



Tribal Law & Policy Institute's
Tribal Healing to Wellness Court
Enhancement Training

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*Healing to Wellness Courts
As Good Governance*

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Presentation Points/Overview

- **Who are we? Why are we here?**
- **Community & Nation Building/Re-Building**
 - Human Capital Development - *"The People Gather Ground & Grow"*
 - Governmental Institutional Development - Judiciary
- **Courts, Justice & Healing - Healing to Wellness Courts**
- **Healing to Wellness Court 10 Key Components -
Foundation, Framework & Fuel**
- **The next few days!**

Wellness Courts are Models of Good Governance Because They (i.e. contribute to the People Gather, Ground and Grow):

- ❖ **Advance a Less-Adversarial Adjudication Process/Restorative Justice**
 - ❖ **Advocate a Team Approach** (inter/intra governmental cooperation & collaboration)
 - ❖ **Apply Intensive/Comprehensive/Holistic Case Management**
 - ❖ **Are Alternatives to Detention**
 - ❖ **Activate Community & Nation Building Energy** (Exercise of Sovereignty)
 - ❖ **Assist in Human Capital Develop** (Healing of People - Gather Ground & Grow)
 - ❖ **Address the Root of Conflict/Controversy/Contention**
- &**
- ❖ **Appreciate – Accentuate Our Past/Present/Possibility**

**Wellness Courts –Justice Systems
Tribal Institutions [Convocations/Ceremonies] – as
Community & Nation Building/Builders**

**Impact Human Capital - Heal . . .
(by reconnecting people: citizen/community)**

Can Recoup Lost/Disconnected Human Resources

**Connections/Relationships
Foster /Support /Contributes to
a Remedy of Healing
Making People Whole – In Balance**

Sustained
Team, Community &
Nation Building

Team, Community
& Nation Building

Enduring Knowledge
& Experience

Entry

HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT JUDICIAL SYSTEM/PROCEDURE(S)

Keeping &
Telling Stories

Eligibility

THE FOUNDATION-FRAME-FUEL IN THE 10 KEYS

(TRIBAL CULTURE/LANGUAGE)

Healing &
Treatment

Respectful
Communication

Discipline &
Encouragement

Support &
Supervision

Team, Community &
Nation Builder
(Convener)

Community & Nation Building-Re-building
w/Healing Focus

Gathers Healing Resources – Unites Gov't

Teamwork & Coordination (Intra & Inter)

Key Component # 1

Individual & Community Healing Focus

Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts 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.

- Entry -
Protector of Rights

Intra-Sovereign Collaboration

Inter-Sovereign Collaboration

Creative Legal Processes

Respectful of Rights (Human, Indigenous, Tribal)

Key Component # 2

Referral Points & Legal Process

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

- Eligibility -
Sentry & Gate Keeper

Responsive to Community Need

Responsive to Citizen Need

Prompt/Personal to Pressing Population

Key Component # 3

Screening & Eligibility

Eligible court-involved substance-abusing parents, guardians, juveniles, and adults are identified early through legal and clinical screening for eligibility and are promptly placed into the Tribal Wellness Court.

Healing Focus & Holistic

Culturally Concordant – Competent

Promotes Personal & Public Concord -- Peace

- Healing & Treatment -
Champion for Health & Wellness

Key Component # 4

Treatment & Rehabilitation

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

Causes Communication & Coordination, to Support Co-Case Management

(eg. A & D Testing)

Family Connection/Support

- Support & Supervision -
Encourager & Enforcer
(Co-Case Manager)

Key Component # 5

*Intensive Supervision (Case Management
and Alcohol/Drug Testing)*

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

**Calls for Careful Charting of Compliance
to Support Co-Case Management** (documenting
story/stories)

Community Connection (sanction/incentives)

- Discipline & Encouragement -
Enforcer & Encourager
(Co-Case Manager)

Key Component # 6
Sanctions & Incentives

Progressive rewards (or incentives) and
consequences (or sanctions) are used to encourage
participant compliance with Tribal Wellness Court requirements.

Judicial Leadership (Contact & Interaction as Captain or Coach)

Respectful Communication (inter-intra, etc.)

Mindful of Ethics & Confidentiality

- Respectful Communication -
Team Member

Key Component # 7
Judicial Interaction

Ongoing involvement of a Tribal Wellness Court judge with Tribal Wellness Court team and staffing and ongoing Tribal Wellness Court judge interaction with each participant are essential.

