

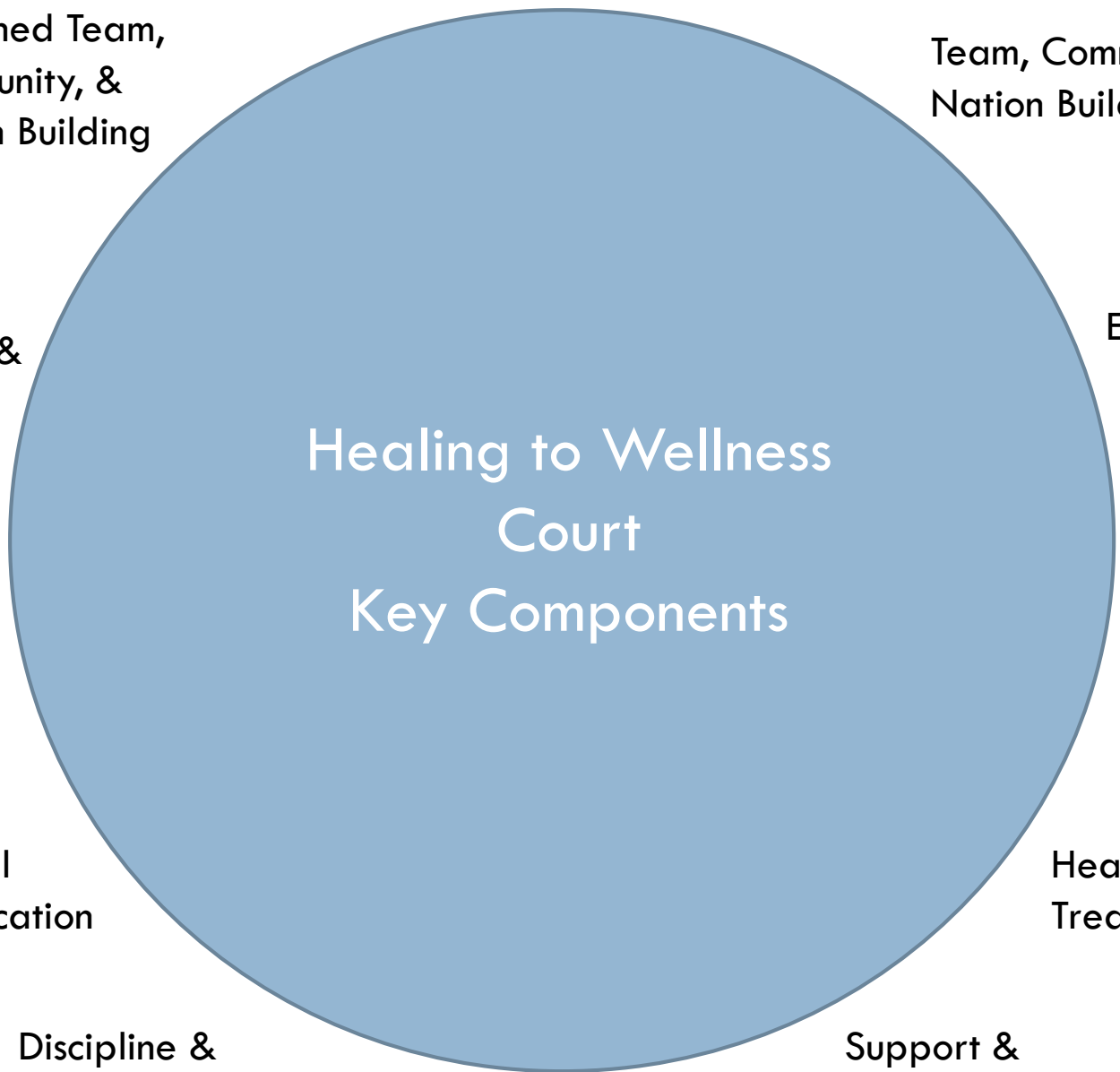
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Healing to Wellness Courts: *Holistic Justice*

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Sustained Team,
Community, &
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Enduring
Knowledge &
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Entry

