Tribal and State Coordination: Guiding Questions for Tribes to Consider

Set the Stage

♦ What are the first steps in developing a relationship with my partner(s)?
♦ How will tribal CCDF be enhanced by partnering with State CCDF?
♦ What are my priorities as I negotiate with the State?
♦ How do I address tribal sovereignty considerations in a partnership?

Gather Information: How Well Do I Know My State(s)?

♦ Who is the point of contact?
♦ What does my State need to know about our CCDF?
♦ Are other Tribes in my area partnering with the State?

Make a Plan

♦ What are the benefits of a partnership?
♦ Should I be proactive and reach out to my State or wait for my State partner(s) to reach out to me?
♦ What are the barriers or challenges we may face in our partnership and how can we address them?
♦ Does the coordination with the State require a written agreement that has to be signed by our tribal leadership?