

**Tribal Healing to Wellness Court
 Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
 2024 Implementation and Enhancement Trainings
 Combined Agenda
*Reclaiming Indigenous Justice***

September 18-20, 2024
 Sheraton Phoenix Downtown | Phoenix, AZ

These trainings have received U.S. Department of Justice Conference Approval.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:00am – 9:00am	Registration / Check-In	Deer Valley, 2nd level
8:30am – 9:15am	Morning Wellness	Valley Overlook, 4th level
9:30am – 11:00am	Opening	Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level

- Opening Remarks from Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- Honor Guard – Posting of Flags
- Opening Remarks from Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Plenary

From Incarceration to Inspiration: A Journey of Redemption and Leadership **Phoenix Ballroom AB,
3rd level**

- *Allen King, Consultant, Motivational Speaker*

Plenary Description: This plenary will take participants on an inspiring journey of redemption and leadership, as experienced by Allen King. The plenary will highlight the importance of integrating traditional Indigenous healing practices with modern therapeutic approaches, emphasizing the role of cultural identity in recovery and leadership development. Participants will gain insights into building trust with clients, fostering resilience, and creating programs that honor and incorporate cultural traditions.

11:00am – 11:15am Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)

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11:15am – 12:30pm 1st Breakout – Sessions A

A1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts **Criminal Thinking: Identifying Drivers and Interventions- An Overview** **Camelback, 2nd level**

- *Michelle Hart, Training Consultant/Deputy Chief Probation Officer, ret., Michelle Hart Consulting & Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals*

Session Description: As research states, the population that does best in all treatment court types are the high risk/high need individuals. Standardized and validated risk assessments should be used to determine eligibility and drive supervision and interventions specific to criminogenic needs or risk factors. Participants in treatment courts may have the same or similar risk scores, but what drives the scores, and corresponding criminogenic needs is very individualized. Addressing criminal thinking is just as important as providing clinical treatment. This workshop will give an overview of the different criminal or antisocial thinking and attitudes, demonstrate a core correctional practice that will help identify specific drivers and interventions.

A2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts **Risk Assessments and Recovery Capital: Utilizing Client Risk and Protective Factors for Effective Case Management** **Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level**

- *Alyssa Harrold, Wellness Court Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Session Description: This presentation will focus on effectively using risk assessments and recovery capital in case management. By integrating these elements, the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court (THWC) team can promote a client-centered approach that supports THWC clients holistically, enhances their recovery journey, and facilitates meaningful improvements. Learning objectives will include how motivational interviewing can enrich risk assessment practices, provide strategies for balancing recovery capital with risk management, and examine techniques for measuring and seeing progress. Through practical insights and success stories, participants will learn to apply these concepts to optimize case management outcomes.

A3 – Family/Veterans Healing to Wellness Courts **Grant Writing Workshop: Selling Your Healing to Wellness Court Program** **Desert Sky, 3rd level**

- *Dr. Christina Lanier, Co-Director, National Drug Court Resource Center*
- *Dr. Kristen DeVall, Co-Director, National Drug Court Resource Center*

Session Description: This skill-building session will provide an overview of federal grant proposal components and examples of required sections. The presenters will begin with a discussion of grant planning activities. This will be followed by strategies for writing a compelling statement of the issue using data to support needs for funding. Often the most heavily weighted section of any grant proposal is the project design or implementation approach. To this end, this session will focus on how to use various data sources to identify specific areas of need and to devise an appropriate implementation strategy for addressing those needs.