Keeping &
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Eligibility

Respectful
Communication

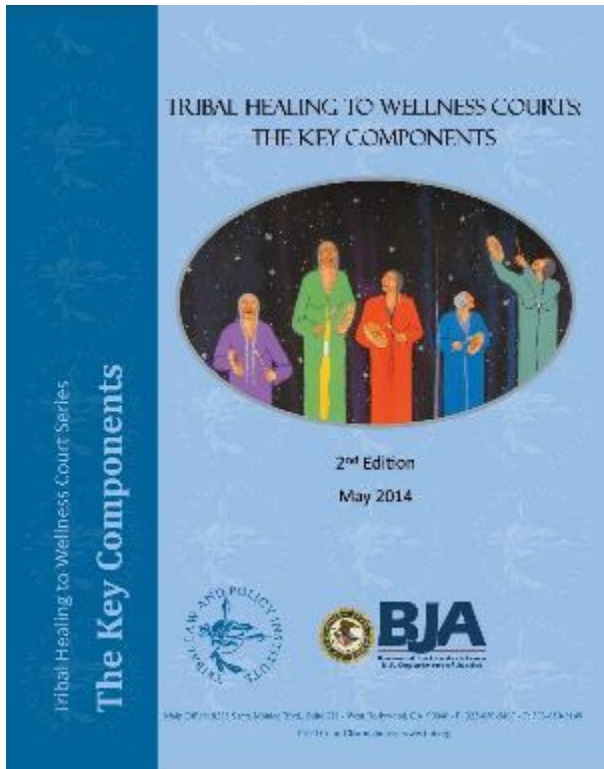
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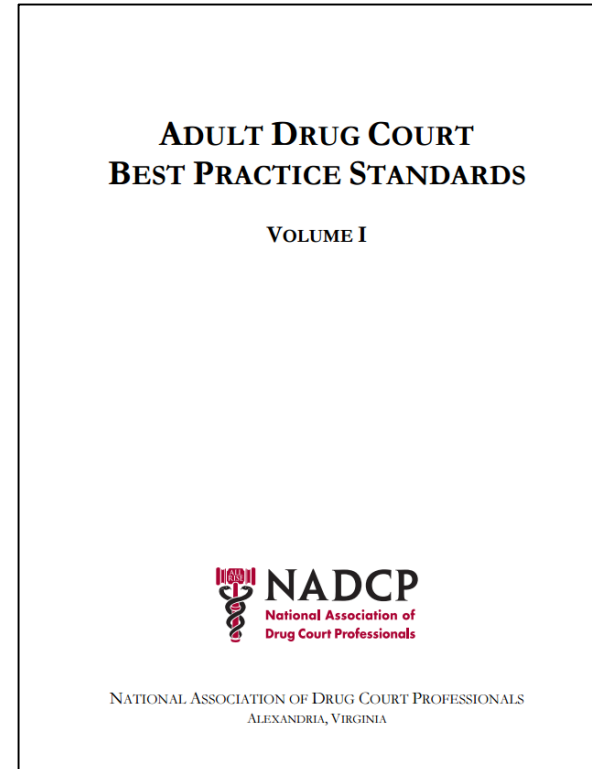
Support &
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The Best Practices

□ The Tribal Key Components



□ The Drug Court Standards



Key Component #1: Individual and Community Healing Focus

Brings together

- alcohol and drug treatment
- community healing resources
- 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.

NADCP Drug Court Standards: #8

□ **Standard 8 Multidisciplinary Team**

A dedicated multidisciplinary team of professionals manages the day-to-day operations, including

- reviewing participant progress during pre-court staffing meetings and status hearings,
- contributing observations and recommendations within team members' respective areas of expertise, and
- delivering or overseeing the delivery of legal, treatment and supervision services.

Key #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.

NADCP Drug Court Standards: #6

□ **Standard 6 Complementary Treatment and Social Services**

Participants receive complementary treatment and social services for conditions that co-occur with substance abuse and are likely to interfere with their compliance, increase criminal recidivism, or diminish treatment gains.

Complimentary Services

- Housing Assistance
- Mental Health Treatment
- Trauma-Informed Services
- Criminal Thinking Interventions
- Family and Interpersonal Counseling
- Vocational and Educational Services
- Medical and Dental Treatment
- Prevention of Health-Risk Factors
- Overdose Prevention and Reversal

Serving the Family

- Family issues are one of the most commonly identified criminogenic factors
- Family interventions are one of the most effective methods to reduce offender recidivism
- Inadequate family support, family problems, and family disruption contribute to offending
- Attachment to children reduces violations

Serving the Family



Children of Parents with Substance Use Disorders

- Severe, inconsistent, or inappropriate discipline
- Neglect of basic needs
- Situations that jeopardize child's safety and health
- Trauma
- Disruption of parent/child relationship
- Disproportionately in foster care and less likely to return home; in juvenile justice caseloads; in residential treatment programs

Challenges for the Parents

- Parent lacks understanding of and ability to cope with child's medical, developmental, behavioral, and emotional needs
- Child's physical and development needs were not assessed and/or treated
- Parent and child did not receive trauma or relationship services

Parenting in Wellness Court

- Drug Courts that provide parenting class had **65%** **greater reductions** in criminal recidivism.

Consider Asking...

