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**Identifying Issues of Importance to American Indians
Living With Disabilities**

LAWRENCE, KS — The Tribal Disability Concerns Report Method, a way to identify and organize potential issues of importance to more than 490,000 American Indians living with a significant disability, can help tribe and village members assess their needs, develop a consensus agenda, and build commitment to an action plan.

Modified and field tested by Tom Seekins, director of the Research and Training Center on Rural Rehabilitation Services in Wyoming, this of 171 items, can be used to create a survey. The survey can then be distributed with results analyzed by the American Indian Disability Technical Assistance Center (AIDTAC). The center writes a report of the findings that can be discussed at community planning meetings designed to formulate an action plan.

More information on this method can be found in *Practice Guideline: Tribal Disability Concerns Report Method: Respecting Sovereignty and Building Capacity*

(<http://aidtac.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/Concerns.htm>)



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