

# Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts

## Considerations for Planning, Implementing, and Sustaining

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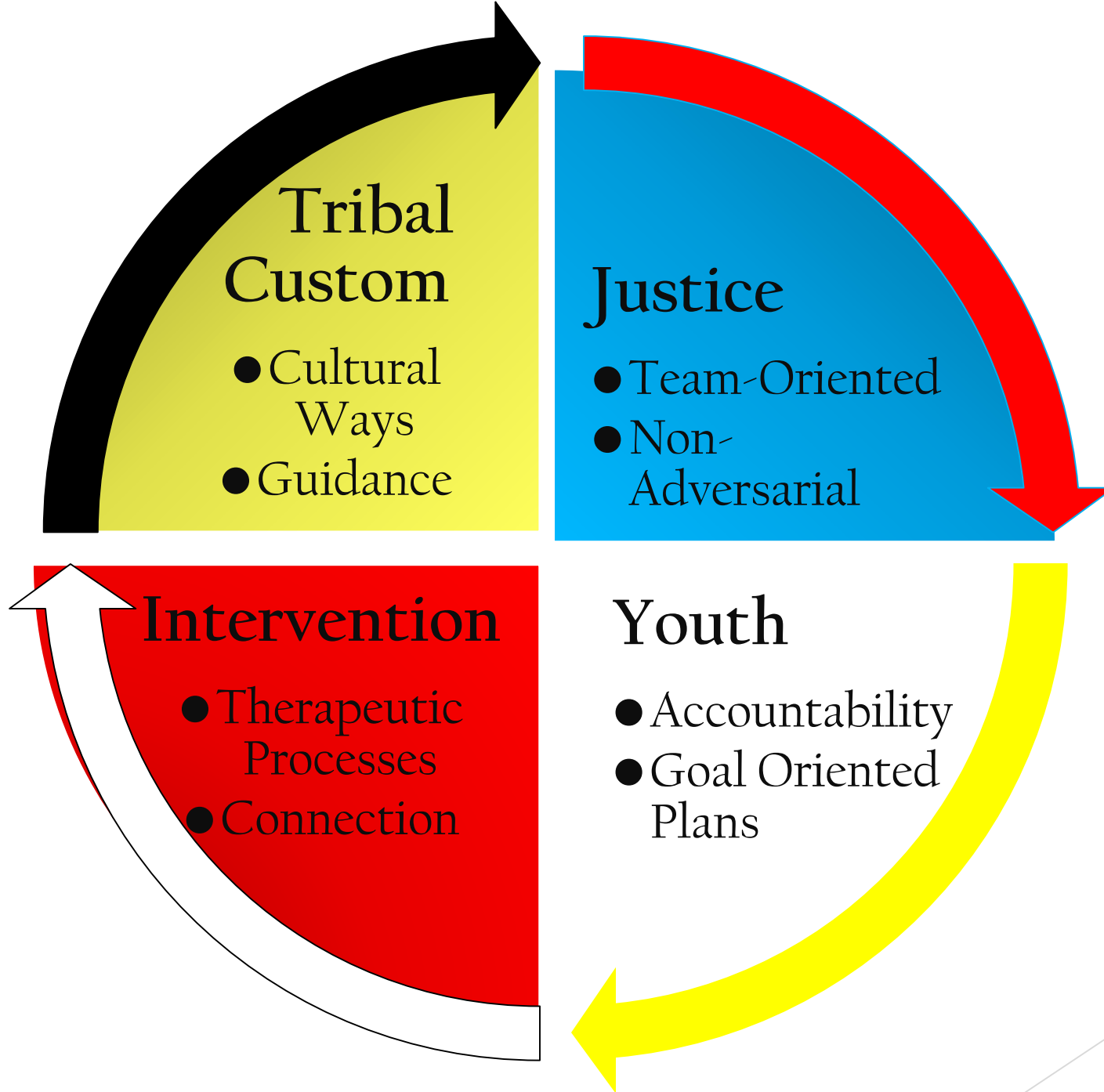
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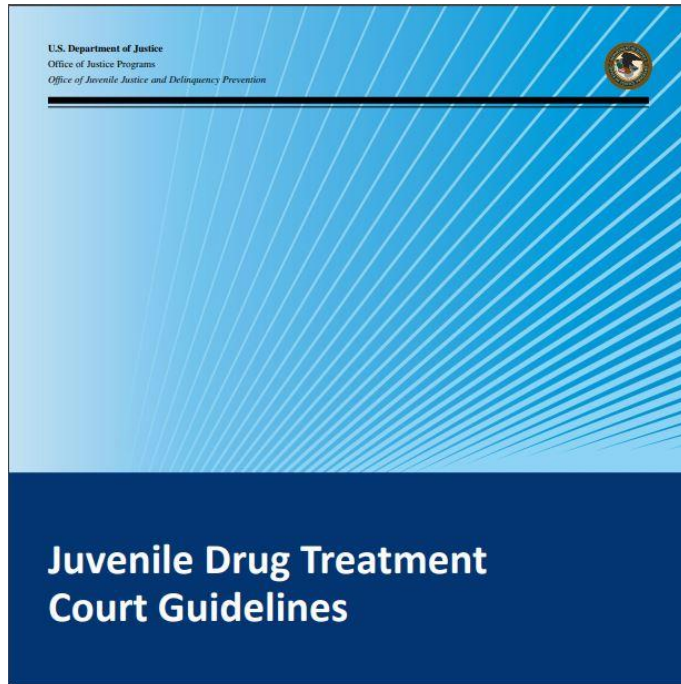
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# Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines



