

## 2023 Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training

*Celebrating 25 Years of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts*

September 12–14, 2023

Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation

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### Tuesday, September 12, 2023

<b>7:00am – 8:00am</b>	<b>Registration / Check-In</b>	<b>Ballroom Foyer</b>
<b>8:30am – 8:45am</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Catalina / Madera/ Pasadena</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Law and Policy Institute</li> </ul>	
<b>8:45am – 9:45am</b>	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Catalina / Madera/ Pasadena</b>
	<b>Twenty-Five Years of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Joseph Flies-Away, CAB Member, Community and Nation Building Facilitator</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary Description:</b> Healing to Wellness Courts have been operating in Tribal Nations for more than 25 years. Healing to Wellness Courts stem from drug courts, which were first funded in 1995 by the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance – Drug Court Program Office. In these 25+ years, Tribal Nations have developed Adult, Juvenile, Family, and Veteran’s Healing to Wellness Courts, many times giving them their own Tribal name. As each Nation is different, each Healing to Wellness Court is unique and culturally accordant with the people and communities who designed it. This session will highlight this development. Conference attendees will hear stories from Wellness Court pioneers and practitioners and collectively envision what the next 25 years will bring.</p>	
<b>9:45am – 10:00am</b>	Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)	
<b>10:00am – 11:15am</b>	1st Breakout – Session A	

<b>A3 - Establishing Wellness Courts</b>	<p><b>Implementing the Peacemaking Process into Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Grace Carson, Skadden Fellow, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Session Description:</b> Peacemaking is a traditional way of resolving conflict. It is a community-based process that addresses the concerns of all interested parties by focusing on community care and kinship to both repair and prevent conflict and harm. It is informed by a Tribe’s culture, spirituality, knowledge, and ways of being. This session focuses on the key aspects of peacemaking and how its goals intersect with the goals of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. Additionally, this session discusses strategies to implement peacemaking processes into Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts and how doing this can better support the healing and well-being of a court’s participants and a Tribe’s community as a whole.</p>	<b>Mojave</b>
<b>11:15am – 11:30am</b>	Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)	
<b>11:30 am – 12:45pm</b>	2nd Breakout – Session B	
<b>B3 - Establishing Wellness Courts</b>	<p><b>Strength-Based Language: Understanding the Impact of Word Choice on Treatment Court Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Courtney Williams, Senior Program Manager, National Training and Technical Assistance, Center for Justice Innovation</i></li> <li>• <i>Karen Otis, Deputy Director, Treatment Court Programs, National Training and Technical Assistance, Center for Justice Innovation</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Session Description:</b> The way treatment court team members speak to and about court participants can impact their success. Research has shown that language has the power to exacerbate or lessen stigma, alter participant perceptions of court and treatment, and impact the quality of treatment provided. Examining how team members speak to and about participants is a best practice that all treatment court teams can implement to improve outcomes in their court. Recovery language evolves and, therefore, should be an ongoing focus of every treatment court team’s process. This presentation discusses the current research on the relationship between language and participant success. Recommendations on how to change the language used by treatment court teams when talking to and about participants will be provided.</p>	<b>Mojave</b>
<b>12:45pm – 2:15pm</b>	Lunch (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)	
<b>2:15pm – 3:30pm</b>	3rd Breakout – Session C	

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<b>C3 - Establishing Wellness Courts</b>	<b>Veterans’ Outreach and Legal Assistance Roundtable Outcomes</b>	<b>Mojave</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Andrea Seielstad, National American Indian Court Judges Association, Consultant; Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs, University of Dayton, School of Law</i></li> <li>• <i>Elton Naswood, Program Coordinator, National American Indian Court Judges Association</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Session Description:</b> Building upon research and consultation with participants from September 2022, the National American Indian Court Judges Association convened two roundtables for the purposes of assessing working models and determining future opportunities for outreach and legal services delivery to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) veterans. The ultimate goal is to develop one or more focused pilot projects that would best meet the needs of AI/AN veterans. This session will focus on the methodology of using roundtables to encourage buy-in and gather input from key stakeholders in developing key programmatic goals in the development of AI/AN veterans-focused legal clinics. This session will discuss the outcomes, information, and insights gathered from the roundtables held in Albuquerque, NM, and Anchorage, AK, in the summer of 2023.</p>	
<b>3:30pm – 3:45pm</b>	Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)	
<b>3:45pm – 5:00pm</b>	4th Breakout – Session D	
<b>D3 - Establishing Wellness Courts</b>	<b>A Chronic Disease That Requires Long-Term Recovery Management (the Recovery Management Toolkit)</b>	<b>Mojave</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jeffrey N. Kushner, Montana Statewide Drug Court Coordinator, Montana Supreme Court/Office of the Court Administrator</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Session Description:</b> Session will begin by describing substance use dependency as a chronic disease and the implications for Healing to Wellness Courts. Session will include an understanding of recovery capital and the need for extensive accrual of recovery capital while in Healing to Wellness Court. How to measure recovery capital from initial entry to the ladder phases of drug court to include a recovery capital scale and recovery capital worksheets. Worksheets will provide a culturalized version for Native Americans as revised by the Native American/Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network. Finally, the session will provide research indicating that planning for recovery management must go beyond time in Healing to Wellness Court and strategies and instruments to facilitate this extended support.</p>	