- About other family relationships?
- If children are screened for services?
- If children receive appropriate assessment, and intervention and treatment services?
- If child and family status are asked at intake?
- *How are your kids doing?*

Key #10: Team Interaction

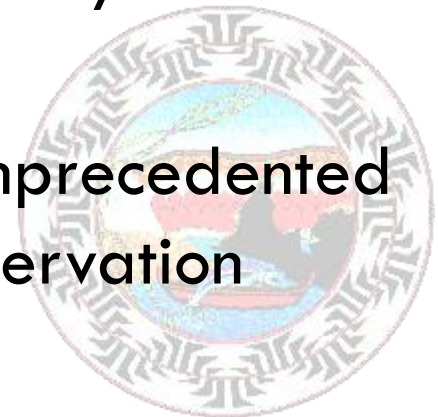
The development and maintenance of ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Tribal Healing to Wellness Court team members, service providers and payers, the community and relevant organizations, including the use of formal written procedures and agreements, are critical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

YUROK WELLNESS COURT



Yurok Tribe

- Yurok Tribe was formally organized in 1993
- Largest tribe in California with 6,112 enrolled members
- Over 3000 members live in service area
- Yurok Reservation consists of 55,890 acres with two distinct areas: Lower and Upper Reservation
- Yurok Reservation unemployment and poverty rates are double those of the local counties
- State of Emergency declared following unprecedented number of youth suicides in the Upper Reservation



