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What hurdles have you experienced and/or lessons learned through your efforts?	There is an extreme lack of data on American Indian (AI) suicide. There is no current organization, who holds a focus on collecting AI data and have a plan of act in place. There is no current organization who has a suicide prevention program in place for AI/AN youth, that focuses on cultural values.
What efforts have proven to be successful in your purpose to address youth suicide?	The White Mountain Apache Suicide Surveillance and Prevention System, has success rates of decreasing overall suicide for its tribal members by 38.3%.* Reported suicides in tribal members aged 5-24, have decreased suicide attempts by 23%.* Research supports suicide prevention programs, and efforts, that target AI/AN people, to be taught with cultural values. Historical trauma, plays a key role, as to why suicide is most prevalent in AI/AN. Majority of Kansas AI/AN do not live on a reservation and are not from one of the four Kansas tribes. Kansas is home to a diverse AI/AN tribal population. *Source: Cwik, M. F., Tingey, L., Maschino, A., Goklish, N., Larzelere-Hinton, F., Walkup, J., & Barlow, A. (2016). Decreases in Suicide Deaths and Attempts Linked to the White Mountain Apache Suicide Surveillance and Prevention System, 2001-2012. American Journal of Public

	Health, 106(12), 2183-2189.
Recommendations or suggestions for the task force to consider:	You cannot develop a one-size fits all, for the four tribes in Kansas and efforts need to be tailored to the urban AI/AN populations. My recommendation is to collect an in-depth assessment and surveillance system to understand the severity of suicide in AI/AN youth of Kansas. This needs to be accomplished through a partnership with all four tribes of Kansas to support tribal sovereignty; Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri (Kansas and Nebraska) and organizations in the urban setting, who provide services to AI/AN.
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