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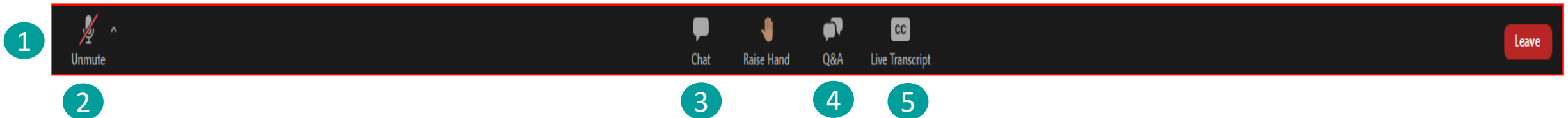




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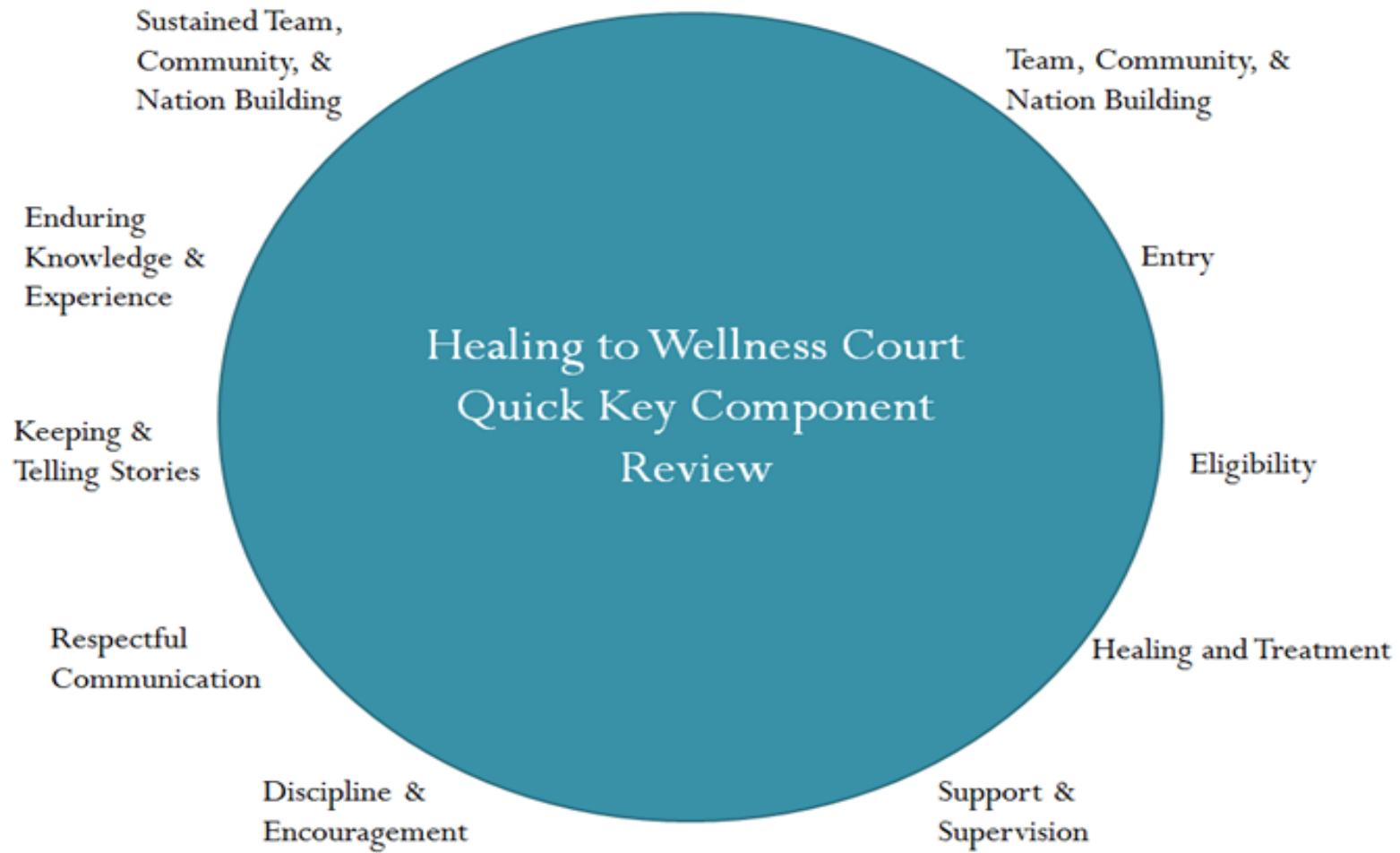
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Judge and Mrs. Wolf Plume and their Baby "Little Handsome Woman"
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▶ TRIBAL HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT



Tribal Wellness Courts- The Key Components:

Key Component #4- Treatment and Rehabilitation- Tribal healing to wellness court provides access to holistic structured and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate culture and tradition.



