

What is meant by "Specialty Treatment Programs" for slide 35?

A: These are “programs” that specifically treat addictions. These would be the substance use treatment (but not prevention) facilities that are licensed by their states to treat substance use dependence. These are the programs included in the SAMHSA national survey of substance abuse treatment services (NNSATS). It would include community behavioral health programs if they have a substance use treatment license from their states. It would not include addiction medicine physicians, OBOT prescribers, psychologists, social workers or others whose independent practice may exclusively or primarily treat people with substance used disorders.

When working with Indian Health Service centers, how can these principles be introduced to departments giving information to patients who need to know what is expected of them or what they can do to promote better coverage?

A: IHS promotes SBIRT and has a specific Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP <http://www.ihs.gov/asap/sbirt/>). A terrific resource for information, training, technical assistance is the Native American and Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center <http://www.nattc.org/national-focus-areas/?rc=americanindian>. The National AI & AN ATTC provides educational opportunities for those interested in substance abuse treatment and counseling, including health professionals in primary prevention and treatment of substance abuse. It is housed in the University of Iowa College of Public Health, and offer services nationwide for consulting, technical assistance, and continuing education seminars, focusing specifically on the American Indian and Alaska Native communities.