

# NEVADA'S Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI)

Crisis care and suicide prevention for high-risk  
populations



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# What is TTI?



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- In a continued effort to assist states in transforming their mental health systems of care, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and its Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) created the Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI). The TTI provides, on a competitive basis, flexible funding awards to states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories to strengthen innovative programs.
- TTI offers not only funding, but technical assistance, learning opportunities, networking, and enveloping support from NASMHPD staff to help guide the team to achieve intended outcomes.

# Nevada's 2024 TTI Award

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- State partners who worked together to apply for the 2024 award:
  - DPBH Rural Clinics
  - Office of Minority Health and Equity
  - Office of Suicide Prevention
  - DPBH Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention



# RESULT

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- Nevada was awarded \$250,000 to focus on crisis care and suicide prevention for high-risk populations.
- Target high-risk populations are:
  - Native American young adults residing on rural reservations.
  - Deaf and hard of hearing populations
- Goal
  - Improve access to crisis services for Native American youth and deaf and/or hard of hearing populations throughout rural and frontier Nevada
  - Timeline is until project is completed

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# Scope of Work



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- The envisioned purpose for the funds will be rural-focused and youth-centered.
- Outreach within tribal areas to engage persons identifying as Native American will serve as primary participants.
- Activities/deliverables will include holding focus groups, building awareness, and sharing resources with young adults on suicide prevention, 988, and mental health awareness.
- Having “crisis ready” interpreters for persons who are deaf/hard of hearing available 24/7 will also be explored, helping expand 988 and crisis services.
- These initiatives are part of Nevada’s larger transformation of developing a successful Crisis Care System, including the work being done on the 988 system.

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- Youth focus groups will be held in tribal communities and with the deaf/hard of hearing communities and will include a peer co-facilitator.
- Information from the focus groups will then be reviewed with recommendations on how crisis services can provide culturally sensitive outreach for the two target populations.
- Interpreters and Native American speakers will be explored as a way to further connect with native and deaf and/or hard of hearing populations.

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# OUTCOMES



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1. Having a report with recommendations from Native American and deaf and/or hard of hearing youth to help guide crisis outreach for these populations.
2. Invitations to return to the communities will be measured as a successful outcome as well.
3. Approximately 15% increase in crisis calls from Native American and deaf/hard of hearing callers to 988, Rural Mobile Crisis Response Teams and the Rural Immediate Mental Health Care Team for adults.
4. If the project is successful, an increase in funding for outreach to these populations will be applied for during the next budget session.

# First Focus Group

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- Partnered with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.
- Tribe is identifying facilitators and 10 young adults to participate.
- Food and prayer will be included in the group structure



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# THANK YOU!



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