

The Transformation Transfer Initiative

- In 2007, SAMHSA, in collaboration with NASMHPD, created the Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI). In a continued effort to assist states in transforming their mental health systems of care, the TTI provides, on a competitive basis, modest funding awards to States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories to identify, adopt, and strengthen innovative initiatives.
- Since its inception, SAMHSA has invested more than **\$50 million** of this flexible funding, supporting more than **250 transformative projects** in 49 states, 5 territories, and the District of Columbia.
- Each year TTI topics are chosen to promote SAMHSA priorities while striving to meet some of the states and territories most urgent needs. The last two years, SAMHSA has chosen Crisis Services and 988 Implementation as the TTI topic.

Transformation Transfer Initiative 2022

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, SAMHSA awarded 37 TTI awards, each in the amount of \$250,000, to states and territories. 2022 TTI initiatives addressed 988 Preparation and Crisis Services within the following three categories:

1. *Special Populations (LGBTQ+, AI-AN),*
2. *Workforce Development*
3. *Children and Adolescents.*

Supporting *Native and Strong* in Washington

“HCA is grateful to NASMHPD and the TTI grant representatives for all the support and technical assistance for this AI/AN specific project which supports capacity building activities to the Native and Strong Lifeline (WA Tribal 988) program. It has been a very positive experience.”

As of August 2022, Washington has used TTI funding to achieve the following outcomes:

- Native and Strong Lifeline (NSL) (Tribal 988 line)- a line designed specifically for Native Communities was July 16, 2022.
- NSL developed training materials to provide to their lifeline staff and other state National Suicide Prevention Lifeline centers in the state.
- The NSL hired 12 people prior to the 988 launch. Staff is being trained for all lifeline calls as there is not yet a dial pad option to access the Native and Strong Lifeline.
- Received commitments from the Vibrant organization to create a dial pad option in the next few weeks and no later than the fall so callers that are routed to WA state due to their area codes, will have a dial pad option to access the Native and Strong Lifeline.
- Worked with local Native artists to develop culturally relevant logos for the NSL and the Hub.
- Began developing media materials for the Native and Strong Lifeline and the Hub to be widely shared once the dial pad option is developed. This may also include the development of electronic training materials.

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For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, SAMHSA will award 50 TTI awards of \$250,000 to states and territories. 2023 TTI initiatives will address 988 Expansion and Crisis Services within the following five categories:

1. Workforce Development
2. Children & Adolescents
3. Building Crisis Services that Serve Under-resourced Minority Communities
4. Crisis and Community Trauma
5. Facilitating Timely Access to Community Based Mental Health Services (CMHCs/CCBHCs)

Strengthening the Crisis Workforce in Oklahoma

Registered nurses are a vital component of Oklahoma's behavioral health system, providing health services to support integrated care, administering medication, providing screenings for the need for detoxification services as individuals present in crisis, and many other important services supporting holistic care. In FY22, Oklahoma used a TTI award to fund the degrees of Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) employees seeking licensed professional counselor (LPC) and registered nurse (RN) degrees. While planning for the 2022 TTI project, the need to support prerequisite courses before an anticipated LPN to RN track became evident when ODMHSAS found that candidates were missing 3-5 prerequisite courses. This year Oklahoma will build upon using their previous initiative, using funding to support pre-requisite course work at local universities, removing a critical blockage that was hampering career advancement.