Wellness Court Concepts:

- Consistent with traditional Native justice concepts and methods.
- Focus on the root cause of underlying addictive or abusive behavior that results in court involvement- rather than the act alone.
- Traditional methods focus on healing and often involve family, extended family, and community in the healing process.



CULTURE AS A KEY COMPONENT

- A wide range of cultural, traditional, customary, and/or community values, practices and activities incorporated within the “phased plan.”
- Activities may be diagnostic, healing, cleansing, reparative, restorative, peacemaking, mediation, and a variety of other culturally grounded participatory activities to support connection and therapeutic community response.¹
- Activities may engage spiritual leaders, elders, educators, and others to support wellness court participants.

1. Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, The Key Components (2nd Ed. 2014) at 32



CULTURE AS A KEY COMPONENT

- “By **strengthening individuals**, healing to wellness courts (in turn) **empower families**, which are fundamental to indigenous cosmology and centerpieces of Native societies.” ¹
- “Wellness Courts are institutions that work to identify and promote like **beneficial connections** for their participants and encourage **long-term connectivity** to sources of support.” ²

1. Flies-Away and Garrow, Healing to Wellness Courts: Therapeutic Jurisprudence+” 2013 Mich.St.L.Rev.403, [https://ndcrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Healing to Wellness Courts Therapeutic Jurisprudence.pdf](https://ndcrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Healing_to_Wellness_Courts_Therapeutic_Jurisprudence.pdf) at 408.
2. Id. At 425.



BLACKFEET NATION



Blackfeet Nation- One of the 10 largest Tribes in the United States- being home to 17, 321 members.

- Presently located in northwest Montana. Original reservation encompassed most of the northern half of the state of Montana.
- Bordered by Glacier National Park to the west and Canada to the North.
- Reservation spans 1.5 million acres- one of the largest in the United States.
- Abundant in natural resources.





"Piegan Play Tipi [Photograph]," in Children and Youth in History, Item #406,
<https://chnm.gmu.edu/cyh/items/show/406> (accessed May 17, 2021).

BLACKFEET NATION



- The Blackfeet Tribal Court has jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters occurring on the reservation, as authorized by the Blackfeet Constitution, and tribal and federal law.
- The Blackfeet Family Court has civil jurisdiction over divorces, custody and child support, emancipation, guardianships, paternity, termination of parental rights, and child, domestic and elder abuse/violence, as well as certain criminal matters involving juveniles.
- The Blackfeet Court of Appeals hears appeals on the decisions of the Blackfeet Tribal Court and the Blackfeet Family Court.

See: Blackfeet Nation, Courts,

<https://blackfeetnation.com/government/court/>



BLACKFEET NATION WELLNESS COURTS

Purpose of the Blackfeet Nation Adult and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts (BH2WC) is to produce healthy, productive citizens of the Blackfeet Nation by rehabilitating individuals who have come into negative contact with the Blackfeet Tribal Court system, as measured by program completion and reduced recidivism.



Photo: Blackfeet Nation Wellness Court Facebook Page



BLACKFEET NATION WELLNESS COURTS

Adult

- Entry Criteria
- Core Services

Juvenile

- Entry Criteria
- Core Services



**The importance
of cultural
integration in
youth serving
programs.**



- **Community Readiness-** degree to which a community is ready to take on an issue.
 - Can be issue specific- communities can be more ready to address one issue while being at the very earliest stages of readiness to another.
 - [Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research at Colorado State University](#) has developed a model that identifies dimensions of community readiness.
 - Easily used and scored by community members.



- **Community Readiness Model**

- Implements survey questions with a small number of key respondents across five key dimensions. Scores and calculations help with the development of a plan for action.

