



**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY**  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships, reaffirming Executive Order (EO) 13175, “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000) and the policy announced in the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation of November 5, 2009 (November 9, 2009, 74 FR 57879). The Presidential Memorandum directs agencies to consult with Indian Tribes to develop a detailed plan of actions to implement EO 13175.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a component of the Executive Office of the President. The mission of ONDCP is to reduce substance use disorder and its consequences by coordinating the nation’s drug control policy through the development and oversight of the *National Drug Control Strategy* and Budget. The rising number of substance use-related deaths is a nationwide public health crisis that disproportionately affects American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, families, and communities. ONDCP is committed to using its full expertise and resources to address the addiction and overdose epidemic in Indian Country.

In accordance with the Presidential Memorandum, we are honored to invite you to participate in the *Nation-to-Nation Addiction Epidemic and Other Substance Use Challenges Tribal* consultation. We are eager to use these discussions to better inform Federal drug policy priorities and ensure that they meet the needs of Indian Country. The Federal Government has multiple prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs that respond to the consequences of substance use and substance use disorders, and the impact on public health and public safety. However, there is a need to better align, leverage, and coordinate federal efforts and resources at multiple levels within each department to effectuate comprehensive substance use services and programs for American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, families, and communities. If you would like to attend, please send an email to [Tribal.Relations@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@ondcp.eop.gov). The consultation times, dates and links are below:

- **Tuesday, March 23, 2021** (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT)  
States: Alaska and Washington  
<https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/16099532172?pwd=dIQ4alJRS2tYRIJDdlp0V05DdkYydz09>  
Meeting ID: 160 9953 2172 Passcode: 610467
- **Wednesday, March 24, 2021** (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT)  
States: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah  
<https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/16099532172?pwd=dIQ4alJRS2tYRIJDdlp0V05DdkYydz09>  
Meeting ID: 160 9953 2172 Passcode: 610467
- **Thursday, March 25, 2021** (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT)  
States: Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin  
<https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/16099532172?pwd=dIQ4alJRS2tYRIJDdlp0V05DdkYydz09>  
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The consultation sessions present an opportunity for Tribal leaders and members to share promising or cultural practices, bring attention to challenges and barriers, and discuss strategies

for intervention through federal funding and program opportunities. Specific topics on which we welcome your feedback, are listed below:

- Strengthen ONDCP engagement with Tribal Governments to assess the impact of ONDCP activities on Tribal communities; assure that Tribal interests are considered before the activities are undertaken; and ensure we are responsive and engaging with Indian Country in a meaningful way.
- Best ways to coordinate with tribes to determine the scope of substance use disorders and the impact of the pandemic on Tribal communities.
- How to decrease barriers to treatment, increase support for native community Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) (MAT) advocates, and encourage the use of culturally-specific practices in recovery support services.
- Strengthen research for creating evidence-based, culturally-appropriate prevention curriculums and the expansion of prevention activities for Tribes to reduce the risk of substance use initiation.
- Ways to address the impact of historical, intergenerational, and current trauma in Tribal communities on behavioral health outcomes related to drug misuse, addiction and overdose.
- Ways to address law enforcement challenges such as containing the influx of illicit drugs in Tribal communities, ensuring timely response to overdose emergency calls, expanding naloxone trainings for police and first responders, and exploring partnerships between law enforcement and Tribal health entities.

We will consider your input as we develop our plan of actions. You may submit your comments via email to [Tribal.Relations@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@ondcp.eop.gov). We will accept comments through **March 31, 2021**. If you have any questions about the Nation-to-Nation Addiction Epidemic and Other Substance Use Challenges Tribal consultation please contact Betty-Ann Bryce, Special Advisor for Rural Affairs [Tribal.Relations@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@ondcp.eop.gov).

Sincerely,



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