



# Foundations in Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Coordination

## Module Seven: A Cross Comparison of Operations and Case Management Strategies in Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts



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# ▶ BEFORE WE GET STARTED...

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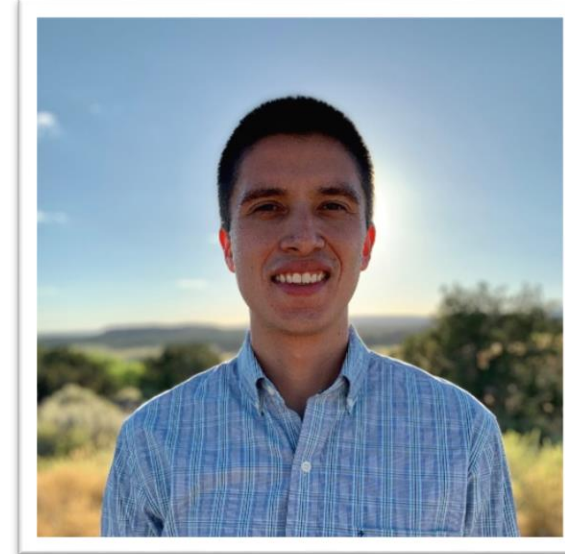


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## ▶ Our Session Today

- Operational Court Examples
- Strategies that Support Court Implementation
- Incorporating Practices
- Creative Approaches
- Community and Partner Buy-In

# Southern Ute Tribal Court

The main purpose of tūüÇai Wellness Court is to help the participant to:

- Learn to be alcohol / drug free
- Learn to stay alcohol / drug free
- Improve family / friend relationships
- Stop criminal activity that hurts the person, the community, learning new ways of being
- Develop time management skills
- Work towards achieving your dreams



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
TRIBE

tūüÇai  
(Wellness) Court  
for Youth 6 Month Track



#### Mission Statement

The mission of tūüÇai Wellness Court is to improve the quality of life for participants by providing multi-agency, community-based services and specialized treatment that is designed to address and mutually benefit the needs of the participants.

## Southern Ute Tribe- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Juvenile 6-month Track Brochure, Available on Southern Ute Tribal Website

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/02/Wellness-Court-Juvenile-6-month-track-brochure.pdf>

# Southern Ute Tribal Court

## Southern Ute Youth tūūÇai Court...



...is a specialized program for youth with criminal offenses. The program is voluntary and requires a commitment to work with the Wellness Court Team, and remain drug and alcohol free.

### Eligibility

- Repeat alcohol, drug, or other criminal offenses
- Not following court orders or violation of probation requirement
- Continued use of alcohol or drugs while on probation

### Goal:

To help participants walk a good path with the support of family and friends, help solve problems, and to discover their talents



### A Different Way

In tūūÇai Court, the participant works closely with the tūūÇai Court Core Team to support the individual Wellness Plan and make recommendations for participants success. Team members may include:

- Judge/Prosecutor/Public Defender
- tūūÇai Case Manager
- Southern Ute Police Department
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Elder/Community Representative

## How It Works



If a participant is accepted into tūūÇai Wellness Court a detention sentence is ordered. The participant will not serve the time if they comply with the program conditions. The participant understands that any violation of the case plan will result in an immediate consequence.

The case plan is the result of a collaborative effort to bring the participant's life back into harmony with himself/herself, family, Tribe, and community. The participant is expected to meaningfully and actively participate.

Immediate consequences are a foundation of tūūÇai Wellness Court: rewards are given for compliance or progress, and sanctions are immediately imposed for violations. Consequences are always focused upon assisting the participant to return to their wellness plan.

### Rewards may include:

- Job well done
- "Fish Bowl" prize
- Forgiveness of fines and costs owed



### Sanctions may include:

- Detention
- Community service
- Increase testing/ counseling
- Extension of time in program/ delay of graduation.

### Four Phases

The tūūÇai Wellness Court program usually lasts for 6 months and consists of four separate phases. Each phase has specific requirements:

#### Phase One

- Court reviews as needed.
- May have random Breath and Urine Testing
- Contact with tūūÇai Case Manager
- School attendance
- Develop a Spiritual-Cultural plan
- Obtain evaluations, begin treatment/counseling
- Obtain a fitness assessment at SunUte
- Maintain sobriety for 30 Consecutive days & nbe in phase 1 for 45 days.
- Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT)

#### Phase Two

- Court reviews as Scheduled
- Random Breath and Urine Testing
- Contact with tūūÇai Case Manager
- School attendance
- Begin the Spiritual-Cultural Plan
- Continue with treatment/counseling
- Begin Fitness Plan.
- Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) will begin
- Maintain sobriety for 45 days

#### Phase Three

- Court reviews as scheduled
- Random Breath and Urine Testing
- Contact with tūūÇai Case Manager
- School attendance
- Continue with Spiritual-Cultural plan
- Treatment/counseling as recommended
- Continue Fitness Plan.
- Maintain sobriety for 45 days.

