

# Study of Coordination of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services (TT-CW)



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# Coordination of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse or Neglect

## Key Project Goals and Objectives among TT-CW Projects

### Client-level

- Decrease the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect
- Increase self-sufficiency
- Stabilize families
- Reduce/prevent removals
- Reduce time in out-of-home placement
- Strengthen the family unit

### Project/Organizational-level

- Enhance or improve upon current practices
- Implement new, supportive services
- Use preventative approaches to serving families
- Provide education and training to families

### Systems-level

- Increase coordination between Tribal TANF and Child Welfare
- Coordinate case management
- Establish a coordinated wraparound program across agencies
- Develop common intake and risk assessment forms for Tribal TANF and Child Welfare

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## Direct Services Provided by TT-CW Projects

### Child & Family

- Family Violence Prevention
- School Involvement
- Parenting Education
- Early Childhood Education/ Child Care
- Fatherhood Programs
- Parent Partner Mentors
- Respite Care
- Foster Care Navigators
- Victims Assistance
- Juvenile Justice Advocacy

### Health

- Health Services
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Pregnancy Prevention (teen and adult)
- Suicide Prevention

### Economic

- Transportation
- Housing
- Family Resources
- Vocation/Rehab
- Child Support Enforcement

### Cultural

- Tribal Values
- Elders Involvement
- Peacemakers Circle
- Talking/Healing Circles
- Cultural Life Skills Training
- Native Wellness Institute

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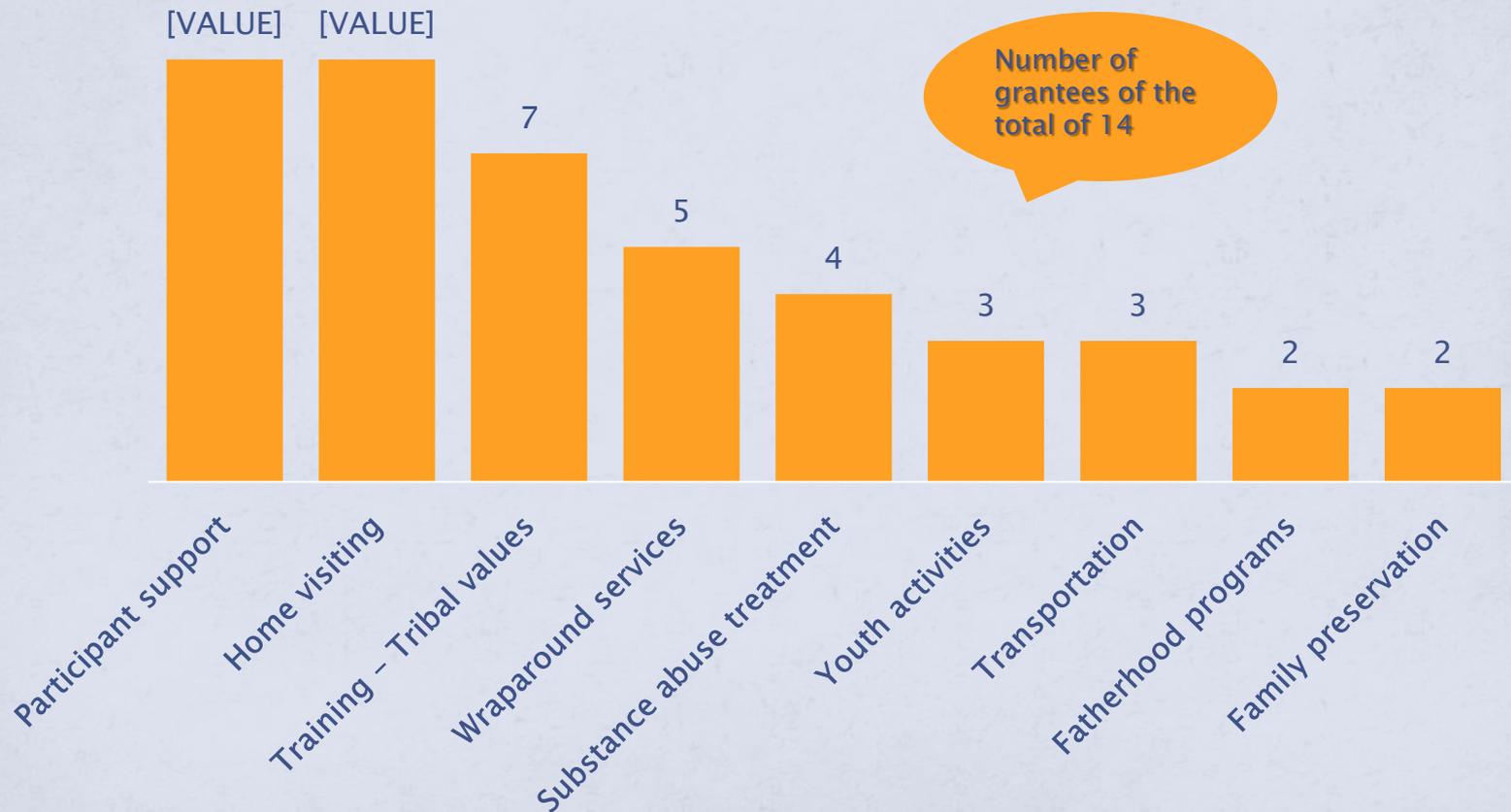
## System Coordination

### Grantees' Progress and Successes in the First Year



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## Direct Service Provision Grantees' Progress and Successes in the First Year



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## Factors that Posed Early Challenges

### System Coordination Efforts

- Staffing (shortage, turnover, hiring delays)
- Partner systems' processes and procedures
- Buy-in for cross-system collaboration

### Direct Service Provision

- Insufficient resources
- Delays in hiring staff

## Factors that Facilitated Early Implementation

- Involved and committed leadership
- Regular cross-agency meetings; cross-training of staff
- Existing infrastructures that support service coordination
- Inter-agency agreements in place
- Activities undertaken with previous grant provided a foundation

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Stage	Implementation Stages & Activities
I.	<b>Exploration:</b> agencies are assessing their needs and exploring new programs which could potentially address current needs; in this stage the decision to launch a new program is made.
II.	<b>Installation:</b> agencies are looking at their current resources and creating supports for launching their new programs; in this stage agency policies and procedures are being changed and staff are preparing for the upcoming changes.
III.	<b>Initial Implementation:</b> agencies are launching their new programs and services; in this stage leaders and staff monitor how the new program is working and make adjustments if needed; also in this stage agencies use their data systems to support decisions about their new programs.
IV.	<b>Full Implementation:</b> agencies have fully established their new programs; in this stage the new practices and services have become standard for staff; and some innovative changes may be made to streamline the programs; also in this stage agencies are using outcome data routinely to monitor their program progress.

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## Overall Implementation Status by the End of First Year

