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OVERVIEW OF TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE'S MENTOR COURT PROGRAM



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Dedicated to providing free publication resources, comprehensive training, and technical assistance for Native nations and tribal justice systems in pursuit of our vision to empower Native communities to create and control their own institutions for the benefit of all community members, now, and for future generations.





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TRIBAL HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS PROJECT

TLPI provides a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Training and Technical Assistance Project which includes:

- Customized onsite and offsite technical assistance and resources to assist Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts in planning, implementation, and enhancement
- Regional and national trainings, including the Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training
- The Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Publication and Webinar series

This project – currently funded under a grant from the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) - includes the www.WellnessCourts.org website which serves as a resource center for project resources and contains relevant law and policy updates for Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts



▶ TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

The [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#) (TLPI) offers a wide range of exceptional training, technical assistance, and resource services. We strive to facilitate the sharing of resources so Native Nations and tribal justice systems have access to cost effective resources which can be adapted to meet the individual needs of their communities. Our mission is to enhance and strengthen tribal sovereignty and justice while honoring community values, protecting rights, and promoting well-being. Our vision is to empower Native communities to create and control their own institutions for the benefit/welfare of all community members now and for future generations.

TLPI offers extensive free training and technical assistance (T/TA) with funding provided by the various bureaus of the U.S. Department of Justice, the Children's Bureau, the Office on Violence Against Women and other funding sources.

TLPI can provide free onsite and offsite T/TA through the following federal grant projects:

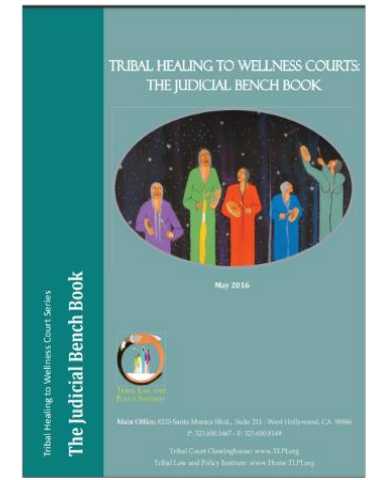
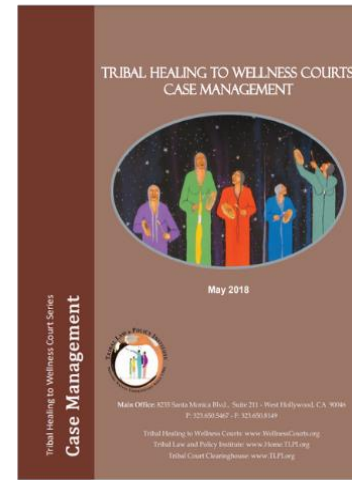
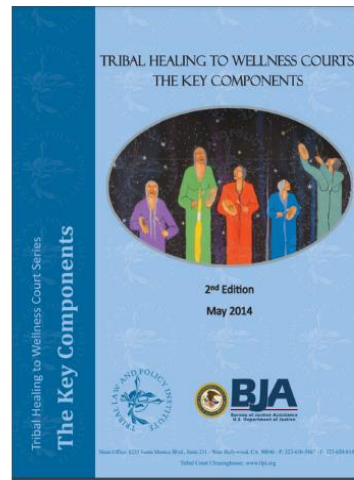
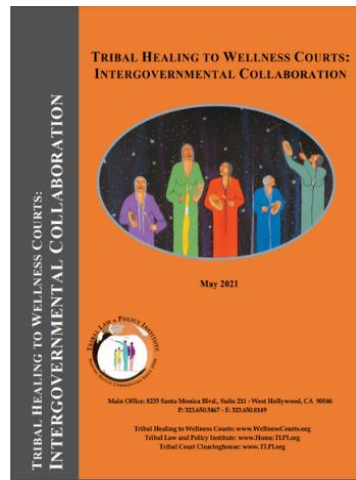
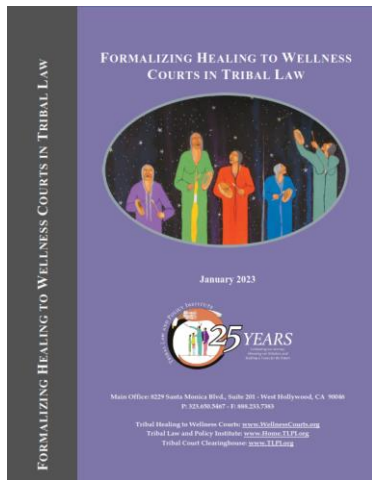
- Tribal-State Intergovernmental Collaboration Project
- Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
- Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets
- Outreach Initiative to Strengthen Tribal Capacity to Address Violence Against Women



