



# 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 **free of charge** to participating organizations. After the data analysis is completed, the NRCNAA provides data results to the organization via frequency tables, and comparison sheets.

Endorsed by the Administration on Aging/Administration for Community Living (AoA/ACL), 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.

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### Elder Participation in Previous Needs Assessment Surveys

Figure 1: Overall Cycle Participation Count by State

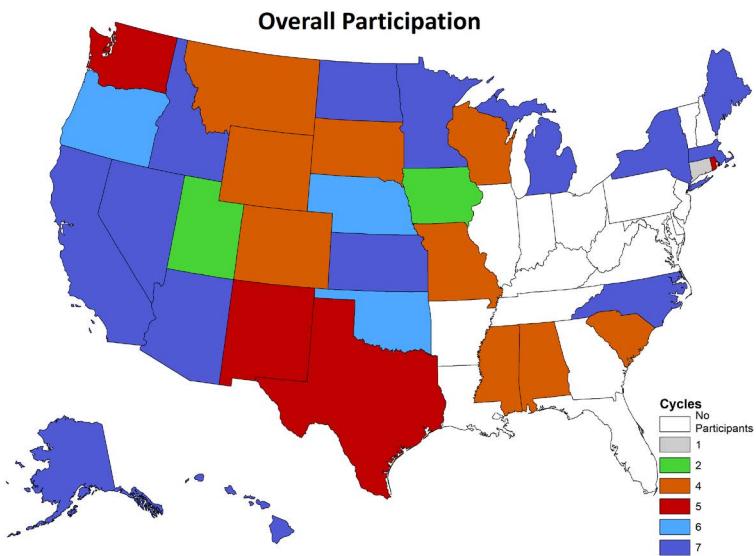
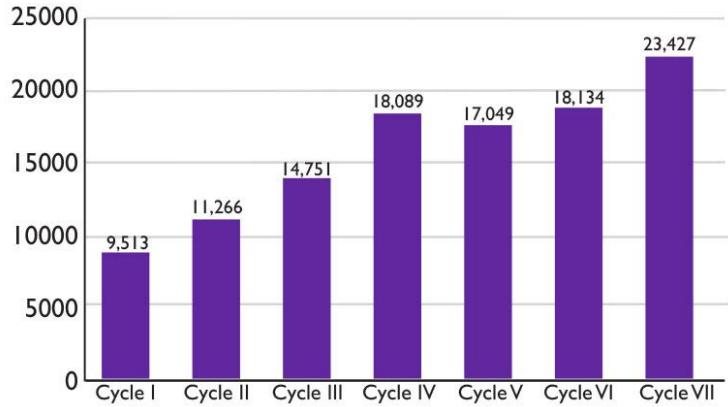


Figure 2: Total number of responses from Cycle I to Cycle VII



### 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.