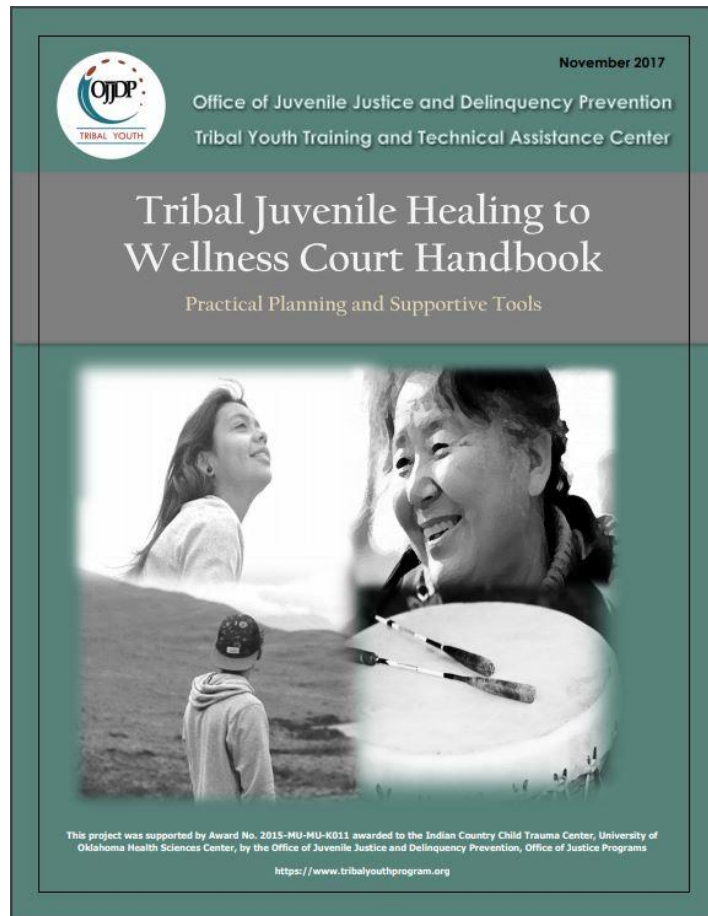
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## 7 Objectives focus on:

- ▶ Multidisciplinary team
- ▶ Treatment
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Assessments
- ▶ Case Management
- ▶ Referral to services
- ▶ Monitoring and tracking outcomes.