#### Phase Four

- Court reviews as scheduled.
- Random Breath and Urine Testing
- Contact with tūūÇai Case Manager
- School attendance
- Continue with Spiritual-Cultural Plan
- Treatment/counseling as recommended
- Continue Fitness Plan.
- Maintain sobriety for 45 Days

## Team:

- Judge/Prosecutor/Public Defender
- Case Manager
- Police Department
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Elder/Community Representative

# FINDING INNER PEACE, SELF CARE, AND HEALING.

RELEASE THE PAST AND START THE HEALING  
LET THAT STUFF GO

THIS ACTIVITY IS ABOUT CREATING  
SPACE TO HEAL SO WE MAY LIVE  
WITH GOOD MINDS, INTENTIONS, HOPE,  
FORGIVENESS, PERSEVERANCE,  
SPIRITUAL AWARENESS, AND MORE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH 2022  
6:00PM - 7:00PM  
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER  
CAPOTE ROOM



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Southern Ute Tribal Court. For  
more information please  
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## Southern Ute Wellness Court Dinner *In honor of Recovery Month*

Wed. Sept. 25, 2019  
Multi-Purpose Building  
6-8 p.m.



*Everyone is invited to join in this community  
celebration of Wellness and Community Health*

More Information: 970-563-2875





# Blackfeet Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

**Purpose:**

The purpose of JH2W is to establish holistic, culturally-appropriate, rehabilitative alternatives to Juvenile and Family Court proceedings and other punitive actions whereupon individuals have come into negative contact with the Blackfeet Tribal Court system directly or indirectly related to a substance abuse or addiction issue.

**Mission:**

The mission of the Blackfeet Nation's Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts (JH2W) is to produce healthy, productive citizens of the Blackfeet Nation by rehabilitating individuals who have come into negative contact with the Blackfeet Tribal Court system, as measured by program completion and reduced recidivism.

*"When you were born,  
you cried and the world rejoiced.  
Live your life so that when you die,  
the world cries and you rejoice."  
-Native American Proverb*

**BLACKFEET JUVENILE HEALING  
TO WELLNESS COURT TEAM  
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Presenting Officer/Prosecutor  
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Crystal Creek Lodge  
Manpower  
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**INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?  
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**Honor Your Life**

