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# PARTNERING WITH TRIBAL SERVING PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE CULTURE IN THE DELIVERY OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

This project looked at adding culture to care for Alaska Native and American Indian people who had problems with opioid use. The care was medication treatment. We wanted to see if culture would help more people start and stay in treatment. We worked with four clinics. We invited Alaska Native and American Indian people to be on our Collaborative Board to help us with this project. Two American Indian women led groups at each clinic. Each clinic chose its own way to include culture in medication treatment. After culture was added, Alaska Native and American Indian customer-owners were more likely to start treatment and more likely to stay in treatment. These results suggest that including culture can help improve services for Alaska Native and American Indian people.



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