<p>A4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Native/Tribal Strengths-Based Approaches, Elders and Elder’s Panels in Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Maryvale, 2nd level</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Selina Kenmille, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Program Coordinator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes</i> • <i>Loretta Hoots, Bureau of Indian Affairs/ National Monitoring Center Manager, Natural Resource Department Safety of Dams Program</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This session will cover the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes’ Tribal Restorative Practices, as part of their Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program. The program uses Elders Panels and mentoring to help youth repair from hurt and harm.</p>	
<p>12:30pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Lunch (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)</p>	
<p>2:00pm – 3:15pm</p>	<p>2nd Breakout – Sessions B</p>	
<p>B1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Practical Guide to Understanding Incentives, Sanctions and Service Adjustments</p>	<p>Camelback, 2nd level</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Susan Alameda, Project Director, All Rise</i> • <i>Michelle Hart, Training Consultant/Deputy Chief Probation Officer, ret., Michelle Hart Consulting & Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This session will address how the treatment court can effectively apply evidence-based and procedurally fair behavior modification practices that are proven to be safe and effective for high-risk and high-need persons. Incentives and sanctions, as outlined in Standard IV of the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards, are delivered to enhance adherence to program goals and conditions that participants can achieve and sustain with relative ease and for a reasonable time (proximal goals). Service adjustments are delivered to help participants achieve goals that are too difficult for them to accomplish currently and require time and assistance to master (distal goals). Utilizing the Staffing Framework, teams can address participant behavior, set program goals, and choose safe and effective responses.</p>	
<p>B2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Weaving the Peer Recovery Advocate into the Braided Services Wellness Court Team</p>	<p>Phoenix Ballroom AB 3rd level</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hon. Rhonda Decontie, Magistrate Judge, Penobscot Nation Courts</i> • <i>Kylee Francis-Fowler, Peer Recovery Advocate, Penobscot Nation Courts</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This presentation will discuss the construction and maintenance of the Braided Services/Multi-Disciplinary Team in a Healing to Wellness Court. As part of the discussion Judge Decontie will discuss the role of the Judge in developing positive Wellness Team dynamics. The conversation will</p>	

then turn to the importance of including a Peer Recovery Advocate on the Wellness Team. Kylee Francis Fowler will share her journey to becoming a Peer Recovery Advocate. Having an alumni of Wellness Court serve as an advocate has been instrumental in building relationships with participants. The advocate has been through the program and has first-hand knowledge of all the requirements. Penobscot has had tremendous success and will share how this position has strengthened their team.

**B3 -
Family/Veterans
Healing to
Wellness Courts**

**Veterans Treatment Courts: National Trends,
Promising Practices, and Considerations for Tribal
Adaptations**

**Desert Sky,
3rd level**

- *Alisha Morrison, Senior Program Manager, Tribal Justice Exchange, Center for Justice Innovation*
- *Sheila McCarthy, Senior Program Manager, Recovery and Reform, Center for Justice Innovation*

Session Description: Since 2019, The Center for Justice Innovation (Center) has worked with 10 states to strengthen and enhance Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs) statewide. Working in two cohorts, the Center facilitated a fact finding and action planning process to identify common issues that impact VTCs and develop state-specific blueprints. Through this process, several national trends emerged. In conjunction, American University has partnered with some of the Center’s cohort to pilot a revolutionary risk screening tool and assessment specifically designed for the veteran population. In this session Center staff will highlight lessons learned from the field that are unique to the veteran population and the solutions developed in response. Those solutions have the potential to impact all VTC practitioners, from the bench to the community. Center staff will also explore the unique opportunities for working with veterans through a healing to wellness court model and provide examples and considerations from the field for implementation and adaptation.

**B4 - Juvenile
Healing to
Wellness Courts**

**The Intrusion of Fentanyl in Our Society and what
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Teams Need to Know**

**Maryvale,
2nd level**

- *Stephanie Meyer, Surveillance Officer, Pinal County Probation*

Session Description: This session will cover the need to be informed about the fatal risks of fentanyl use, the proper use of Narcan (Naloxone), and the reality that fentanyl affects everyone. The goal of the presentation is to raise awareness and hope in our Tribal communities. Narcan (Naloxone) saves lives, and with proper training and harm reduction education the hope is destigmatize and reduce overdose deaths in our communities.

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)

3:30pm – 4:45pm 3rd Breakout – Sessions C

C1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts **Using Anishinaabe Culture to Support Recovery Principles** **Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level**

- *Matthew Lesky, Attorney, Court Administrator, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court*
- *Kevin Gasco, Male Cultural Resource Advisor, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court*
- *Miigwaans Smith, Female Cultural Resource Advisor, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court*

Session Description: The Waabhski-Miigwan Healing to Wellness Court has a foundational principle of utilizing culture as a basis of programming, an increasing practice among Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts as they reclaim their indigenous sovereignty. This presentation will discuss how changes in the approach to the incorporation of culture over time have led to better outcomes for clients and a growth in recovery capital outside of the program and the use of a cultural assessment tool. The presenters will also highlight the importance of land-based activities and having clients putting their hands “on the work.”

