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State Partnerships and Tribal Leadership: Fostering Collaboration for Stronger Communities

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Introductions

“alliances are living systems, evolving progressively in their possibilities.”
From the Magazine (July–August 1994) Harvard Business Review

In the beginning...

- Project within OHIC.
- Worked together: Sara, Tim, Renee
- Throughout our time there, build a relationship together.
- Trust, working well, sharing ideas, relying on each other for information.

Interview Questions

- How long have you been at (your specific agency)?
- What's the most challenging thing about your job?
- What do you like most about your job?
- How do you work with tribes?
- How do you work with AAA, CIL, ADRC organizations?
- How did you start to build a good relationship with these partners – including regional offices?
- Who are your best partners?
- Who are your challenging partners and later have become your champions?
- What are the acronyms in your state that might be different from other states?

Title III/Title VI Coordination

- Improve knowledge about available programs
- Coordinate access to additional services for elders
- Reduce duplication / expand efficiency
- Amplify community support
- Increase funding opportunities
- Achieve access to information
- Enhance cultural competency
- Address comprehensive needs of elders

Examples of Title III/Title VI

1. Make referrals to Title III programs
2. Participate on state / AAA advisory council or board
3. Ask state / AAA to do presentations to elders at Title VI site
4. Tell elders about presentations/events by the state / AAA
5. Send Title VI newsletter/emails to state / AAA
6. Ask to be on distribution list to get state / AAA newsletter/emails
7. Give input on state and area plans on aging
8. Serve on other workgroups/committees of state / AAA
9. Consider collaborating with state / AAA on grant proposals (for example be a host site for falls prevention class)
10. Apply for Title III and other funding from state / AAA

Thank you!

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