## Wednesday, September 13, 2023

<b>7:00am – 8:00am</b>	<b>Registration / Check-In</b>	<b>Ballroom Foyer</b>
<b>8:30am – 8:45am</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Catalina / Madera/ Pasadena</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Law and Policy Institute</li> </ul>	
<b>8:45am – 9:45am</b>	<b>Plenary</b>	
	<b>Safety Considerations in Celebrating 25 Years of Tribal Healing to Wellness</b>	<b>Catalina / Madera/ Pasadena</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tanya Grassel-Krietlow, South Dakota Network FAST Grant Manager, FAST Tribal Sexual Assault Initiative</i></li> <li>• <i>Gayle Thom, Retired Federal Bureau of Investigation</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Plenary Description:</b> As we celebrate 25 years of Healing to Wellness, what is more central to enhancing the capacity of healing and wellness than the safety of Wellness Court professionals and other service providers? Planning for victims’ and survivors’ freedom from violence is a critical component for service providers. However, the safety of adults, juveniles, family, veterans, and DUI/DWI Healing to Wellness Court professionals is also a vital part of overall safety planning. Yet personal safety can be a complex matter. Training, research, and evaluation often focus solely on the safety of victims and survivors we are privileged to serve. Without addressing personal safety of all Tribal justice professional/other service providers, are we missing the true impact of striving to build a deeper and more comprehensively resilient perspective of safety for all involved in the justice realm? Simple steps will be presented that all court and service providers can use in their everyday lives. These are not meant to be all-encompassing—simply thought-provoking to help promote conversation and understanding of what additional training might be helpful. Our goal is to provide hope and inspiration by offering these simple steps attendees can use in their everyday lives. Informal and formal research is included in the presentation regarding safety considerations; as well as information from the Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Services for the Tribes initiative that is funded by the Office on Violence Against Women.</p>	
<b>9:45am – 10:00am</b>	<b>Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)</b>	
<b>10:00am – 11:15am</b>	<b>1st Breakout – Session E</b>	

<b>E3 - Establishing Wellness Courts</b>	<p><b>So You Want to Start a Family Healing to Wellness Court? Where Do We Start?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Will Blakeley, Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashay Shah, Senior Program Associate, Center Children and Family Futures</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Session Description:</b> Family Healing to Wellness Court (FHCW) is a promising model for improving outcomes for families affected by substance use disorder and in the child welfare system. The therapeutic model of FHCWs relies on cross-systems collaboration and family-centered, trauma-informed approaches to engage, support, and serve children, parents, and families affected by substance use. Implementing FHCWs provides juvenile and family court professionals with a unique opportunity to disrupt intergenerational cycles of multisystem involvement including the foster care-to-prison pipeline while improving outcomes and healing families affected by substance use.</p> <p>This session is designed for Tribes interested in implementing a new or enhancing an existing FHCW. Attendees will learn about key planning and implementation considerations and resources to help communities begin improving outcomes for children and families.</p>	<b>Mojave</b>
<b>11:15am – 11:30am</b>	Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)	
<b>11:30 am – 12:45pm</b>	2nd Breakout – Session F	
<b>F3</b>	<p><b>BJA Feedback Session: Treatment Court Enrollment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Carolyn Hardin, Chief of Training and Research, All Rise</i></li> <li>• <i>Laura Hunter, Research Associate, NPC Research</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Session Description:</b> All Rise and NPC Research are hosting Feedback Sessions with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). In this session, participants will be asked to share their perspectives on enrollment concerns and challenges, strategies for increasing enrollment, enhancing the referral and entry process, and resources that would help boost enrollment. Results will be shared in a report that will identify major concerns and challenges, potential solutions, and promising practices, as well as shape future funding and training opportunities. Participants can be practitioners from any Adult Treatment Court type and from all disciplines (e.g., judges, coordinators, prosecutors, defense counsel, community supervision, law enforcement, and treatment providers, among other roles). We ask all participants to keep the discussions confidential. Any information you provide will not be presented in a way that could be identified with you.</p>	<b>Mojave</b>

