

A.G. Schimel: Wisconsin Native American Drug and Gang Initiative receives national drug fighting award

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Attorney General Brad Schimel is excited to announce the Wisconsin Native American Drug and Gang Initiative (NADGI) has received the Outstanding Public Safety/Public Health Collaborative Effort on Tribal Lands award from the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program.

“The great work and positive impact on the Native American community that NADGI is doing is demonstrated by the praise and recognition it continues to achieve,” said Attorney General Schimel. “Communication and collaboration across enforcement jurisdictions is critical to keeping communities safe. This national model for collaboration between state and tribal governments ensures Wisconsin’s Native American communities are safe and healthy.”

NADGI, created in 2007, is an organization that brings together tribal law enforcement agencies with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to fight illegal drug and gang activities on reservations. Coordination between the agencies and support from tribal governments and community groups results in halting further development of addiction and violence. HIDTA is a grant program run by the Office of National Drug Control Policy within the Executive Office of the President. The Outstanding Public Safety/Public Health Collaborative Effort on Tribal Lands award is one of less than two dozen awards that National HIDTA awards each year with over 100 nominations. NADGI and the other award recipients will be recognized at an awards banquet on February 7, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

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NADGI was also received the 2016 Honoring Nations award from the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (HPAIED). It was awarded at the National Congress of American Indians in November 2016.