Yurok Justice Center: Yurok Tradition



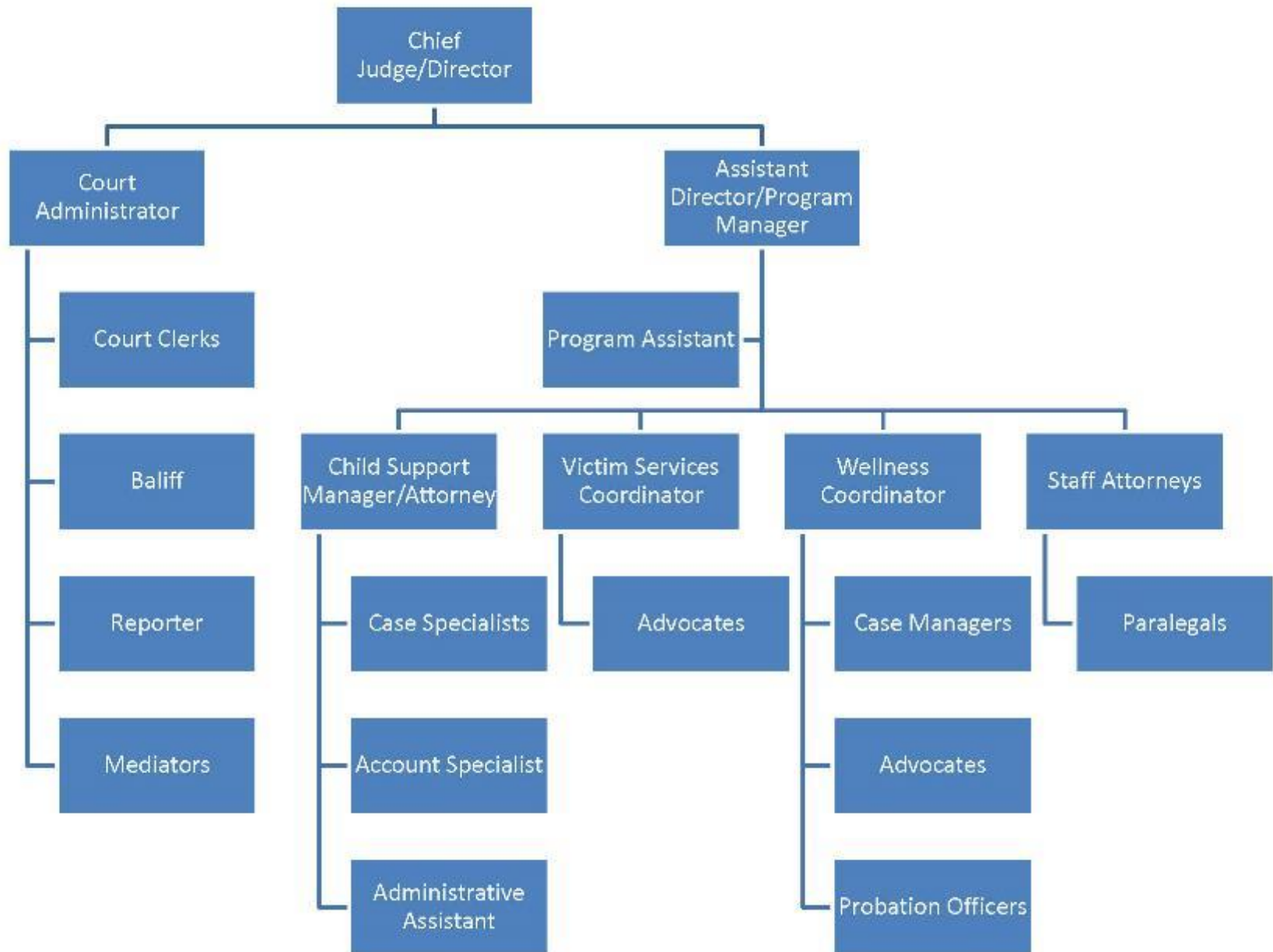
World Renewal People

- Yuroks are heavily dependent on salmon for culture, subsistence, economy
- In support of Yurok culture and sovereignty, the Yurok Constitution mandates that the Tribe “[u]phold and protection our tribal sovereignty” and “[p]reserve and promote our culture, language, and religious beliefs and practices and pass them on to our children, our grandchildren, and their children and grandchildren on, forever.”
- Strong traditions and knowledge of culture



Yurok Justice Center: Building Capacity





Types of Cases

- Family Law
- Guardianship and Dependency
- Child Support
- Civil
- Fisheries
- Protective Orders
- Probate
- Wellness



Innovative Programs

- Adult Wellness Court
- Youth Wellness Court
- Civil Legal Access Center
- Yurok Truancy Program
- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Program
- Yurok Batterers' Intervention Program
- Tribal Child Support Enforcement



YUROK WELLNESS COURT



Video of Yurok Wellness Program

<https://vimeo.com/110609883>

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Yurok Adult Wellness Court

Goals

- To reduce substance abuse
- To reduce recidivism rates
- To rehabilitate Yurok Tribal Member offenders

Activities

- Multidisciplinary approach to case staffing
- Ongoing judicial interaction
- Random & frequent drug testing
- Appropriate sanctions & incentives
- Standardized regime of substance abuse treatment & recovery support services

Yurok Youth Wellness Court

Yurok Family Education Advocacy

- ❑ Development of Yurok Truancy Code, known as the “Stay in School” Ordinance
- ❑ MOU with Del Norte School District and others to include access to student records
- ❑ Established a protocol to share enforcement responsibilities of truant Yurok students
- ❑ Assign a family advocate to K-5 schools to track attendance & work with families to address truancy



YUROK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM



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Yurok Tribe Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention

- First developed in 2009 in Yurok Social Services
- Transferred to Tribal Court in 2014
- Two staff victim advocates/crisis workers and one victim services coordinator
- One full-time public safety officer to assist in family violence cases



YUROK BIP



Batterers Intervention Program (BIP) Classes

- ❑ 52 week State certified program
- ❑ For Yurok Tribal members as well as non-native community members
- ❑ Court ordered by state or tribal courts
- ❑ Referrals from Yurok Social Services and TANF
- ❑ Peer driven group healing
- ❑ Classes led by trained professionals
- ❑ Weekly sessions in Hoopa, Crescent City in Eureka

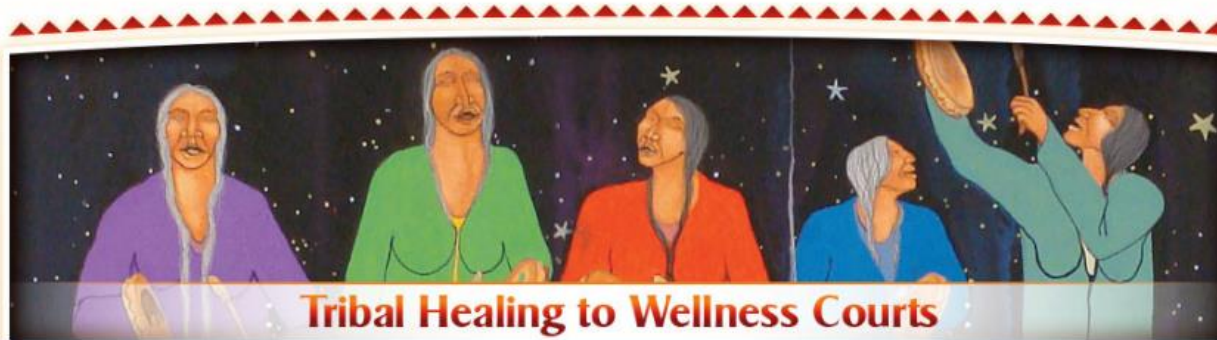


BIP Participants

- ❑ Since 2014, 97 people have signed up (intake)
- ❑ First graduating class in 2016 a total of 7 graduates
- ❑ Evaluating Success and Problems







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