

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?