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Acknowledgements

This toolkit began as collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control Prevention Services Management & Research Translation Team (SMART) and the Regional Training Centers, as part of Cooperative Agreement # 04073 "Integrating HIV and Other Prevention Services into Reproductive Health and Community Settings." The original collaboration resulted in a toolkit called "Roadmap to Integration: HIV Prevention in Reproductive Health" that Center for Health Training (CHT) staff organized and distributed in September 2009. This toolkit is available on the CHT website at www.Centerforhealthtraining.org under Resources.

In October 2008, CDC funded CHT under Cooperative Agreement 5U65DP924371-05 for one year to focus on HIV Integration in American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) communities. In addition to other activities, CHT wanted to build on the previous effort and create a toolkit for agencies serving Native clients. This Native-focused toolkit is the result of a collaboration between CHT and the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) in early 2010. CHT subcontracted with NNAAPC to review the original toolkit and adapt it as necessary to create a more relevant toolkit for Native communities. This toolkit is for all health agencies (not just reproductive health) that work with Native communities that are interested in better integrating HIV services.

The need for a toolkit such as this has only been created by the hard work and dedication of so many Native front line public health nurses, community health representatives, doctors, tribal health directors, clinic managers, community members, advocates, and prevention specialists who have identified a need and are working diligently to bring HIV prevention resources to their communities. The authors of this document would like to acknowledge their perseverance, and hope that this toolkit will be a valuable resource to them as they seek to expand their services, and meet the needs of their communities.

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Center for Health Training: CHT staff in Oakland, CA were responsible for the development and distribution of the original toolkit, and the publication, and marketing of the Native Toolkit.

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The mission of Denver-based NNAAPC is to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians through culturally appropriate advocacy, research, education, and policy development. NNAAPC staff constructed the majority of the materials contained herein (through the development of new tools and content, and through the adaptation of materials contained in the original toolkit).

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Acknowledgments from the Original Toolkit:

Roadmap to Integration: HIV Prevention in Reproductive Health

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Enclosed is a copy of the resource, “*Toolkit for Integrating HIV Services in Native Health Settings.*” This specific toolkit was a joint collaboration between the Center for Health Training (CHT) and the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC).

This toolkit was originally born out of the most recent five year cooperative agreement between the CDC and the 10 DHHS Regional Training Centers. The purpose of this Cooperative Agreement was to help promote HIV integration in clinics offering reproductive health care services. NNAAPC was recruited to develop this more Native specific and inclusive toolkit.

Our hope is that it will be used by Indian Health Service, Tribal health programs/clinics, urban Indian health programs/clinics, Native-serving AIDS serving organizations, and even local and state health departments to assist clinics and other health care settings to integrate culturally relevant HIV prevention services.

The content and tools contained in the toolkit have been excerpted, adapted and translated from resources developed and identified by the Regional Training Centers, CDC, and NNAAPC. CHT (Oakland, CA) and NNAAPC (Denver, CO) jointly took responsibility for the compilation and distribution of this manual and flash drive.

As the toolkit is used, it will be adapted, edited, and modified to meet the needs of the professionals using it.

How to Use This Toolkit

- There are 12 tabs representing the main 12 topics and relevant materials. See the index behind the Table of Contents for all of the materials included in each tab.
- Behind each plastic tab is a list of the materials in that tab.
- Some materials in this binder will be out of date in the next year or two. Please note that the Resources section (Tab 12) lists websites for agencies that will help you to stay current.
- Tools are cross-cutting. Although they may be listed in one category they may well also fit in another category. For instance, the HIV Prevention Education, Counseling and Testing Protocols are located under Tab 5: Getting Started: Sample Policies, Procedures & Protocols, but could also be placed under Tab 6: HIV, Education & Counseling.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the development of this resource. We hope that is useful to you on your journey toward HIV Integration.

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Purpose of the Toolkit

Most of us at some time in our life have taken a road trip. It may have been to visit relatives in a distance city or state, to follow the powwow trail, to visit a place we've never been before or maybe visit a place we've been to often, to conduct work related to our jobs, to take a long deserved vacation or for a variety of other reasons.

Regardless of the reason, there are preparations to make and questions that have to be answered prior to even taking the first step. Some of the questions we have to ask in order to prepare for the trip might be: Where are we going? How far away is it? How long will it take for us to get there? What is the best way of getting there? How much will it cost? Who will be traveling with us? Does everyone want to go? What do we need to pack?

You are about to take a road trip, but a road trip of a different sort. Even so, many of the preparations and questions are similar. The purpose of this toolkit is to help you as you embark on this journey.

You will determine where you are and where you want to go in regards to integrating HIV services into your healthcare setting. You will research the facts of HIV/AIDS in your community and put a face to it. You will locate where you are and determine where you want to go. You will review barriers and detours that you will encounter and possible strategies to overcome those. Although this may be a new journey for you, it probably will not be the only trip you make in your journey to HIV prevention services and integrating them into your clinic. You will revisit this roadmap again to ensure you are on track to arriving at your chosen destination. Good luck on this journey!

