Effective Partnerships

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Partnerships

• Key question: How to build partnerships that really make a difference?

• Some challenges of our local reality
  – History: tribal-state, tribal-county and/or tribal-town
  – Racism and residuals
  – Territorialism: zero or shrinking financial supports to share
  – Differing world views and priorities
Some General Tips

• Move beyond signatures
• Build a strategy for partnerships: data-driven decision making & sovereignty
• Remember and respect the innate intelligence of those we serve – their input important
• Send the right person with the right information to right meeting
Organizational Thoughts

- Recognize that “helping systems” have different organizational cultures, different organizational languages, and different priorities
- Barrier busting without blame
- Lead in cross-system training – turn biggest barrier into asset
- Cross-train and co-locate staff
Review Service Process

• Review life expectation and/or “service” process from start to end (mapping)

• Jointly review cross-system forms

• Revise services & forms so it makes sense & empowers those who it is supposed to help
Engage Community

• Help tribal youth lead

• Respect family voice, but realize it may be different than youth perspective

• Keep community informed using forums and ways that make sense to your community
Agreements

• Contracts or MOU’s?
• Memorialize what is important to your tribe in contract
• Train to the contractual expectations or provide staff
• Establish review sessions, with food, to review contract/service outcomes
Questions?

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