

The Role of Law Enforcement in Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts



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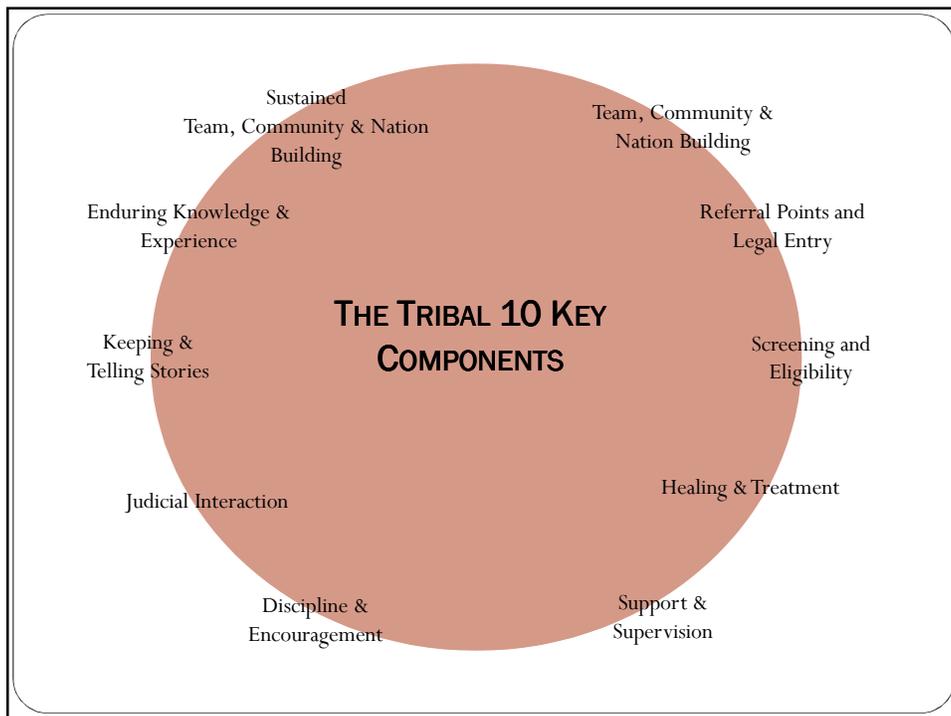
Purpose

- Moving Beyond Stereotypes
- Link to 10 Key Components
- Questions and Ideas

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What is the LEO's Role to You?

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1-Individual and Community Healing

- Not only law enforcers, but a community healing resource
- Mentorship, big brother/sister, cops and bobbies, etc.
- Coercive motivation to heal

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2-Referral Points and Legal Process

- Typically the first contact in the legal process
- Improve the referral process by communicating with service providers

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3-Screening and Eligibility

- Key witnesses that can aid in the screening and eligibility process
 - Personally know of any criminal history incidents
 - Personally know of any public safety risks
 - Personally know of co-occurring disorders

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4-Treatment and Rehabilitation

- Create buy-in by educating LEO's to role of treatment and rehabilitation methods.
- Oftentimes escort the affected to treatment facilities and their encouragement and support can make a great difference in their success or failure.

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5-Intensive Supervision

- The role most commonly associated with LEO's; but really a group effort
- Information gatherers
- Curfew Checks
- Work Checks
- School Checks
- Welfare checks

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6-Sanctions and Incentives

- Enforce sanctions-jail, community service
- Track down participants to bring to the court (bench warrants)
- Provide non-expected praise and encouragement to participants (motivators)

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7-Judicial Interaction

- Court's connect LEO's to the wellness paradigm
- Help to educate the court and prosecutor to the individual and community temptations and risks

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8-Monitoring and Evaluation

- A key component in providing compliance data to courts.
- Police reports provide specifics on incidents of arrest and recidivism.

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9-Continuing Interdisciplinary and Community Education

- Subject Matter Experts in your community
 - Provide input for planning, response and implementation of wellness court goals through communication of trends.
 - A unique perspective and benefit
- Advocates and educators on the benefit of wellness courts and jail diversion and reentry
- Advocates for better funding

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10-Team Interaction

- Meet with and include your Chief of Police
- Strategize with your other LEO Partners
- Draft an MOU
- Consider defining their role in your policies
- Take them to training
- Include them in community presentations

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Summary

- A critical component to a successful wellness court
- Provide unique perspectives
- The front-line to referrals
- Aid in monitoring
- Key community allies

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Questions and Suggestions

- Thank you – Lawrence.Lujan@gmail.com

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