

**9/29/2023**

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and federally recognized American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) tribes share the goal of establishing clear policies to further the government-to-government relationship between the United States government and federally recognized AI/AN tribes. CDC understands that an effective consultation results in information exchange, mutual understanding, and informed decision-making.

CDC/ATSDR hosted a virtual government-to-government consultation with tribal leaders to receive input and guidance to ensure that the RPE program is sensitive to the needs and concerns of tribal communities and that the funding opportunity is as effective as possible in preventing sexual violence. We want to thank all the tribal leaders and tribal partners who provided recommendations for the [Rape Prevention and Education \(RPE\) program](#). Moreover, we recognize the unique relationship with AI/AN federally recognized tribes. Furthermore, we are committed to fulfilling the critical role of promoting the health and safety of AI/AN people.

CDC/ATSDR has reviewed all testimonies from the consultation period, from July 12 through 5:00pm (EDT) on July 24, 2023, including input from one tribal nation and one tribal serving organization. The agency summarized responses, to the consultation's guiding questions in the Tribal Consultation on the Rape Prevention and Education report. The report categorized the recommendations into the following recurring themes: data limitations, lack of accessible services, support for programs, and acknowledging the needs of AI/AN urban populations and providers.

CDC/ATSDR acknowledges the need for ongoing and continued education and training for staff working with tribal nations. It is committed to identifying training opportunities to address report findings. CDC will also use the feedback from the consultation to inform the strategies and activities in developing future Notice of Funding Opportunity announcements that support RPE programs.

For questions related to the consultation or report, please email tribalsupport@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Posner".

Sam Posner, PhD

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