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# Tribal HTWC Handbook



Handbook is designed to support newly developing and established Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts.

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# JHTWC Handbook Elements

## Planning

- ▶ Stakeholder ID
- ▶ Community Engagement
- ▶ Team Players
- ▶ Action Plans

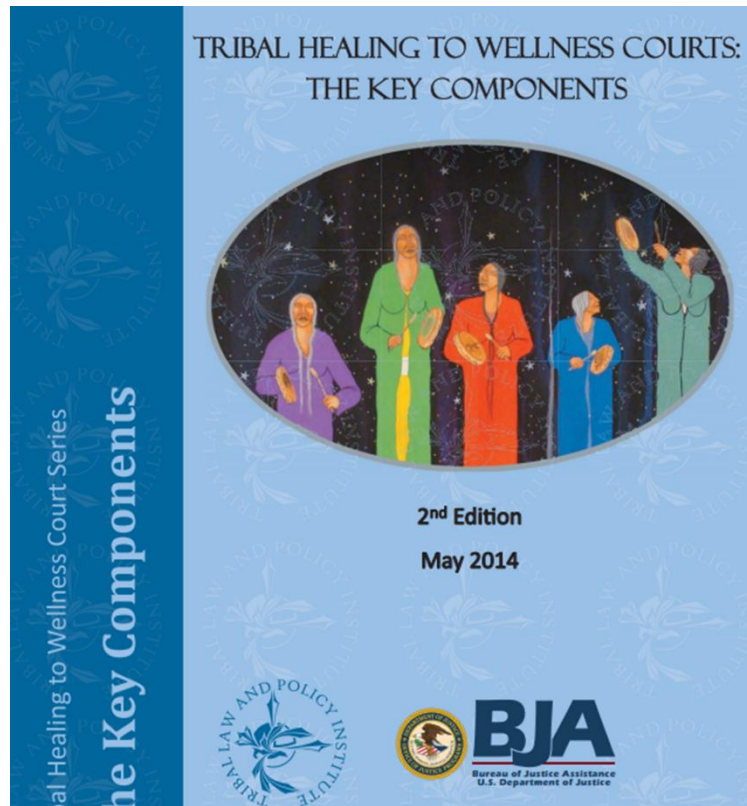
## Implementation

- ▶ Initiating Processes
- ▶ Screening and Assessment for Case Planning
- ▶ The Phase System

## Service Provision for Tribal Youth

- ▶ Case Management
- ▶ Evaluation
- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Trauma Informed Care

# Tribal Key Components



## Tribal Key Components recognize:

- Community involvement
- Family relationships and involvement
- Culture and Tradition
- Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

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10. Sustained Team,  
Community, & Nation  
Building

9. Enduring  
Knowledge &  
Experience

7. Respectful  
Communication

6. Discipline &  
Encouragement

Healing to  
Wellness Court  
10 Key Components

1. Team, Community, &  
Nation Building

3. Eligibility

2. Entry

4. Healing and  
Treatment

5. Support &  
Supervision



# JHTWC Handbook X Tribal 10 Key Components

## Planning

- ▶ Stakeholder ID 1 10
- ▶ Community Engagement 1 10
- ▶ Team Players 1 7 10
- ▶ Action Plans 1

## Implementation

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PLANNING

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# Key Component #1: Individual and Healing Focus Through Nation Building

Brings together treatment, healing resources, and the tribal justice process by using a team approach to achieve the healing of the participant and to promote Native nation building and the well-being of the community.