C2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts **The Road to Success: Treatment Court Coordinator Bootcamp** **Camelback, 2nd level**

- *Kendall Friend, Senior Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts*
- *Lisa Williams, Senior Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts*

Session Description: Court coordinators wear several hats, but how do they efficiently and effectively execute tasks? New and experienced coordinators will master best practices in collaborating with team members, managing day-to-day tasks, engaging with treatment providers and the community. This session will explore how to effectively work with peer support and alumni groups to increase sustainability and long-term support for the program and its participants.

C3 - Family/Veterans Healing to Wellness Courts **Empowering Early Connections for Strong Futures: Integrating Child Development in Child Welfare Systems** **Desert Sky, 3rd level**

- *Marshalle Manriquez, Statewide Safe Babies Court Teams Coordinator, Prevent Child Abuse Arizona*
- *Meghan Hays Davis, Program and Training Director, Prevent Child Abuse Arizona*

Session Description: In this session the presenters will discuss intentional systems integration that supports the crosswalk between child development and child welfare. The presenters will highlight the work that is happening in Arizona

under the Best for Babies program and discuss the ZERO TO THREE Safe Babies approach that helps guide their work. This approach is changing lives by transforming child welfare into the practice of child “well-being” using the science of early childhood development. The presenters will highlight working together to ensure that young children benefit from the early connections that are critical to their well-being and development, laying a strong foundation for the rest of their lives.

**C4 - Juvenile
Healing to
Wellness Courts**

**Engagement and Community Belonging: The Power of
Culture to Restore and Re-integrate Disenfranchised
Youth**

**Maryvale,
2nd level**

- *Patti Buhl, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice, Cherokee Nation*
- *Leah Hitcher, Juvenile Healing to Wellness, Cherokee Nation*
- *Teria Sixkiller, Juvenile Healing to Wellness, Cherokee Nation*

Session Description: This session will cover how the Cherokee Nation Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) uses culture in their rehabilitation process. The presenters will share case studies demonstrating how their engagement techniques have been instrumental in helping shift youth and family member attitudes with respect to the disciplinary and justice systems.

Thursday, September 19, 2024

7:30am – 8:15am **Morning Wellness** **Valley Overlook,
4th level**

8:30am – 9:45am **Opening** **Phoenix Ballroom AB,
3rd level**

- Opening Remarks from Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- Cultural Presentation
- Remembrance Tree

Plenary

Reflections from former Wellness Court Judge on the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Movement **Phoenix Ballroom AB,
3rd level**

- *Gary E LaRance, former Chief Judge of the Hopi Tribal Courts and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Judge for Hopi Youth Wellness Court*

Plenary Description: The presenter will share reflections on the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Movement and Development of the Hopi Youth Wellness Court and Bishop Paiute Drug Court.

9:45am – 10:00am Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)

10:00am – 11:15am 1st Breakout – Sessions D

D1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts **Thriving as a Human Being: Tools to Better Connect with Ourselves and Serving Our Communities** **Desert Sky,
3rd level**

- *Victor Reyes, District Judge, (Ret.) 10th Judicial, Colorado, Mahakaruna Holistic Foundation*

Session Description: The presenter will provide an understanding of what it means to thrive as a human being while highlighting emotions of adversity, compassion, sympathy and empathy to connect to ourselves as tribal healing to wellness court practitioners. The presenter will discuss the effects of trauma, disconnection and understanding why people may act or think in a certain way as it relates to serving the community and healing to wellness court clients. Participants of the session will engage in introspective practices designed to enhance self- realizations for both the provider and the customer.

D2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts **Reclaiming Indigenous Justice: Mentor Court Roundtable** **Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level**

- *Bernalillo County’s Metropolitan Court Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Program*
- *Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Tribal Court*
- *Tulalip Tribal Court*
- *Moderator: Alyssa Harrold, Tribal Wellness Court Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Session Description: The Mentor Court Roundtable will feature a storytelling facilitation process to highlight the innovative strategies and foundational cultural principles of Mentor Court Healing to Wellness Programs, aimed at reclaiming Indigenous Justice. Moderated by Tribal Law and Policy Institute staff member Alyssa Harrold, the session will highlight experiences and strategies from Mentor Courts, including the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Tulalip Tribal Court, and Bernalillo County’s Metropolitan Court Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Program. Participants will engage in peer-to-peer learning, exploring best practices within a culturally appropriate framework.

