

**Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court  
2024 Implementation and Enhancement Training Draft Agenda  
*Reclaiming Indigenous Justice***

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

*This training has received U.S. Department of Justice Conference Approval.*

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

<b>7:00am – 8:00am</b>	<b>Registration / Check-In</b>	<b>Phoenix Front Foyer</b>
<b>8:30am – 9:15am</b>	<b>Morning Wellness</b>	<b>Valley Overlook</b>
<b>9:30am-11:00am</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Phoenix Ballroom C</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks</li> </ul>	
	<b>Plenary</b>	
	<b>From Incarceration to Inspiration: A Journey of Redemption and Leadership</b>	<b>Phoenix Ballroom C</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Allen King, Consultant, Motivational Speaker</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Plenary Description:</b> This plenary will take attendees 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. Attendees will gain insights into building trust with clients, fostering resilience, and creating programs that honor and incorporate cultural traditions.</p>	
<b>11:00am-11:15am</b>	Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)	
<b>11:15am-12:30pm</b>	1st Breakout – Session A	
<b>A4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</b>	<b>Native/Tribal Strengths-Based Approaches, Elders and Elder’s Panels in Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</b>	<b>Maryvale</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Selina Kenmille, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Program Coordinator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes</i></li> <li>• <i>Loretta Hoots, Elder</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Session Description:</b> This session will cover the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes’ Tribal Restorative Practices, as part of their Juvenile Healing to</p>	

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Wellness Program. The program uses Elders Panels and mentoring to help youth repair from hurt and harm.

**12:30pm – 2:00pm** Lunch (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)

**2:00pm – 3:15pm** 2nd Breakout – Session B

**B4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts** **The Intrusion of Fentanyl in Our Society and what Juvenile Healing to Wellness Teams Need to Know** **Maryvale**  
 • *Stephanie Meyer, Surveillance Officer, Pinal County Adult 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 – Session C

**C4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts** **Engagement and Community Belonging: The Power of Culture to Restore and Re-integrate Disenfranchised Youth** **Maryvale**  
 • *Patti Buhl, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice, Cherokee Nation*  
 • *Leah Hitcher, Coordinator 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

<b>7:00am – 8:00am</b>	<b>Registration / Check-In</b>	<b>Phoenix Front Foyer</b>
<b>7:30am – 8:15am</b>	<b>Morning Wellness</b>	<b>Valley Overlook</b>
<b>8:30am – 9:45am</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Phoenix Ballroom C</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks</li> </ul>	
	<b>Plenary</b>	
	<b>Reflections from former Wellness Court Judge on the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Movement</b>	<b>Phoenix Ballroom C</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gary E LaRance, former Chief Judge of the Hopi Tribal Courts and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Judge for the Hopi Youth Wellness Court</i></li> </ul>	
	<b>Plenary Description:</b> Reflections on the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Movement and Development of the Hopi Youth Wellness Court and Bishop Paiute Drug Court.	
<b>9:45am – 10:00am</b>	Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)	
<b>10:00am – 11:15am</b>	1st Breakout – Session D	
<b>D4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts</b>	<b>Native Adolescent Development and the Implications for Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts and Programs</b>	<b>Maryvale</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Erin Thin Elk, Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashley Anderson, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute</i></li> </ul>	
	<b>Session Description:</b> 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.	
<b>11:15am – 11:30am</b>	Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)	

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

**E4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts**

**Developing an Assessment Tool for Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHW) Courts that is Trauma Informed**

**Maryvale**

- *Erin Thin Elk, Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court TA Specialist, 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*
- *Amy Foster Wolferman, M.Ed., Director of School-Based Training and Technical Assistance, National Native Children’s Trauma Center*
- *Kara Pasqua, MLS, Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, National Native Children’s Trauma Center*

**Session Description:** This session will overview the work to develop a self-assessment tool for Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHW) Courts and Programs to use in assessing and restructuring their approaches and processes to ensure that they are trauma informed. The presenters will use SAMHSA’s “Six Guiding Principles to a Trauma-informed Approach,” and the “Ten Domains” to explore this topic.

**12:45pm – 2:15pm** Lunch (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)

**2:15pm – 3:30pm** 3rd Breakout – Session F

**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**

- *Dr. Anjali Nandi, Consultant, National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College*
- *Tribal MAT Program presenter, Spotted Bull Resource Recovery Center (Tentative)*

**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.

**3:30pm – 3:45pm** Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)

**3:45pm – 5:00pm** 4th Breakout – Session G

**G4 - Juvenile  
Healing to Wellness  
Courts**

**Native/Tribal Adolescent Substance Use Trends**

**Maryvale**

- *Chris Cuestas, Law Enforcement and Gangs Consultant, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Pat Sekaquaptewa, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court TTA Manager, 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 JHW Court and Program teams need to know to design and implement their JHW Courts and Programs.

## Friday, September 20, 2024

7:30am – 8:15am Morning Wellness Valley Overlook

8:30am – 9:45am Opening Phoenix Ballroom C

- Welcome Remarks

### Plenary

**Rekindling the Spirit: Inner Immersion as a Catalyst for Transformation in Tribal Justice** Phoenix Ballroom C

- *Jose Hernandez, Co-Founder, Inner Immersion*

**Plenary Description:** This inspiring plenary talk will introduce Inner Immersion as a transformative approach for both Tribal Justice participants and staff members. Jose Hernandez 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 talk 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.

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

10:00am – 11:15am 1st Breakout – Session H

H4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts **Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHW) Programs - Serving Youth with Low Criminogenic Risk, but High Need (chronic absenteeism (“truancy”), child-in-need-of-services, and youth with “status offenses”)** Maryvale

- *Erin Thin Elk, Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court TA Specialist, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Pat Sekaquaptewa, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court T/TA Manager, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

**Session Description:** This session will overview the various approaches of the 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

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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).

- 11:15am – 11:30am** Break (On your own – no federal funds used for food or beverage.)
- 11:30am – 12:45pm** 2nd Breakout – Session I
- I4 - Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts** **Winnebago Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Cultural Integration** **Maryvale**
  - *Presenter TBD***Session Description: TBD**
- 12:45pm – 1:15pm** **Closing** **Phoenix Ballroom C**
  - Closing Remarks

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