Promotes Process for Improvement

Programming

Procedure

Policy &

Personal

- Keeping & Telling Stories -
Story-Teller & Evaluator

Key Component # 8 *Monitoring & Evaluation*

Process Evaluation, performance measurement, and evaluation tools are used to monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals, identify needed improvements to the Tribal Wellness Court and to the tribal court process, determine participant progress, and provide information for governing bodies, community groups, and funding sources.

- Enduring Knowledge & Experience -
Life-Long Teacher & Learner

Requires Interdisciplinary Education

Team Members

Partners & Collaborators

Community & Citizens

Key Component # 9
*Continuing Interdisciplinary
& Continuing Education*

Continuing interdisciplinary and community education promote effective Tribal Wellness Court planning, implementation, and operation.

- Sustained Team, Community
& Nation Builder -
(Communicator)

Sustained Community & Nation Building
Encourages *Writings*

Continued Collaboration

Support & Sustain Sovereignty

Key Component # 10

Team Interaction (policies and procedures, interagency, third-party, and intergovernmental agreements)

The development and maintenance of ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Tribal Wellness Court team members, service providers and payers, the community and relevant organizations, including the use of formal written procedures and agreements, are critical for Tribal Wellness Court success.

Team, Community &
Nation Builders
(Communicator)

Team Community &
Nation Builders
(Co-Convener)

Life-long Teachers &
Learners

Protectors of
Rights

MISC. KEY CONSIDERATIONS

FOR CITIZENS/COMMUNITIES/COURTS

Story Tellers &
Evaluators

**CONFLICT & CONCORD
COURT & PROGRAM**

Sentries & Gate
Keepers

PROCEDURE & CEREMONY

___-CASE MANAGEMENT & CONVOCATION

Team Members

Champions for Health &
Wellness

Enforcers & Encouragers
(co-case manager)

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INSTITUTIONALIZATION

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Indigenous
Nation & Community Building.

Spiritual
Traditional
Innovation.

Thinking
United
Thoughts.

IMAGINATION.

Organizing
Necessary
Action.

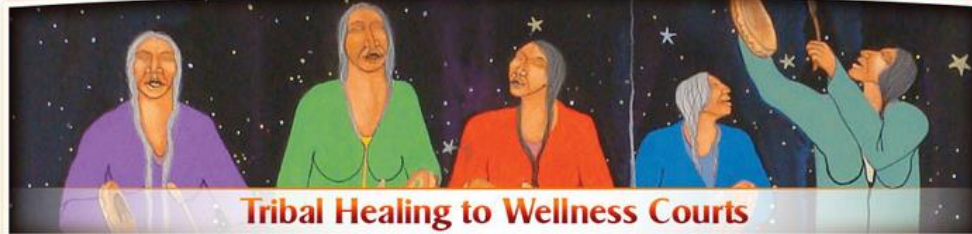
Legislating
Inclusive
Z/Statutes.

Aggressive
Timing.

Instilling
Ownership.

Nation & Community Building.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of WalkingOnCommonGround.org. At the top is a dark blue banner with the organization's logo on the left, which features a scale of justice and two flags. To the right of the logo, the text reads "WALKING ON COMMON GROUND" in large white letters, with "RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING AND FACILITATING TRIBAL-STATE-FEDERAL COLLABORATIONS" in smaller white letters below it.

Below the banner is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Background", "About Us", "Contact Us", and "Partners", along with a search bar and a "go" button. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Tribal-State Court Listserv in Development - Please Join!**: A white box with text stating "The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is developing a tribal-state court listserv to create a forum for discussions about promising ..." followed by a "More" link. Below the text are three small circular icons.
- Image Gallery**: A photograph of a group of people standing in front of a building.
- Navigation Buttons**: A vertical stack of blue buttons with white text: "News", "Events", "Promising Strategies", "Resources/Tools", and "BJA Tribal Technical Assistance (PDF)".
- Tribal-State Collaborations**: A horizontal menu with tabs for "Judicial", "Law Enforcement", "Detention", "Multiple Agency Agreements", "Child Welfare", and "Other". The "Tribal-State Collaborations" tab is currently selected.
- SEARCH BY TRIBE:**: A search bar with a "go" button and a list of filter buttons: "Indian Nations", "Tribal Justice Systems", "Tribal Jurisdiction", "Tribal-Federal Collaborations", and "Tribal Court Clearinghouse".
- Map**: A map of the United States with state abbreviations (AK, WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, UT, CO, AZ, NM, NV, CA, ND, SD, NE, KS, OK, MN, IA, MO, AR, LA, W) overlaid on a dark blue background.

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