D3 - Family/Veterans Healing to Wellness Courts **Why Values Matter: Using the Collaborative Values Inventory to Improve Services for Families** **Camelback, 2nd level**

- *Will Blakeley, Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures*
- *Ashay Shah, Senior Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures*

Session Description: The subject of how substance use, and mental health disorder affects a person’s ability to parent is value laden. Different people bring vastly different outlooks and perspectives to this issue based on factors like professional training and experience, personal background, and the philosophy of the agency or organization in which they are employed. These differing perspectives can create barriers to working together, and all too often, collaborative teams carry out their work without discussing these differences. The Center for Children and Family Futures and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute developed the Indian Country Collaborative Values Inventory (IC-CVI) to help teams overcome these barriers. The IC-CVI assesses differences in culture, values and worldview, communication styles, and understandings about family and community. This session will describe the IC-CVI, provide specific examples of how the tool has been used, and give attendees an opportunity to use the tool live.

D4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts	Native Adolescent Development and the Implications for Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erin Thin Elk, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i> • <i>Ashley Anderson, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i> <p>Session Description: This presentation will cover the topic of adolescent brain development and its influence on adolescent decision-making processes. The presenters seek to empower Tribes/Tribal Courts/communities and families to implement trauma-informed practices and to tailor effective services. Juvenile Healing two Wellness Courts and Programs play a critical role in nurturing positive youth development. By recognizing the significance of adolescent brain development and its influence on decision making, interventions can better support youth in navigating challenges and building resilience.</p>	Maryvale, 2nd level
11:15am – 11:30am	Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)	
11:30 am – 12:45pm	2nd Breakout – Sessions E	
E1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts	Healing to Wellness Roadmap; A Start to Finish Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Peter Boome, Associate Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court</i> • <i>Christine Frausto, Associate Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court</i> <p>Session Description: This session will guide attendees through a Wellness Court case, from initial referral to successful graduation. The presenters will navigate attendees through each step, offering invaluable insights and guidance along the way, as well as share checklists, forms, and the participant handbook.</p>	Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level
E2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts	Bureau of Justice Assistance Listening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ingrid Lara-Madison, Supervisory Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance</i> • <i>Patricia Thackston, Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance</i> <p>Session Description: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is conducting Listening Sessions in order to solicit recommendations from training participants on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BJA’s tribal assistance funding. • Ways that BJA can make its funding more accessible to federally recognized tribes. • Adding a new Purpose Area to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) to support the development, implementation, and enhancement of treatment courts. 	Desert Sky, 3rd level

- Interest in BJA allowing tribes to designate nonprofit organizations to apply for BJA’s CTAS Purpose Areas on behalf of tribes.

These are the same topics that will be addressed at the [Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation](#) on Monday, November 18, 2024, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, at the [Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder](#) in Santa Fe, NM. The BJA Consultation will take place the day immediately prior to the Office on Violence Against Women’s [19th annual Violence Against Women Act Consultation](#). More details are provided in the [Tribal Leader invitation letter](#) from BJA Director Karhlton Moore.

**E3 -
Family/Veterans
Healing to Wellness
Courts**

**Meeting the Needs of Native Veterans – Facilitating
Access to Veteran Affairs Services**

**Camelback,
2nd level**

- *Katherine Stewart, National Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach National Coordinator, Veterans Health Administration Homeless Programs*
- *Ellyn Black, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs*
- *Kyla Lout, Veterans Justice Outreach Peer Specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs*

Session Description: Native Americans serve in the U.S. Armed Services at a higher rate than any other group. A 2016 Veterans Affairs (VA) tribal consultation identified treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and mental health as a top priority for Native American Veterans in their communities. Both Native Veterans and Justice Involved Veterans were identified as “heavily impacted groups” in Veteran Affairs’ 2023 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Additionally, most Veterans who died by suicide in 2021 did not receive VA services in the two years prior. This presentation will provide an overview of VA ‘s services for Veterans, Veterans Justice Program and assistance available through Veterans Justice Outreach. The presenters will highlight partnerships providing direct services to Native Veterans and will also facilitate a conversation about needs of justice involved Veterans in tribal and Veterans courts – and how VA can best partner with communities to meet those needs.

