom Community of Learners and Mentors" webinars with Family-to-Family Health Information Centers in Alaska, Arizona, Maine, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming. They are working build relationships with tribal communities and to enhance their capacity to conduct more effective and efficient outreach and services for American Indian/Alaskan Native families.

North Dakota: Utilizes new outreach and communication strategies to provide technical assistance to Patient Navigator Teams on the Fort Berthold reservation with plans to do replicate efforts in Fort Yates and Spirit Lake.

Washington: Provides technical assistance to area children's' hospitals on how to engage Tribal communities in their expanded community clinics.

Maine: Works with a cultural broker to collaborate with young parents of Passaquoddy children who were affected in utero by substance abuse.

- We are finally at a place where we can talk about racism in a safe environment, to address it and effectively educate those of us who need to know how to be more inclusive.
- Excited about finding out about a model for parent support being used elsewhere in the country that can be replicated.
- We are currently in the process of developing our whole series of disability brochures and changing out with images of children from the reservation as a result of this call. Even better, rather than do it on our own- we called one of the tribal disability Arapahoe coordinators.

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