

Implementing a Tribal DEC Protocol and DEC Training

The AZ DEC Alliance Training Team will provide all Tribal DEC Team members with examples of protocols established by law enforcement, emergency medical services, children's protective services, and the medical professionals.

The AZ DEC Alliance will supply the Team facilitator with copies of sample protocols.

Working within the accepted professional or agency protocols, establish procedures for a 'new' Tribal DEC Protocol that is tailored to suit the resources and need of your particular community.

Read each protocol, as a Team and negotiate any perceived conflicts between the various agency/discipline-specific protocols. The facilitator should lead the conflict negotiation discussion.

The Tribal DEC Team protocol should clearly describe the roles and responsibilities of each agency representative what when a child is discovered in a drug endangered environment.

Working with the assigned Tribal DEC Training Coordinator, all potential first responders in the locality should be trained on the 'new' Tribal DEC Protocol that has been developed.

Design and deliver local training for all potential first responders. Tribal DEC Teams are encouraged to work with the AZ DEC Alliance to provide training in their community.

The training should familiarize the participants with the protocol of each first responder agency or organization AND the 'new' Tribal DEC Protocol established by the Tribal DEC Team.

Deliver DEC Team approved educational programs concerning the dangers to children who are in the presence of the production, use and selling of illegally drugs.

The AZ DEC Alliance Training Team can provide "train the trainer" education for members of the Tribal DEC Educational Team. Educational Teams will be provided with training materials and technical support from the AZ DEC Alliance. All trainings will include a presentation of procedures to follow when reporting suspected child abuse or neglect related to the production and/or use of illegal drugs or diverted prescription medication.