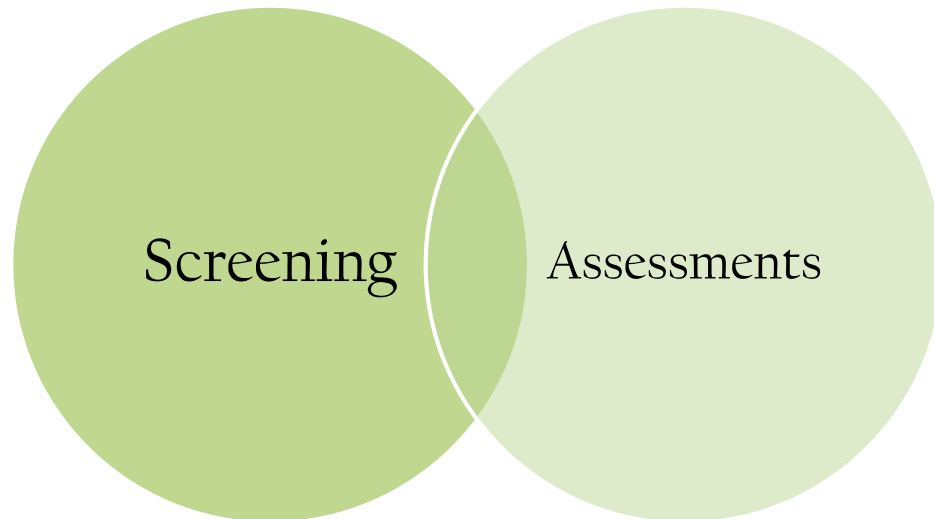


IMPLEMENTING

- Defining the Target Population
- Code Development

# Key #3: Screening and Eligibility

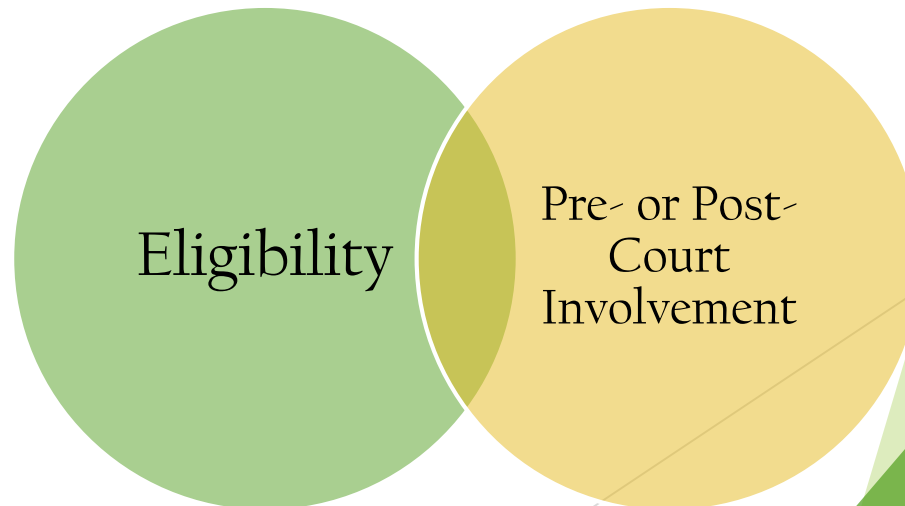
Eligible court-involved substance-abusing candidates are identified early through legal and clinical screening for eligibility and are promptly placed into the Wellness Court.



## Key #2: Referral Points and Legal Process

Participants enter Wellness Court through various referral points and legal processes that promote tribal sovereignty and the participant's due (fair) process rights.