Tribal Law & Policy Institute Resources: TRIBAL HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS

Resource materials for you to reference can be found at:

<https://www.home.tlpi.org/tribal-healing-to-wellness-courts>



▶ TODAY'S PRESENTATION

- An overview of the history of healing to wellness courts
- How best practices as utilized as the foundation for Mentor Courts
- The Development of a tribal specific peer-to-peer learning program
- Overview of the first three (3) tribal healing to wellness Mentor Courts
- The benefits of peer-to-peer learning
- How to become involved in programming



MENTOR COURT TRACK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time	Title
10:00am-11:15am	A4: Overview of Tribal Law and Policy Institute's Mentor Court Program
11:30am - 12:45pm	B4:Tulalip Healing to Wellness Program: The First Program to be Recognized as Both Tribal Law and Policy Institute Mentor Court and All Rise Mentor Court
2:15pm - 3:30pm	C4: The Decolonization of Language in your Healing to Wellness Program a Guide to Using Language and Culture as the Foundation of Your Program
3:45pm - 5:00pm	D4: Bernalillo County Metro Court Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Court: Changing Lives Through Traditional Healing



MENTOR COURT TRACK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time	Title
10:00am-11:15am	E4: Bridging the Gap between American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Residing in “Legal Deserts” and Legal Service Providers in Other Locations
11:30am - 12:45pm	F4: Using Anishinaabe Culture to Support Recovery Principles In Programming
2:15pm - 3:30pm	G4: Roundtable Mentor Courts
3:45pm - 5:00pm	H4: Problem Gambling



▶ MENTOR COURT TRACK SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Time	Title
10:00am- 11:15am	I4: Mentor Court Workshop
11:30am - 12:45pm	J4: Restorative Legal Approaches: What is Justice In Your Language?



▶ HISTORY OF HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS

A Tribal Healing to Wellness Court brings together alcohol and drug treatment, community healing resources, and the tribal justice process by using a team approach to achieve the physical and spiritual healing of the individual participant, and to promote Native nation building and the well-being of the community.



BEST PRACTICES

- #1: Individual and Community Healing Focus
- #2: Referral Points and Legal Process
- #3: Screening and Eligibility
- #4: Treatment and Rehabilitation
- #5: Intensive Supervision
- #6: Sanctions and Incentives
- #7: Judicial Interaction
- #8: Monitoring and Evaluation
- #9: Continuing Interdisciplinary and Community Education
- #10: Team Interaction



▶ ALLRISE MENTOR COURT PROGRAM

All Rise identifies exemplary treatment courts to serve as national models, host staff from other jurisdictions, and participate in research studies.



▶ TRIBAL SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING

Manage and implement a Healing to Wellness Court (HTWC)
Tribally specific mentor court program for tribal justice systems including tribal veterans' treatment courts, with a focus on tribal-inclusivity, culturally relevant selection criteria, and peer-to-peer exchange of information.



▶ GOALS OF THE PROJECT

Establish a Mentor Courts working group, to include TLPI Wellness Court staff, subject matter expert consultants and TLPI leadership, to develop a Tribally specific mentor court model keeping BJA informed and via regular updates on the process.