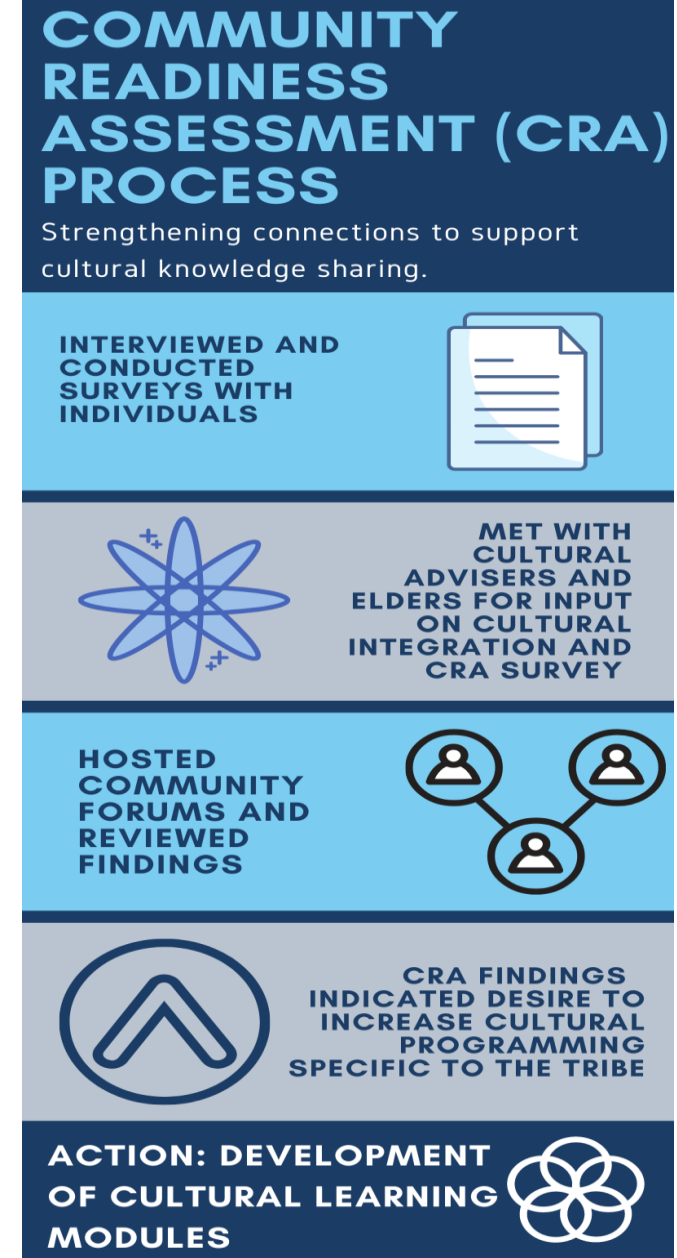
- **Five Key Dimensions**

- 1) Community Knowledge of the Issue
- 2) Community Knowledge of Efforts
- 3) Community Climate
- 4) Leadership
- 5) Resources



Blackfeet Nation Community Readiness Assessment Process, Findings and Actions

- Findings resulted in the desire for community specific cultural programming.
- Cultural learning modules integrated into court curriculum.



- **Measuring Development in Cultural Knowledge/Growth in Cultural Connectedness-**
 - **Court Measurement Tools**
 - [Cultural Connectedness Scale-](#)
 - Adapted to fit Blackfoot Culture
 - **Cultural Connectedness sample scale items¹**
 - “my community believes I am important”
 - “we come from the land and will return to the land.”

Cultural Connectedness and Indigenous Youth Well-being Fact Sheet, National Indian Child Welfare Association,
<https://www.nicwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-10-30-Cultural-Connectedness-Fact-Sheet.pdf>



- [Cultural Connectedness Scale](#)- developed in Canada by First Nations/Indigenous persons for First Nations/Indigenous.
- 29 items with three sub-scales
 - Identity, traditions and spirituality.
 - Indigenous Quantitative Methodological Framework, community and strengths-based approaches are the core of the framework.¹
 - Culture is an important determinant of health for Indigenous peoples.²

1. King et al., [Culture is Prevention Project: Adapting the Cultural Connectedness Scale for Multi-Tribal Communities](#), American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, Colorado School of Public Health at 110-11

2. Id at 119



- Other methods to measure
 - Awareness of Connectedness Scale
 - 18 item quantitative assessment.
 - Utility in the study of culture-specific protective factors and as an outcomes measure for behavioral health programs with Native American Youth.
 - Adaptation is Key.

1. Mohatt et al., [Assessment of Awareness of Connectedness as a Culturally-based Protective Factor for Alaska Native Youth](#), Culture Divers Ethnic Minor Psychol, 2012.



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 www.TribalYouth.org



Envisioning a future
where Indigenous youth
thrive through traditional
lifeways.



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