

**METHAMPHETAMINE AND SUICIDE
PREVENTION INITIATIVE (MSPI)**
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Invitation Template to Tribal leaders to Participate in Community Suicide Prevention Efforts

(Date)

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Dear (Name of Leader) :

As a leader in our community, I am sure you are aware of the impact suicide, has had on our community in recent years, especially suicide that has taken place amongst our youth. Suicide continues to be a leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native people of all ages. Because of this, (name of department, program or Tribe) has chosen to take proactive steps to promote suicide awareness and prevention efforts, and would like to ask you to partner with us in our efforts.

September 10, 20__ has been designated National American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide Awareness Day. This is a national effort being led by a national coalition of concerned community members and organizations that want to see our communities reclaim our health, and alter the growing numbers of suicides amongst our people. This is a day to refocus and rekindle our ongoing suicide awareness, prevention and treatment efforts here within (name of Tribe) Tribe.

To honor this day, including the people that work in suicide prevention and treatment and those that have been impacted by suicide personally, as well as to expand the reach of our outreach and educational efforts, (name of department or program) is hosting (name of event). Please note that we have included the specific details for the event are below. We are anticipating (estimate of how many) community members to attend this event. Our event aims to (describe what you are hoping to achieve with the event).

Date: (date of event)

Time: (start and end of time of event)

(start and end of time of the leader's request presence)

Location: (exact and detailed location of the event)

We would like to formally request your participation in this event. We are hoping that you will be able to (describe in detail what you are requesting of the leader). As a leader in our community, we feel that your presence and participation would help to increase the visibility of this issue and our program.

We understand that you are extremely busy and we hope that you will prioritize your attendance at this event. However, if you are unable to attend, please consider sending a representative from your office or an official message that we can share with participants.

Please feel free to respond to (name of point of contact) at (email or phone number). We would like to finalize the agenda and make announcements regarding the event, the Awareness Day and guests soon, so we hope that we will hear back from you by (deadline). We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

(Name of Event Chair, Project Manager, or Department Chair)

(Title)