▶ OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- Establish the criteria, guidelines and procedures for participation in a Tribally specific mentor court program in collaboration with the Working Group.
- Identify and recruit Tribal HTWC Mentor Courts, in collaboration with the working group, utilizing the Tribally specific mentor court process.
- Identify and recruit Tribal HTWC Mentee Courts, in collaboration with the Working Group.
- Match Mentee programs with Mentor courts, in collaboration with the working group.



▶ OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- Facilitate exchange of information between Mentor and Mentee programs (via email, phone, or video calls), to possibly include documents, forms, policies/procedures, etc.
- Facilitate virtual and/or in-person visits with Mentor and Mentee programs.
- Develop a publication: Promising Strategies in Wellness Courts to highlight the participants in the Tribally specific mentor court program.
- Provide presentation/webinar on the Promising Strategy publication.



▶ PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

- Providing new perspectives
- Gives a “buddy system” someone who has shared work experiences
- Fosters connections with other tribal courts



▶ ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Mentor Courts must have the capacity to host in-person and virtual visits from other jurisdictions.

Mentor Courts must have all key essential team members of a healing to wellness court team.

Mentor Courts must be able to provide peer-to-peer learning opportunities and adhere to site visit policies.

Mentor Courts must adhere to the 10 Key Components of Healing to Wellness Courts.

Mentor Courts must have a written policy and procedure manual and participant handbook that you are willing and able to share with other jurisdictions.

Mentor Courts must be willing and able to provide data, participate in research and publications, and media campaigns as requested by TLPI.

Mentor Courts must be an operational court program for a minimum of two (2) years.



▶ TLPI MENTOR COURTS

- Tulalip's Healing to Wellness Court
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Healing to Wellness Court
- Bernalillo County Metropolitan Healing to Wellness Court



▶ BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Mission statement: The mission of the Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Court Program is to create an atmosphere of healing for Native Americans through best practices and traditional methods in pursuit of spiritual and physical recovery from alcohol and other substances.





BERNALILLO COUNTY METRO COURT

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Program Structure: The Healing to Wellness Court Program is a twelve-month, five-phase program with two tracks, which combines intensive supervision and individualized treatment, to include cultural specific treatment. The Court is misdemeanor and DUI specific.



▶ TULALIP HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Mission statement: To provide the support and resources necessary for our participants to begin living sober lives and reconnecting with their families, community, and culture.



▶ TULALIP HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Location: Tulalip, Washington

Court structure: The Tulalip Healing to Wellness Court (Wellness Court) is a 15-24 month program with five phases. The wellness court is designed for misdemeanor offenders.



▶ LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS (LTBB) HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Mission statement: The mission of the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program is to implement a collaborative partnership among the community, service providers, court and adults who face substance abuse challenges in order to restore holistic balance using Odawa values and teachings as envisioned by our ancestors in order to ignite the healing and rehabilitation of citizens.





LTBB HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

Location: Petoskey, Michigan

Program structure: An 18-month program with five phases. LTBB is a hybrid program that accepts misdemeanor and felony level participants.



▶ VISITING COURTS

- Implemented or non-implemented healing to wellness courts that want to observe and have direct conversations with innovative programs.
- Peer-to-peer learning can range from phone calls, site-visits, virtual meetings, zoom meetings, on-sites, and direct meetings between work counterparts.
- Document exchange and review.



▶ HOW TO APPLY AS A MENTOR COURT

- Send an email to Alyssa@TLPI.org for initial discussion
- Interview process with whole team
- Eligibility criteria review



▶ QUESTIONS

Thank you for joining the Mentor Court
Overview presentation today!





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► Evaluation

Please take a moment to complete the **A4: Overview of Tribal Law and Policy Institute's Mentor Court Program** session evaluation. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

If you need a paper copy, please ask for one from a Tribal Law and Policy Institute staff member.

