Problem Statement/Issue Statement: Many American Indian / Alaska Native communities are affected by high rates of suicide. (A wide range of general risk factors contribute to suicide; American Indian/Alaska Native young people, face, on average, a greater number of these risk factors individually or the risk factors are more severe in nature for them.)

Goal: To establish and implement routine suicide risk screening for youth populations at Tribal health clinics.

Long Term Outcomes:
- reduced stigma associated with seeking mental health or behavioral health services
- reduced rate of youth suicide

Rationales: Screening programs will help because
- research has shown that suicidal people show signs of depression or emotional distress
- referrals can be made for treatment
- effective treatment can be employed when signs are observed in time

Assumptions:
- primary health care providers treat the youth population

resources/inputs
- have:
  - providers willing to participate in training and use appropriate screening tools
  - support of behavioral health department and Tribal council
- need:
  - funding for training sessions
  - technical support for implementing screening tool

activities
- research screening methods
- select screening tool
- plan training sessions
- disseminate information on clinic screening
- train staff
- incorporate screening tool
- track the number of referrals

outputs
- training sessions for all clinic staff
- screening tool integrated into service delivery
- screening for all youth presenting at clinic
- referrals to specialty providers

Intermediate Term Outcomes:
- services reaching a greater percentage of those in need
- providers more comfortable with discussing subject of suicide with patients

Short Term Outcomes:
- increased awareness of issue of suicide on part of providers
- youth encouraged to open up about issues
- increased communication/coordination between providers