

Technical Assistance Resource Center

ABOUT TARC

The Technical Assistance and Resource Center (TARC) provides outreach and education on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Elders and caregivers to AI/AN Elders, the Aging Network, Native-focused organizations, and other diverse aging groups.

The older AI/AN population is growing as is the increased number of AI/AN with disabilities. As a result, there is an increased need for services to support the population. Currently, services and supports for AI/AN Elders are fragmented, disjointed, and disorganized. Many of the services are provided by organizations outside of the Tribal community and require state approvals. Federal/state program options are dependent on the state/Tribal relationship. State systems and plans do not always prioritize cultural sensitivity and providers have limited understanding of cultural norms and preferences.

GOALS OF TARC

In 2020, the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging funded the TARC to achieve the following: 1) to educate national, regional, state, and local service providers on the protocol for collaborating with Tribes; 2) to increase the skill level of service providers on needs, services, and resources for AI/AN Elders with disabilities; 3) To expand NICOA's existing electronic resources available to Tribes, Native, and other service organizations, caregivers, and volunteers on service provisions for AI/AN Elders.



Our trainings focus on:

- Understanding the history and traditions of Native Elders
- Best practices for success in Indian Country
- Finding creative ways to support and advocate alongside our Elders
- Learning more about AI/AN people living with disabilities and the resources available to them

NICOA's TARC houses new materials and resources on the NICOA website. This clearinghouse offers reliable information for Native Elders and those interested in supporting them.

Contact NICOA's TARC

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