



Honoring Our Spirit

Tribal Campus Training and Technical Assistance

Fact Sheet

According to the American Indian College Fund (2019):

- There are currently 35 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU's) within many Tribal Nations.
- Tribal Colleges and Universities provide a space where Native students can stay in their community while attending a college or university that is structured to represent Native students' cultures, traditions and lived experiences.
- 14% of American Indians and Alaska Natives ages 25 and older hold a college degree while 65% of that age group nationally hold a college degree.

According to the Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN, 2019):

- 23.1% of female and 5.4% of male students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.
- 21% of transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming college students have been sexually assaulted.
- Students are at an increased risk during the first few months of their first and second semester in college.
- College women are twice as likely to be sexually assaulted than robbed.
- Rape and sexual assault victimization of students are more likely to go unreported (Sinozch & Langton, 2014)

The Clery Center (2019) states:

- "Title IX requires colleges and universities to 'take immediate and effective steps to end sexual harassment and sexual violence'".
- The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to report crimes occurring on on-campus locations such as: "student housing, public property within campus bounds and immediately adjacent to the campus, non-campus buildings and property owned or controlled by the institution, or by a student organization officially recognized by the institution."
- Both Title IX and the Clery Act "require institutions to provide the complainant and the respondent with written information about the outcome of a sexual violence complaint."
- Under Title IX (responsible employees) and the Clery Act (campus security authorities) 'certain individuals have reporting responsibilities when they become aware that sexual violence has occurred'.
- The Clery Act requires colleges and universities that receive federal funding to disseminate a public annual security report (ASR) to employees and students every October 1st.

Additional information:

- Sexual assault can lead to many mental health disorders such as: posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, suicidality, and substance abuse that can have long-term effects. ¹
- Native people who have mental health disorders would benefit greatly if a more culturally appropriate approach was offered. ²
- Traditional healing supports and brings awareness of self-determination, autonomy, social justice and resistance to oppression. ³

¹ The National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2012

² Moghaddam et al., 2013; Tsosie, et. al; 2011; Goodkind, Toledo, John, Hall, Ross, Freeland, Coletta, Becenti-Fundark, Poola, Begay-Roanhorse, and Lee, 2010; Turner & Pope, 2009; Johnston, 2002

³ Johnston, 2002

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