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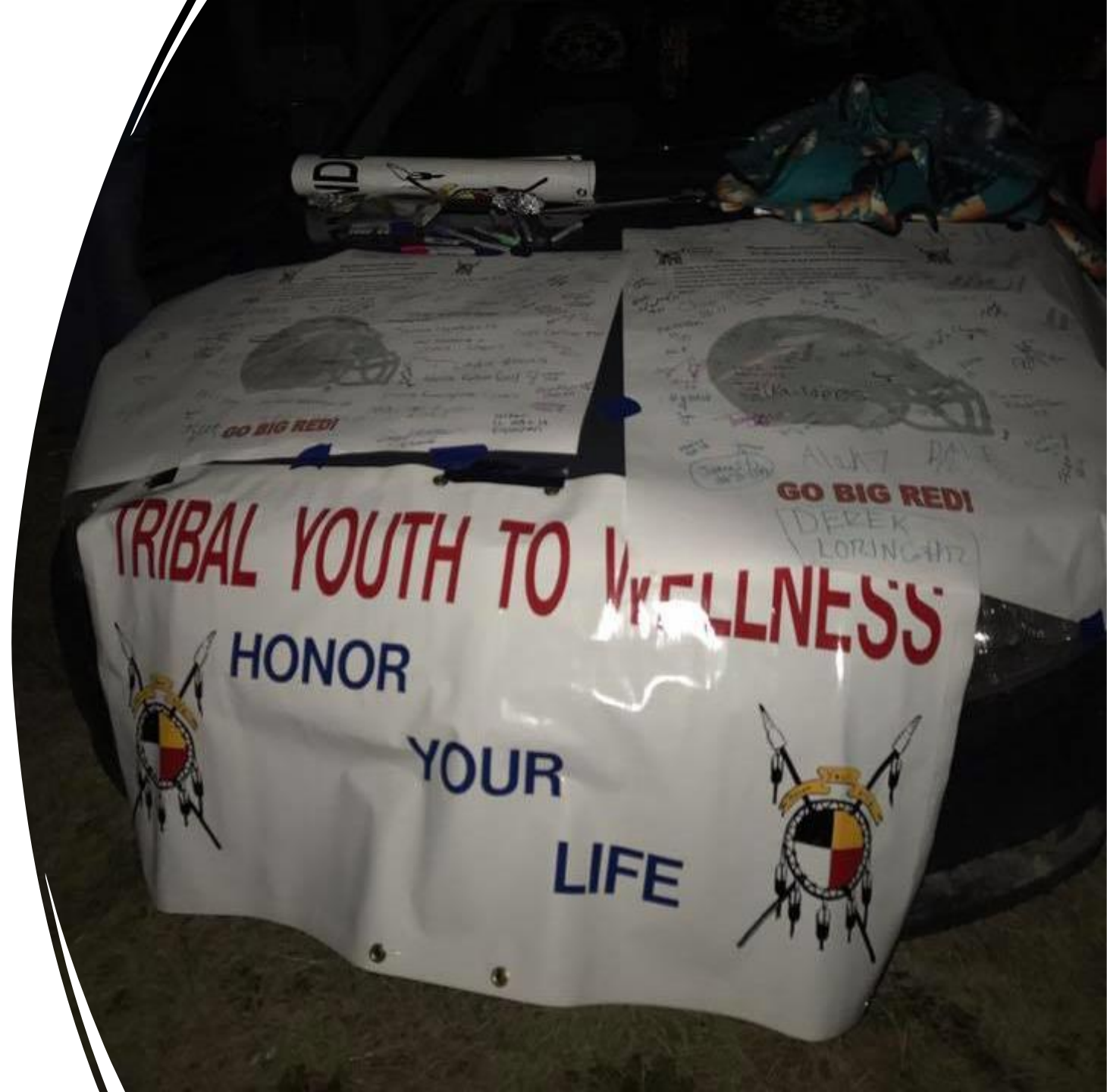
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# Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court



# Blackfeet Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

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# Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

## Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHTW)

A diversion program from the juvenile justice system for tribal youth with substance abuse problems and other delinquent issues.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma tribal member or eligible for membership
- Must reside in the Choctaw Nation service area
- Must be between 12 to 18 years of age
- Referrals are taken from Tribal Law Enforcement, Choctaw Nation Prosecutors Office, or other Choctaw Nation programs
- Cannot have sex related and/or violent charges
- Program does not focus on repeat offenders, although the team may make exceptions; consideration is dependent on number and type of offenses.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This program helps strengthen our sovereignty for Choctaw tribal youth by offering an alternative to the juvenile justice system. The program provides services to meet existing needs for youth, emphasizing education and enhancing overall well-being to aid in the prevention of incarceration and address substance abuse.

A team approach is used to achieve the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing of each individual participant. Teaching our Choctaw youth to be resilient by living out the Chahta Spirit of Faith, Family and Culture, youth will develop a sense of pride by increasing self-esteem, sense of independence and self-sufficiency.

### SERVICES

- Case management services
- Treatment planning





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## SERVICES

- Case management services
- Treatment planning
- Treatment plan incentives
- Advocate for Choctaw youth in educational and legal systems
- Assess and link youth to appropriate Choctaw Nation programs specific to their needs
- Cultural education

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

- 580-642-7118
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- CONTACT FORM

### LOCATIONS

- CHOCTAW NATION HEADQUARTERS
- IDABEL CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
- MCALESTER CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES



# Confederated Tribe of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians

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- See Tribal Court Website:

<https://ctclusi.org/tribal-court-peacegiving/>

## Healing to Wellness Court

The CTCLUSI Wellness Court serves Tribal Members who are involved in legal or administrative disciplinary proceedings who may also struggle with substance abuse. Such persons may access the CTCLUSI Wellness Court by several difference avenues, including but not limited to self-referral, CTCLUSI Police citation, CTCLUSI Family Services, family service departments of other jurisdictions (state and tribal), on the CTCLUSI Tribe's Motion or Petition, referral from the CTCLUSI Education and Housing Departments, collaboration with state court systems, and referral from state and/or tribal probation or community corrections departments.