E4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts	Developing an Assessment Tool for Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts that is Trauma Informed	Maryvale, 2nd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erin Thin Elk, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i> • <i>Pat Sekaquaptewa, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Manager, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i> • <i>Amy Foster Wolferman, Director of School-Based Training and Technical Assistance, National Native Children’s Trauma Center</i> • <i>Kara Pasqua, Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, National Native Children’s Trauma Center</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This session will overview the work to develop a self-assessment tool for Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts and Programs to use in assessing and restructuring their approaches and processes to ensure that they are trauma informed. The presenters will use the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) “Six Guiding Principles to a Trauma-informed Approach,” and the “Ten Domains” to explore this topic.</p>	
12:45pm – 2:15pm	Lunch (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)	
2:15pm – 3:30pm	3rd Breakout – Sessions F	
F1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts	Revisiting Phases	Camelback, 2nd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carolyn Hardin, Chief of Training and Research, All Rise</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: The presenter will provide an overview of why treatment courts should have a clear phase structure that addresses participant needs in a manageable and effective sequence. The overview will highlight the participants progress to the next phase when they have achieved specific, attainable goals necessary for them to accomplish more challenging long-term goals. This progression is separate from the participants' treatment plans and is not based on the level, dosage, or type of treatment they are receiving.</p>	
F2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts	Returning to Hózhó: How Peacemakers Restore Harmony and Balance through the Navajo Peacemaking Program Part 1	Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Harry Begay, Traditional Program Specialist, Dzil Yijiin Peacemaking Program, Navajo Nation</i> • <i>Anna Scott, Traditional Program Specialist, Dzil Yijiin Peacemaking Program, Navajo Nation</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: Peacemaking is the Diné traditional method for solving problems between people. It uses the core principles of Traditional Diné Teachings as they were practiced long before the Long Walk - Hweeldi. Navajo</p>	

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**F3 -
Family/Veterans
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**Bureau of Justice Assistance Listening Session / Office
Hours**

**Desert Sky,
3rd level**

- *Ingrid Lara-Madison, Supervisory Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance*
- *Patricia Thackston, Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance*

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This session also includes Performance Measurement Platform (PMP) Office Hours. If you have a question on the Office of Justice Programs - PMP system, a PMP Representative will be available virtually to answer your questions.

F4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts	Breaking Down the Stigma around Medication Assisted Treatments (MAT) and Leveraging MATs to Support Native/Tribal Adolescents in their Recovery Journeys	Maryvale, 2nd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Anjali Nandi, Consultant, National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College</i> • <i>Ashley Azure, Peer Recovery Specialist, Spotted Bull Resource Recovery Center</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This session will provide an overview of opiate addiction, and the role of medication assisted treatments (MATs). The presenters will review recent research on effective treatment strategies for opioid addiction, with particular emphasis on adolescents. They will compare common myths and misconceptions about MATs. They will also review a specific tribal program model and their cultural approaches to MATs.</p>	
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)	
3:45pm – 5:00pm	4th Breakout – Sessions G	
G1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts	An Overview of the 2024 Census of Tribal Court Systems	Desert Sky, 3rd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Steven Perry, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: The Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) of 2010 required Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to establish and implement a tribal crime data collection system. The Census of Tribal Court Systems (CTCS) is BJS first statistical collection to focus solely on tribal court systems operating in the United States. National Opinion Research Center (NORC) has partnered with the National American Indian Court Judges Association, international Association of Chiefs of Polices and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute to conduct the 2024 Census of Tribal Law Enforcement and 2024 Census of Tribal Court Systems (CTCS). The presentation is geared toward tribal leaders, court judges, clerks and administrators to include program support staff.</p>	
G2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts	Returning to Hózhó: How Peacemakers Restore Harmony and Balance through the Navajo Peacemaking Program Part 2	Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Harry Begay, Traditional Program Specialist, Dzil Yijiin Peacemaking Program, Navajo Nation</i> • <i>Anna Scott, Traditional Program Specialist, Dzil Yijiin Peacemaking Program, Navajo Nation</i> 	

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**G3 -
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Family Healing to Wellness Court Community of Practice: Peer to peer connection with colleagues serving families in their communities!

**Camelback,
2nd level**

- *Will Blakeley, Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures*
- *Ashay Shah, Senior Program Associate, Center for Children and Family Futures*
- *Kristina Pacheco, Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Session Description: Join us for the first ever in-person Family Healing to Wellness Court (FHWC) Community of Practice (CoP)! In 2022, The Center for Children and Family Futures (CCFF) and The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) started a monthly virtual gathering to promote cross-systems peer-to-peer learning by sharing knowledge, offering support through challenges, and brainstorming strategies. This session is perfect for any FHWC team member, a professional who serves families, or individuals interested in implementing a FHWC. Discussion topics will include celebrating successes of Tribes and Nations, a discussion of challenges and barriers, and specific strategies to infuse culture into FHWC practices and policies.

