

APD Tribal Navigator Program

An Overview
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Jefferson County

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Objective

- Understand what the APD Tribal Navigator Program is,
- Why it is needed, and
- How to support it.

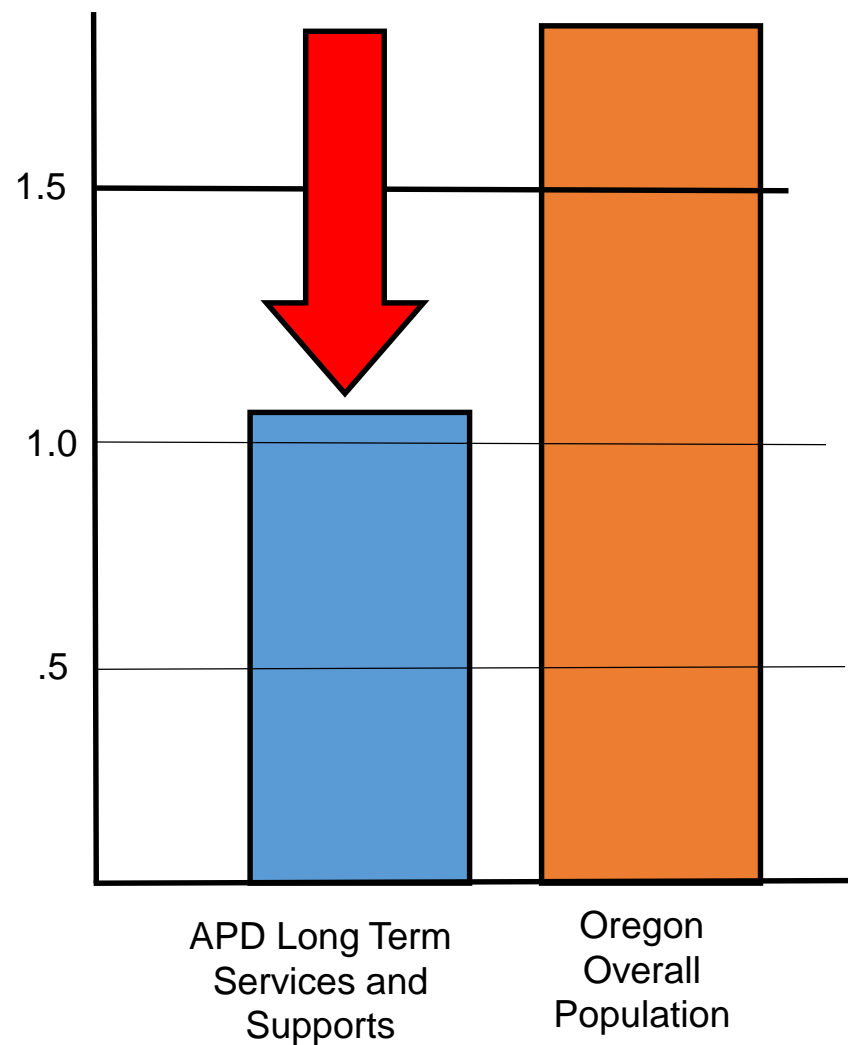


Warm Springs Heritage Museum
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Background

Current Census estimates for individuals self-identifying as American Indian and Alaska Native in Oregon is 1.8% of the total population.

APD's current consumers self-identifying as American Indian and Alaska Native is 1.1%.



Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/or/PST040217>

Background Continued

- Historical and current traumas
 - Removal of lands
 - Indian boarding schools
 - Indian children placed into foster care
 - Loss of culture and language



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<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3301e.ct000669/?r=0.187,0.461,0.299,0.115,0>

APD Tribal Navigators: What

The APD Tribal Navigator Program is a formal partnership between local APD/AAA local offices and Tribal Entities. The Tribal Entities hire and oversee the Navigator under the job requirements outlined in the Agreement. The Navigator's role is to liaise between their members who are older adults or people with disabilities to assist with enrollment in the appropriate program.



Umatilla County
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APD Tribal Navigator Program

- The program will not impact staffing levels at the local APD/AAA office.
- Funding comes from Medicaid Administration and APD General Funds
- The Agreement is in place for 5 years



The museum at Tamástslíkt Cultural
Institute
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State's Office

APD Tribal Navigators: Why

- Tribal members have a mistrust of Government.
- APD is disproportionately serving American Indians and Alaska Natives in Oregon.
- Navigators are needed to bridge divides and get elders and people with disabilities the services they need to remain independent with dignity and choice.



Coos County
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APD Tribal Navigator Program: Support

- Tribal Navigators will help identify individuals who may be eligible for services.
- Tribal Navigators will help elders and people with disabilities access services including:
 - Older Americans Act
 - Oregon Project Independence
 - Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports.



Douglas County
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APD Tribal Navigator Program: Support

- Each APD or AAA office will designate a single point of contact for the Tribal Navigators.
- Tribal Navigators will accompany Case Managers on assessments
- Tribal Navigators will continue to be a resource for tribal cases.
- Every worker in the office should know who the single point of contact is.



Douglas County
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APD Tribal Navigator Program: Communications

- Tribal Navigators will attend Core Case Management trainings alongside APD/AAA staff.
- Monthly staffing meetings will be held.
- Biannual Meet and Greets.
- Contact Matrix for Navigators and the APD/AAA Single Points of Contact.



Multnomah County
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Marion County

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