Tribal Law & Policy Institute’s
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Healing to Wellness Courts
As Good Governance

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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
Healing to Wellness Court
Judicial System/Procedure(s)

The Foundation-Frame-Fuel in the 10 Keys

(Tribal Culture/Language)

Sustained Team, Community & Nation Building

Entry

Eligibility

Healing & Treatment

Support & Supervision

Discipline & Encouragement

Respectful Communication

Keeping & Telling Stories

Enduring Knowledge & Experience

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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.
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.

Key Component # 2
Referral Points & Legal Process

Intra-Sovereign Collaboration
Inter-Sovereign Collaboration
Creative Legal Processes
Respectful of Rights (Human, Indigenous, Tribal)
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.
Tribal Wellness Court provide access to holistic, structured, and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate culture and tradition.

**Key Component # 4**
*Treatment & Rehabilitation*

Healing Focus & Holistic

Culturally Concordant – Competent

Promotes Personal & Public Concord -- Peace

- Healing & Treatment -
  Champion for Health & Wellness
Causes Communication & Coordination, to Support Co-Case Management

(eg. A & D Testing)

Family Connection/Support

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.
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.
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.
**MISC. KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

*FOR CITIZENS/COMMUNITIES/COURTS*

- **Team Members**
- **Team, Community & Nation Builders**
  (Communicator)
- **Team Community & Nation Builders**
  (Co-Convener)
- **Protectors of Rights**
- **Sentries & Gate Keepers**
- **Champions for Health & Wellness**
- **Encouragers & Enforcers**
  (co-case manager)
- **Encouragers & Enforcers**
  (co-case manager)
- **Story Tellers & Evaluators**
- **Life-long Teachers & Learners**
- **Team Community & Nation Builders**
  (Communicator)
- **Team, Community & Nation Builders**
  (Co-Convener)

**CONFLICT & CONCORD**

**COURT & PROGRAM**

**PROCEDURE & CEREMONY**

—CASE MANAGEMENT & CONVOCATION
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.

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