



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

### Building Program Capacity to Support At-Risk Populations: The Role of Sanctuary Centers COL Session 2:

In this session, participants learned about Native American Connections Culture, Health, Housing, & Community Development Programming. Key factors were discussed in strategically planning for cultural wellness/substance abuse homeless programming. Participants learned about how to build and strengthen community and tribal partnerships to help secure funding for at-risk population programming and coordination of care, and case management. Participants also learned how culture is strategically planned when building program capacity to support at-risk populations: the role of sanctuary centers.

#### TO STRATEGICALLY PLAN FOR CULTURAL WELLNESS/SUBSTANCE ABUSE HOMELESS PROGRAMMING

1. Programming:
  - ✓ Create safe and healthy environments
  - ✓ Breaking the cycle of addiction and trauma
  - ✓ Bring our community to a healthy mind, body, and spirit
  - ✓ Create cultural space with developing housing space like a sweat lodge
  - ✓ Infusing culture as a core foundation for traditional healing in your organization and housing

#### CURRENT NAC HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

- ✓ Motel shelter beds for AI/AN adults
- ✓ Youth shelter beds
- ✓ 120 treatment-bed facility
- ✓ Temporary sobering living sites
- ✓ Continuum of care (case management/coordination)
- ✓ 40 units of homeless housing
- ✓ 40 units of permanent housing
- ✓ 850 units for affordable housing
- ✓ 350 units currently being developed
- ✓ All housing is connected to health services

#### STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH, HOUSING, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Utilizing Competitive Funding
2. Capital stack funding can help UIOs finance housing & services
3. UIOs can partner with local Tribes to bring additional dollars
4. Work with banks and foundations to buy tax credit equity and debt service to keep housing rent at a low cost or free

#### IDENTIFYING HOUSE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

1. Apply to [low-income housing tax credit programs](#) & federal home loan programs
2. [Community Development Financial Institutions Program finding](#)
3. CDPG Funds offered through the State or County
4. National Organizations that do pre-development and development loans (i.e., [RAZA Development Fund](#))
5. Utilize section 8 vouchers for homeless housing and keep the quality of facility maintenance and cost low





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