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- 12:45pm – 2:15pm** Lunch (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)
- 2:15pm – 3:30pm** 3rd Breakout – Session G
- G3 - Establishing Wellness Courts** **BJA Feedback Session: BJA Grant Solicitation** **Mojave**
- *Carolyn Hardin, Chief of Training and Research, All Rise*
  - *Laura Hunter, Research Associate, NPC Research*
- Session Description:** All Rise and NPC Research are hosting Feedback Sessions with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). In this session, participants will be asked to share barriers to applying for grants, resources needed to help with the application process, and how the solicitation process can be improved. Results will be shared in a report that will identify strengths to continue or expand, as well as challenges and concerns to focus on for potential improvements in the process. The results may also be used to shape future training opportunities. Participants can be practitioners from any Adult Treatment Court type and from all disciplines (e.g., judges, coordinators, prosecutors, defense counsel, community supervision, law enforcement, and treatment providers, among other roles). We ask all participants to keep the discussions confidential. Any information you provide will not be presented in a way that could be identified with you.
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm** Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)
- 3:45pm – 5:00pm** 4th Breakout – Session H
- H3 - Establishing Wellness Courts** **Negotiating Ethics Requirements on Healing to Wellness Court Teams** **Mojave**
- *Suzanne Garcia, Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
  - *Kristina Pacheco, Tribal Wellness Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- Session Description:** Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts require a team approach where information sharing and collaboration is critical to participants' success. Each team member, however, has ethical obligations that they must navigate while they do this work. Presenters will set the context by discussing these various ethical obligations and then invite subject matter experts and attendees in the audience to join in a discussion about the successes and challenges they have seen in their practice.

## Thursday, September 14, 2023

<b>8:30am – 8:45am</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Catalina / Madera/ Pasadena</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Law and Policy Institute</li> </ul>	
<b>8:45am – 9:45am</b>	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Catalina / Madera/ Pasadena</b>
	<p><b>Celebrating 16 Years of Joint Jurisdiction Courts: “Where We Started, Where We Are, and Where We Are Going”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hon. Korey Wahwassuck, Judge, Itasca County District Court</i></li> <li>• <i>Hon. Evelyn Dolchok, Chief Tribal Judge, Kenaitze Indian Tribe</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary Description:</b> Tribal, state, federal, and local courts operate in a patchwork of overlapping jurisdictions, facing common challenges and limited resources. To address these concerns, a growing number of courts have come together in a joint jurisdictional model that acknowledges each other’s autonomy, while sharing resources for better outcomes for everyone. During this plenary session, two Joint Jurisdiction Court practitioners will tell the story of how joint jurisdiction courts began, discuss their implementation and development over the years, share lessons learned, and make recommendations for other jurisdictions considering a collaborative approach to heal their own communities and improve outcomes for the people they serve.</p>	
<b>9:45am – 10:00am</b>	Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)	
<b>10:00am – 11:15am</b>	1st Breakout – Session I	
<b>I3 - Establishing Wellness Courts</b>	<b>The Danger on the Roads: Courts and Impaired Drivers</b>	<b>Mojave</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hon. Eric Mehnert, Chief Judge, Penobscot Nation Tribal Courts; American Bar Association Region 1 Judicial Outreach Liaison</i></li> <li>• <i>Hon. Mary Kate Huffman, Judge, Second District Court of Appeals, Dayton Ohio; American Bar Association National Judicial Fellow</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Session Description:</b> In a recent study, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration collected data revealed that alcohol-related crashes in 2019 resulted in 14,219 fatalities, 497,000 nonfatal injuries, and \$68.9 billion in economic costs. A person dies every 45 minutes in the United States resulting from drug- or alcohol-impaired driving. Despite the universally recognized dangers of driving while intoxicated, data indicates that alcohol-impaired driving deaths among American Indian and Alaska Natives rise to between two</p>	

and seventeen times greater than rates among other racial or ethnic groups. This program will review research and data related to the dangers of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, the changing demographics of the impaired driver, evidence-based practices applied to driving under the influence, utilizing motivational interviewing in the adjudication, and supervision of drivers operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**11:15am – 11:30am** Break (On your own. No government-provided meals or break food or beverages.)

**11:30am – 12:45pm** 2nd Breakout – Session J

**J3 - Establishing Wellness Courts**

**Telling Your Story: It’s More Than Just Numbers**

**Mojave**

- *Nan Benally, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Angie Juárez-Monger, Tribal Wellness Court Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

**Session Description:** Often programmatic success is defined by quantitative data measures. The session will demonstrate how to use data descriptively to capture the collective spirit of a community’s efforts that speak to the strengths-based models of healing, wellness, and programmatic success. Practice utilizing narratives to enhance how data can expand your program’s mission and goals and can tell the real success stories.

**12:45pm – 1:15pm**

**Closing**

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