**G4 - Juvenile
Healing to Wellness
Courts**

Native/Tribal Adolescent Substance Use Trends

**Maryvale,
2nd level**

- *Chris Cuestas, Law Enforcement and Gangs Consultant, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Pat Sekaquaptewa, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Manager, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Session Description: This presentation will cover current adolescent drug use and abuse trends. The presenters will explore the contemporary terrain of what Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) and Program teams need to know to design and implement their JHWC and Programs.

Friday, September 20, 2024

7:30am – 8:15am	Morning Wellness	Valley Overlook, 4th level
8:30am – 9:45am	Opening	Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks from Tribal Law and Policy Institute • Beading Exercise • Closing Remarks from Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 	
	Plenary	
	Rekindling the Spirit: Inner Immersion as a Catalyst for Transformation in Tribal Justice	Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jose Hernandez, Co-Founder, Inner Immersion</i> 	
	<p>Plenary Description: This plenary will introduce Inner Immersion as a transformative approach for both Tribal Justice participants and staff members. The presenter will share through an abbreviated experiential, interactive demonstration how this innovative modality can reinvigorate the spirit of Tribal Justice, offering hope, renewed purpose, and practical tools for creating lasting change in Indigenous communities. This plenary will leave attendees feeling refreshed, inspired, and equipped with new tools to make a profound difference in the lives of the people they serve. By reconnecting with their own spiritual foundations and cultural wisdom, Tribal Justice staff can become even more effective catalysts for healing and transformation in their communities.</p>	
9:45am – 10:00am	Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)	
10:00am – 11:15am	1st Breakout – Sessions H	
H1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts	Dare them to Dream: Recovery Capital	Phoenix Ballroom AB 3rd level
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carolyn Hardin, Chief of Training and Research, All Rise</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: It's important for individuals to be able to envision long-term recovery. In this session, attendees will learn how to encourage treatment court participants to dream about their future. They will also discover how to reimagine program phases so that as clients make progress, each phase helps them learn new skills to identify their strengths and build personal, social, and community recovery resources.</p>	

H2 - Role Specific to Healing to Wellness Courts

Team Approach to Incorporating Cultural Values Reinforcement into Healing to Wellness

Camelback, 2nd level

- *Hon. Renee Torres, Judge, Bernalillo County’s Metropolitan Court Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Program*
- *Cayla Sanderson, Program Manager, Bernalillo County’s Metropolitan Court Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Program*
- *Kevin Garcia, Lead Worker, Bernalillo County’s Metropolitan Court Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Program*
- *Jered Lee, Program Coordinator, Traditional Wellness Program, First Nations Community Healthsource*

Session Description: The Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Program is a DWI Adult Treatment Court that operates within the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, which is a state court of limited jurisdiction. The program serves self-identified Native Americans with two and up to five DWI convictions in Albuquerque, NM, where there is a large urban Native American population. There are 23 tribes within the State of New Mexico and tribal members from across the country residing within the metropolitan area. Operating in an urban setting presents a unique opportunity to reach a varied population of Native participants. The Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Court strives to effectively implement innovative cultural values reinforcement through a unified team approach. The session will provide an overview of how each team member practices cultural competence and strives to uphold a cultural values reinforcement approach when interacting with participants. This session will provide an overview of how best practices are implemented through the unification of substance use treatment with community resources to achieve physical and spiritual healing.

H3 – Family/Veterans Healing to Wellness Courts

Treatment or Healing

Desert Sky, 3rd level

- *Ray Daw, Behavioral Health Consultant, Native Veteran Wellness*
- *Sean Bear, Veteran Advocate, Native Veteran Wellness*

Session Description: Native American cultural variety has challenged behavioral health, wellness courts, and other providers with determining when a referral for treatment or healing services is most appropriate. Treatment involves practices founded on EuroAmerican psychological approaches and DSM-based. Healing involves practices that are founded on Native spiritual approaches and can be tribally specific. Most providers have the challenge of determining which practice can be most appropriate and effective. This session will offer comparison and contrast, with recommendations for assessment and placement.

