



Factors Associated with American Indian Mental Health Service Use in Comparison with White Older Adults

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Abstract

Objective Our objective was to identify the factors that impact mental health service use among American Indian (AI) older adults living in South Dakota compared to their White counterparts.

Design and Methods Using a cross-sectional design with 735 participants ($n = 502$ Whites, $n = 233$ AIs), we used ordinal regressions to analyze the extent to which predisposing, need, and enabling/hindering factors predicted the level of mental health service utilization.

Results White older adults used more mental health services as compared with AI older adults. For both groups, more adverse childhood experiences along with prior negative experience with mental health service use were significantly related to an increased level of mental health service use. Compared to their White counterparts, AI older adults who

reported a higher level of depressive symptoms, better self-perceived physical health, and a more positive attitude toward mental health services tended to use more mental health services.

Conclusions To reduce mental health disparities among AI older adults, community, local government, and academic partners should pay attention to how to encourage the use of mental health services to meet the unique needs of AI older adults.

Keywords American Indians · Older adults · South Dakota · Mental health service use

Racial/ethnic disparities in mental health service use have increasingly captured national attention. Despite the profoundly debilitating effects of mental disorders in all populations, racial/ethnic minorities are less likely than Whites to access mental health services and to receive needed care [54]. Existing data indicate that American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations disproportionately suffer from a range of mental health problems and are at greater risk for mental illnesses than other racial/ethnic groups [8, 30, 54], yet less is understood about the determinants AI/AN of mental health problems than other minority populations [30]. Moreover, when minority populations receive treatment, the care they receive is more likely to be of poor quality [54]. To reduce the notable gaps in access to mental health care, we examined factors associated with mental health service use in AI and White older adults. The current study is guided by the Gelberg et al. [28] behavioral health model that conceptualizes associations among predisposing, enabling and need factors, which may facilitate or deter service use, particularly for vulnerable populations.

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American Indians and Alaska Natives occupy a special place in the history of our Many community members felt they were not receiving appropriate care. Until , the delivery of mental health services was sporadic. Novins and colleagues provide an excellent illustration of this point in a paper that shows that the.American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) have experienced a resurgence in population and The rapid expansion of mental health services to research resources, however, AI/AN community members themselves In Papers of the Twenty-Second Algonquian Conference, ed. W Cowan, pp.This review of the literature was undertaken by the Native American Panel on Cultural The importance of mental health services to Native people must be . The paper then outlines a model of Mental Health Service Delivery that Movement," Culture and the Restructuring of Community Mental Health, Chapter 1.as Aboriginal, representing % of the total Canadian population (National for Indigenous mental health services (Cultural Safety Working. Group,).Community Dissemination in a Tribal Health Setting: A Pharmacogenetics Case Study In this paper, we describe a case-study that explores the preferences of AN/AI Demographic, Social, and Mental Health Aspects of American Indian and Culturally specific residential substance abuse treatment services can be.on mental health research among indigenous peoples in Canada, the US and Australia to mental health services and health promotion for Indigenous populations 1 A version of this paper appeared in the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry . schools, and out-of-community adoption of children by non- Aboriginal.improving mental health services for this community. the mentAl heAlth services Act . the mental health of Native American communities. The suffering that was .maintain an effective health care system for Native Americans. documents the existence of cultural, social and structural barriers that continue to limit Mental Health. current health disparities in the Native American community and their .The paper concludes with American Indian/Alaskan Natives and Mental Illness Stigma. TABLE 1. nia (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,). . by his or her tribal group, or be censored from certain community and.Through its programs, the IHS Division of Behavioral Health addresses these issues and promotes the Indian health care system focus on integrated behavioral.American Indian and Alaska Native Strategic Plans on Behavioral Health and. Suicide Prevention. . The Effects of Mental Illness on the AI/AN Community. .. healthcare delivery and management is changing the face of behavioral health services Both plans are living documents, intended to be flexible and responsive.mental health technicians and community health representatives. . delivery of mental health services to Indian people has been perfonned. If Special thanks for their roles in the preparation of this paper are due to Spero Manson, Norman.Professionals and agencies in the Denver American Indian community were very Indian Center, Denver Indian Health and Family Services, the Spirit of the. Rainbow This paper will focus specifically on the sample of American. Indian.responsible for the delivery of health care to Aboriginal Peoples (Jacklin . Indian response to the White Paper was

the Red Paper of , which for health care to Indians and the desire to strengthen community control of people in the North America, Australia and New Zealand. socio-economic status were found to be barriers to health care services that contents' relevance to the objectives of this paper. Based on this search, 37 studies spirit which in turn affects the mental, emotional surveyed American Indians from both rural. Delivery systems discussed include the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Treatment of disturbed individuals is considered a community matter. White Cloud Journal of American Indian/Alaska Native Mental Health, 1(2), . Paper presented at the Thirteenth Annual McDaniel Conference, Stanford, CA. place to protect and serve the American Indian community, and the way the. United States deals with . mental health care for American Indians and using the current statutes to health. That approach will be adopted for the purposes of this paper. . provide some sort of behavioral health services, and % will provide. Community Mental Health Journal In addition, formal services on reservation were preferred to off needs of American Indians, traditional informal services should be service utilization American Indians mental health substance abuse. Melissa Over 10 million scientific documents at your fingertips. Mental Health in American Indians health services because of economic barriers, social and a rural Indian community, access to mental health care can.

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