

Coordinated Community Response:

- An inter-agency effort which prioritizes the safety and integrity of women, and their children, and batterer accountability.
- An effort promoting the spiritual and cultural traditions of the sacredness of women and children.
- The establishment of policies, procedures and protocols which consistently promotes the safety of women, and, the accountability of men who batter and the systems involved in this response.
- An initiative which promotes and honors the leadership and expertise of women who have been battered.

THE COORDINATING AGENCY: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- 1. Provide leadership in the development of a common philosophical framework to guide the coordinated community response, ensuring that women's safety is a priority and promotes the spiritual and cultural traditions of the sacredness of women and children.**
- 2. Create consistent, standardized policies, procedures & protocols focused on the operational meaning of safety & integrity of women, acknowledging confidentiality as an integral component.**
- 3. Monitor/track batterers' cases from initial contact through case disposition and probation to ensure practitioner/systems and batterer accountability.**
- 4. Coordinate the exchange of information, interagency communication and program decisions on individual/offender cases, ensuring accountability to the woman who has been battered, and the entire tribal community.**
- 5. Ensure that all women who have been battered/sexually assaulted and at-risk family members, have 24-hour access to resources, support, accurate information and advocacy services.**
- 6. Utilize a combination of sanctions, restrictions and rehabilitation/ re-education services to hold the batterer accountable to the woman he has battered and the goals of the community intervention initiative.**
- 7. Evaluate the coordinated community response from the standpoint of women's safety and personal sovereignty, and the goals of the intervening agencies.**
- 8. Ensure the initiative utilizes traditional life ways as guiding principles, including work to undo harm to women, children and other relatives.**

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