- Pre/Post Disposition
- Diversion
- Transfer from another jurisdiction
- Civil Dependency Case



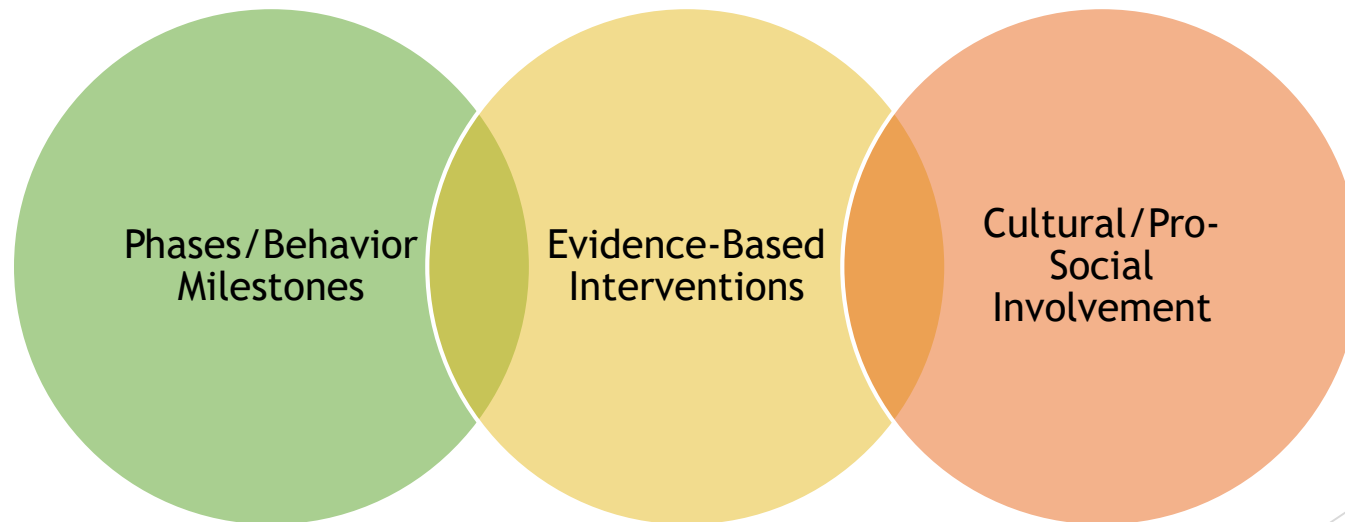


# The Nitty Gritty

- Clinical Assessment
- Case Planning/Management
- Phase Development
- Supervision
- Drug Testing
- Incentives/Sanctions
- Pro-Social Engagement and Education
- Family-Based Services
- Integration of Tradition/Culture

