National Resource Center on Native American Aging
NRCNAA

Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

A Guide to Understanding the NRCNAA Needs Assessment

What is the Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders – Needs Assessment Survey?

Every three years since 1998, tribal organizations have participated in the National Resource Center on Native American Aging's (NRCNAA) Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders – needs assessment survey.

The needs assessment survey and data analysis services are provided to participating organizations. After the data analysis is completed, the NRCNAA provides data results to the organization via frequency tables and comparison sheets.

The NRCNAA is supported by a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The needs assessment survey fulfills the Title VI Nutrition and Caregiving grant requirements.

What are the Benefits of the Needs Assessment Survey?

The survey provides a comprehensive overview of numerous health and social needs of the community's Elders. Specifically, data is collected on different topics, including but not limited to:

- General health status and demographics
- Activities of daily living
- Screening and healthcare access

The needs assessment survey data documents health and social disparities, strengthens grant proposals, advocates for elderly resources, and determination of long-term care facilities/services best suited for communities.

Former participants have the benefit of aggregated data that can determine if trends are occurring among chronic disease, functional limitations, exercise, and other variables.

Elder Participation in Previous Needs Assessment Surveys

Figure 1: Overall Cycle Participation Count by State

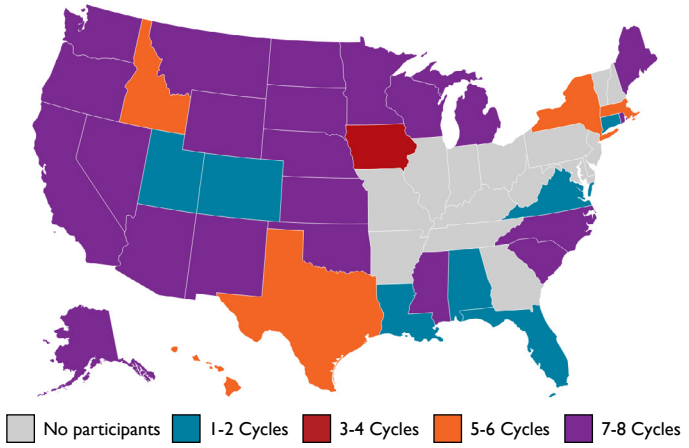
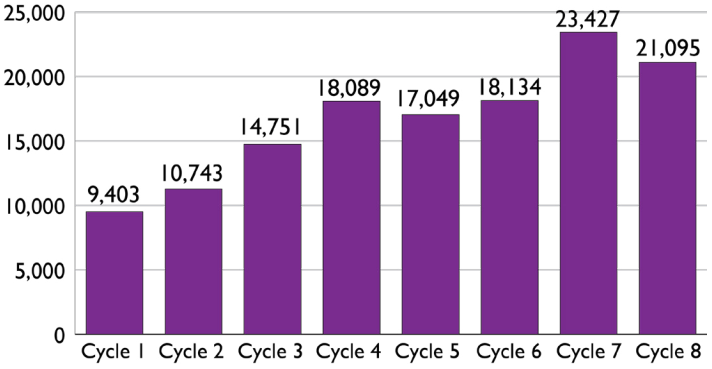


Figure 2: Total Number of Responses from Cycle I to Cycle VIII



About the NRCNAA

The NRCNAA is committed to identifying Native Elder health and social issues. Through education, training, and technical assistance, we assist in developing community-based solutions to improve the quality of life and delivery of support services to the aging Native population.

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