<p>H4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Juvenile Healing to Wellness Programs - Serving Youth with Low Criminogenic Risk, but High Need (chronic absenteeism (“truancy”), child-in-need-of-services, and youth with “status offenses”)</p>	<p>Maryvale, 2nd level</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Erin Thin Elk, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i> • <i>Pat Sekaquaptewa, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Manager, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This session will overview the various approaches of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHW) Programs. The presenters will discuss how JHW Programs are designed to serve Native/Tribal youth with low criminogenic risk, higher need, where there is youth substance use (or substance abuse in the home), and/or where there may be chronic school absenteeism. The presenters will also review the common approaches in working with low-risk youth, including targeted and intensive support systems, comprehensive and inclusive case management (e.g., Wraparound case management), school attendance programs (e.g., school review boards, Tribal and Community Truancy Boards, Elders Panels, etc.), and restorative practices. Finally, the presenters will introduce those chapters of the Model Indian Juvenile Code that contain more protective court process for use with Native/Tribe youth who may need services and/or are experiencing chronic absenteeism (truancy).</p>	
<p>11:15am – 11:30am</p>	<p>Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage)</p>	
<p>11:30am – 12:45pm</p>	<p>2nd Breakout – Sessions I</p>	
<p>I1 - Adult Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Integrative Cultural Healing: Language Sensitivity and Trust in Wellness Programs</p>	<p>Camelback, 2nd level</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Allen King, Consultant, Motivational Speaker</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This session aims to enhance the understanding and integration of cultural elements in healing practices, emphasizing the importance of language sensitivity and trust-building in wellness programs. By combining cultural integration with trust values, participants will learn how to create more effective wellness programs that resonate with different communities.</p>	
<p>I2 - Role Specific Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Spirituality and Healing</p>	<p>Desert Sky, 3rd level</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ray Daw, Behavioral Health Consultant, Native Veteran Wellness</i> • <i>Sean Bear, Veteran Advocate, Native Veteran Wellness</i> 	
	<p>Session Description: This presentation will discuss spirituality and healing as it relates to Healing to Wellness Courts. Presenters will discuss the benefits of spirituality as a healing technique.</p>	

<p>13 – Family/Veterans Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>13: Many Paths Down the Mountain: Creating Meaningful Interventions and Different Risk Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adelle Fontanet, Director, Tribal Justice Exchange, Center for Justice Innovation</i> • <i>Shelia McCarthy, Senior Program Manager, Recovery and Reform, Center for Justice Innovation</i> • <i>Gina Smith, Senior Program Manager, Community Justice, Training and Technical Assistance, Center for Justice Innovation</i> 	<p>Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level</p>
<p>Session Description: As intensive interventions, Healing to Wellness Courts (HTWCs) are designed to work best with high-risk/high-need individuals with substance use disorders. However, many HTWCs grapple with the desire to provide supportive services or treatment for individuals who have a history of substance use but may fall under different risk and need categories. This presentation will discuss the science behind risk/need levels and identify justice system responses that are catered to the different risk and need levels. Presenters will provide examples of how HTWCs can create different tracks to respond to individuals of different risk/need levels in ways that can best support those individuals while lowering their overall future risk of recidivism. The presentation will provide case studies and invite the audience to create and identify appropriate tracks to cater appropriately to both the risk and need levels that are presented by participants.</p>		
<p>14 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</p>	<p>Winnebago Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Cultural Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Curtis Alexander, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator, Youth Crisis Intervention Center, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska</i> • <i>Charles Hindsely, Cultural Specialist, Youth Crisis Intervention Center, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska</i> • <i>Sarah Snake, Wagijire Hiza, Youth Crisis Intervention Center, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska</i> • <i>Daryl LaPointe, Director, Youth Crisis Intervention Center, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska</i> 	<p>Maryvale, 2nd level</p>
<p>Session Description: This session will provide an overview of the Winnebago Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Cultural Integration. Participants will gain knowledge on the evaluation, assessment, and cultural assessments at the Winnebago Youth Crisis Intervention Center. The presenters will also discuss the function of the "Wagijire Hiza" Elders, including the incorporation of family, culture, traditions, and gender roles into programming and recommendations.</p>		
<p>1:00pm – 1:30pm</p>	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate of the Year Award and Alumni Award • Closing Prayer and Remarks 	<p>Phoenix Ballroom AB, 3rd level</p>