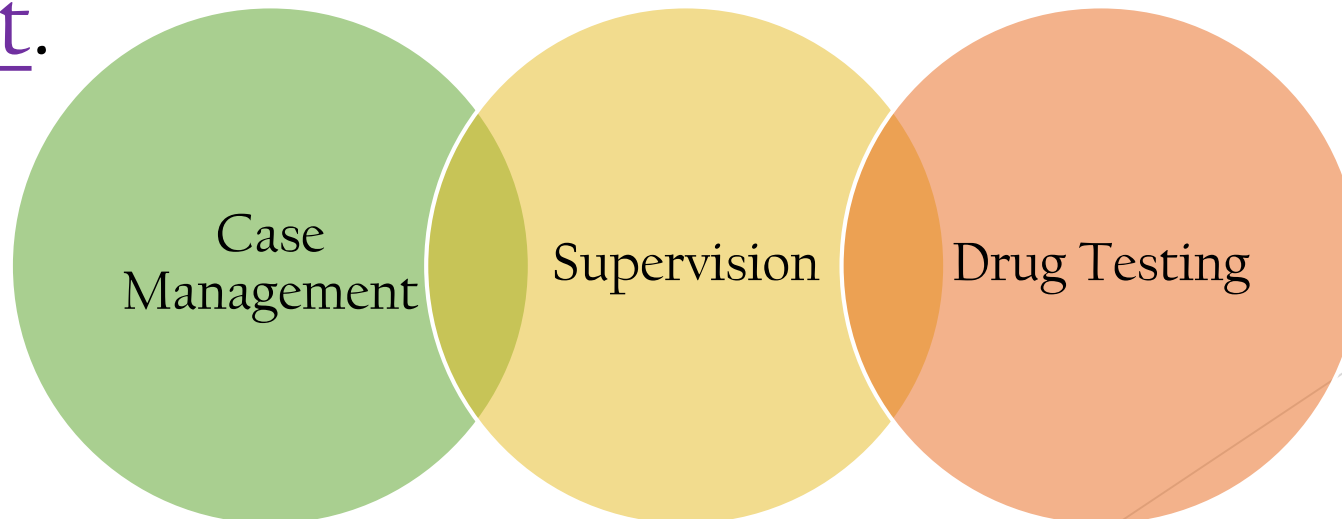
# Key #4: Treatment and Rehabilitation

Wellness Court provides access to holistic, structured, and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate culture and tradition.



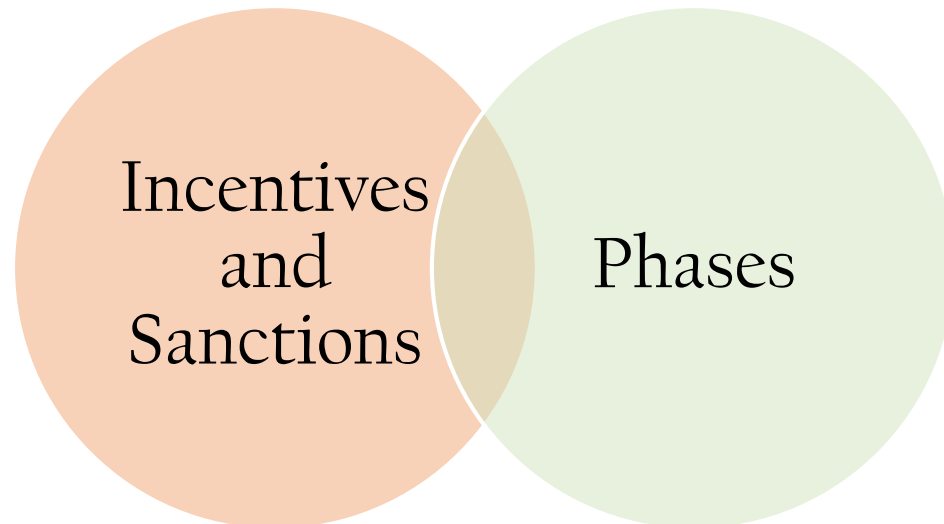
# Key #5: Intensive Supervision

Participants are monitored through intensive supervision that includes frequent and random drug testing, while participants and their families benefit from effective team-based case management.



# Key #6: Incentives and Sanctions

Progressive incentives and sanctions are used to encourage participant compliance with Wellness Court requirements.



# Key #7: Judicial Interaction

The Wellness Court Judge should have ongoing involvement with the team and with each participant.



SUSTAINING

- Collaboration
- Community Engagement
- Program Evaluation
- Identification of Future Funding
- Capacity Building
- Partnership Building
- Training

# Key #8: Monitoring and Evaluation

## Why?

Monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals

Identify needed improvements

Determine participant progress

Provide information to outside agencies

## How?

Process measurement

Performance measurement

Evaluations: process, impact, outcome



# Key #9: Continuing Interdisciplinary and Community Education

Promotes effective planning, implementation, and operation.

## Attend annual trainings on:

- Substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Complementary treatment and social services
- Behavior modification
- Adolescent Brain/Behavior
- Drug and alcohol testing
- Team decision making
- How to involve parent/caring, supportive adult

## Key #10: Team Interaction

The Wellness Court should continually develop and maintain ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among team members, service providers, and the community.

# Online Training Resources

- Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts  
[www.WellnessCourts.org](http://www.WellnessCourts.org)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
[www.OJJDP.org](http://www.OJJDP.org)
- Center for Court Innovation  
[www.DrugCourtOnline.org](http://www.DrugCourtOnline.org)
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
[www.NCJFCJ.org](http://www.NCJFCJ.org)

# Questions?

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