TRIBAL HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT
ENHANCEMENT TRAINING

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Why We Do What We Do:
Roles, Responsibilities & KEY Considerations

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Respectful Communication

Entry

Eligibility

Healing & Treatment

Support & Supervision

Discipline & Encouragement

Enduring Knowledge & Experience

Keeping & Telling Stories

Sustained Team, Community & Nation Building

Team, Community & Nation Building

HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT
QUICK KEY COMPONENT REVIEW
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.

**Key Component #1**
Individual & Community Healing Focus

**Planning & Operational**
- Gather Healing Resources
- Meet with Community Members
- And Tribal Government
- Organize Team
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.

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.
Familiarity with Treatment (Tx)
Familiarity with Specific Program and Phased 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.

Encouragement + Discipline = Effective Case Management

Familiarity with Drug Testing

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.

Encourager & Enforcer (Co-Case Manager)
**Progressive sanctions and incentives**

**Less punitive**

**Fairness - Consistency**

**Key Component # 6**

**Sanctions & Incentives**

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

**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.
**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.

**Key Component # 9**  
**Continuing Interdisciplinary & Continuing Education**

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

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**Role, Responsibilities & Key Considerations:**

**Story-Teller & Evaluator**

- Familiarity with Evaluation and Reporting Requirements
- Responding to Data
- "What stories to tell"
- What information is needed to tell ‘good’ & ‘convincing’ stories

**Life Long Teacher & Learner**

- Teacher = Learner
- Responsive to Judge, Team Members, Clients, Community
**ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES & KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Joint/Collective Management**
- Sharing of Success Stories
- Meet with community members and Tribal Government
- Written Commitments and Collaborations

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**HEALING**

**HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT**

**HELPING THE PEOPLE GATHER, GROUND & GROW**

**SEEKING & SUSTAINING PEACEFUL COMMUNITIES & STRONG NATIVE NATIONS**

**Community & Nation Builder**
- (Communicator)

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