Each Wellness Court case is managed by a team, which includes the Wellness Court Judge, the Wellness Court Case Manager, treatment providers, a CTCLUSI Police Officer, a Tribal Elder, the Tribal Presenting Officer, and the Tribal Defense Advocate. Additional team members may be included, depending on the participant's needs. The Wellness Court Team works together to guide the progress of the participant in his or her recovery process, to provide support in areas where there may be personal or historic barriers, such as education, employment, and community and family life. The Wellness Court Team works in collaboration with the participant to hold the participant accountable to treatment goals and resolve the underlying legal matter, while providing culturally appropriate support tailored to address the specific needs of each individual.

Please bring your questions to the attention of Jennifer Stephens, the Wellness Court Case manager. She may be reached at the Tribal Court Office in Coos Bay in person, by phone at 541-888-1307 or Cell 541-808-8425, or by email at [jstephens@ctclusi.org](mailto:jstephens@ctclusi.org).

Any CTCLUSI Tribal Member, family member of a Tribal Member, or member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe may be eligible for participation in the CTCLUSI Wellness Court. If you know someone who is struggling with substance and having legal or administrative problems, you may use the form at the top of this webpage to refer them for consideration in this program.

## ► Implemented Courts

### Beyond the Key Components:

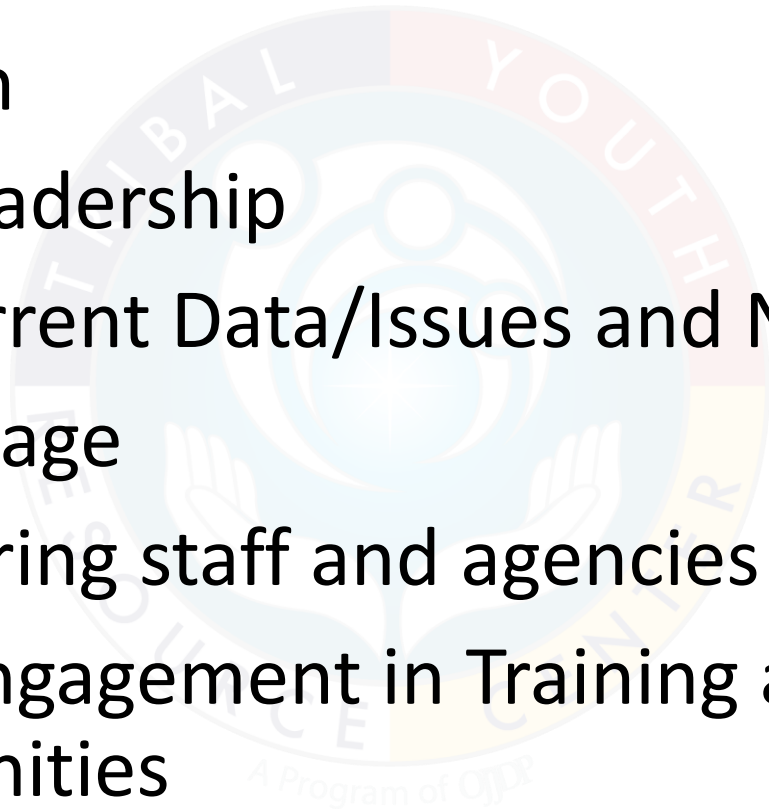
- Activities
- Resources
- Environments
- Hurdles
- Toward the Future





# Activities- Big Picture

- Community Buy-In
- Involvement of Leadership
- Assessment of Current Data/Issues and Needs
- Willingness to Engage
- Support of Partnering staff and agencies
- Persistence and Engagement in Training and other Learning Opportunities





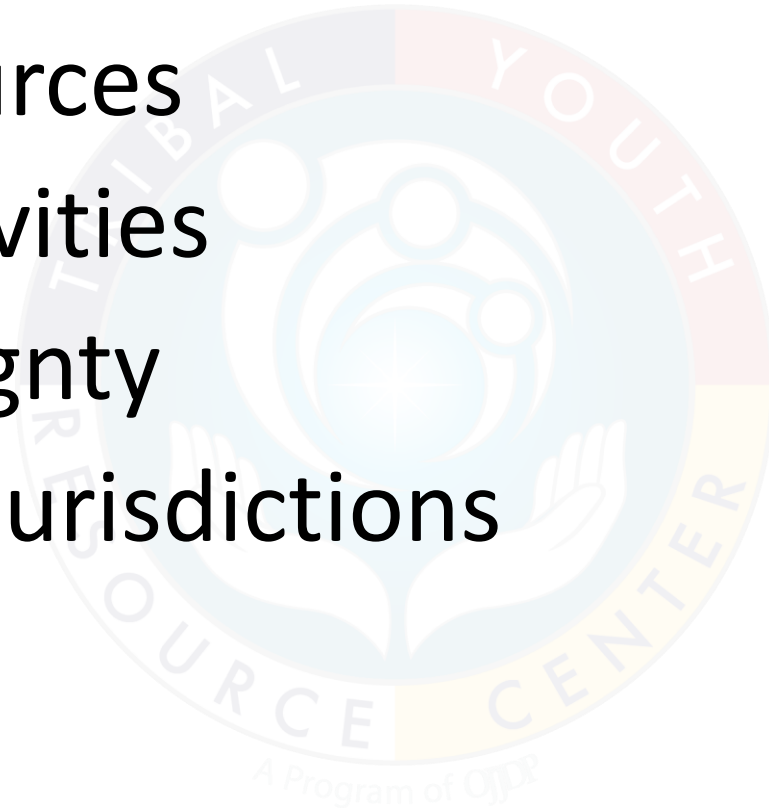
# ► Resources

- Treatment Options
- Court and/or Judicial System Collaboration
- Case Management
  - Person
  - Forum
  - Structure
  - Supervision



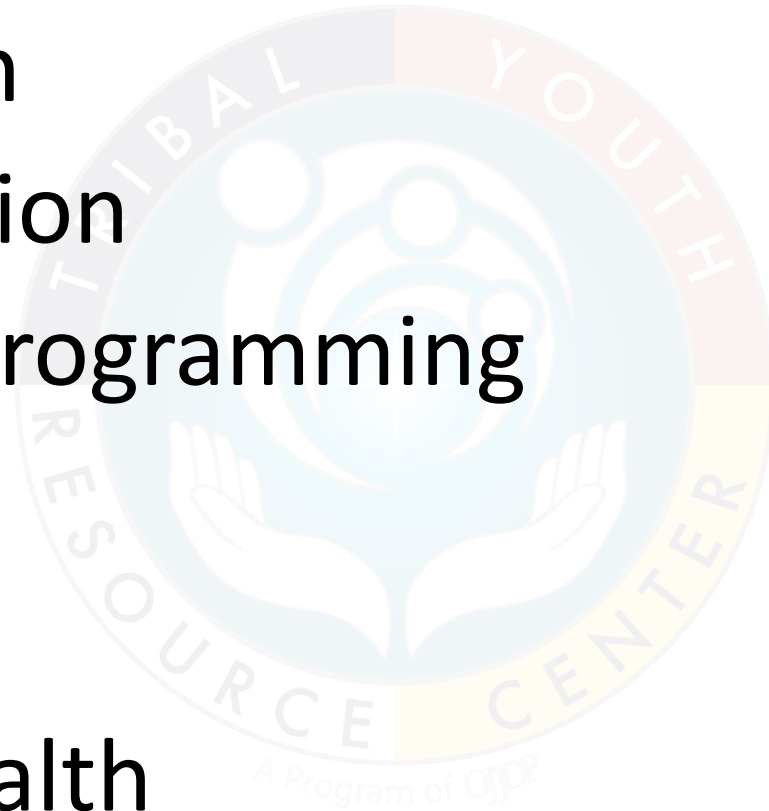
# ▶ Environments

- Natural resources
- Seasonal activities
- Food sovereignty
- Neighboring jurisdictions
- Location



# ► Hurdles

- Transportation
- Higher education
- After-school programming
- Staffing
- Wellness
- Behavioral Health





# Toward the Future

- Behavioral Health
- Elders Panels
- Family Wellness Planning
- Youth/Peer Support
- Adaptation and Development of Assessment Tools
- Yurok Tribe- “The Path Forward” Screening and Brief Intervention  
<https://www.reclaimingfutures.org/sites/default/files/publications/Tribal%20SBIRT%20Adapation%20Practice%20Brief.pdf>



# ► Discussion

- What have you prioritized to move the court toward implementation?
- What has your court done to increase overall services for youth participants?
- What efforts have you made to solidify communication within your multi-disciplinary team?



# SUSTAINABILITY

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- Getting Creative
- Finding Opportunities
- Keeping Fresh Perspectives





# CLOSING THOUGHTS...

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**Today**

• **3:30 pm – 4:45 pm** Module 8: “Self-Care and Compassion Fatigue”



Thank you



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