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# Cross Comparison of Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines and Healing to Wellness Courts Best Practices for Adolescent Natives

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## **Vision:**

*Envisioning a future where Indigenous youth thrive through traditional life ways.*

## **Purpose:**

*Enhancing the opportunities for Indigenous communities to expand their potential in protecting and nurturing their most sacred asset – the youth.*

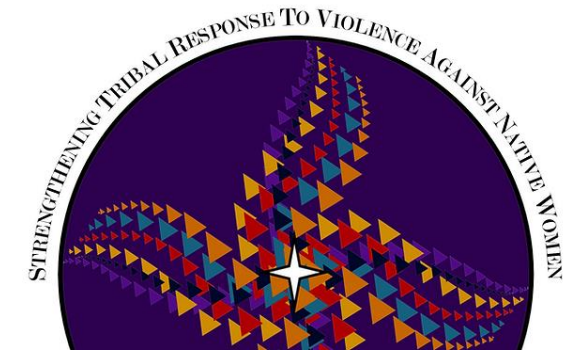




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**Tribal Healing to Wellness Court**



**Capacity Building  
CENTER FOR TRIBES**



**Walking on Common Ground**



# Substance Use Among Native Youth

American Indian and Alaskan Native youth are more likely to:

- Have the highest level of substance use compared to other US racial/ethnic groups
- Drink and use drugs at a younger age
- Drink more heavily
- Use alcohol with drugs
- Need treatment for a substance use problem than all other US racial/ethnic groups

# Youth Development

Adolescents are different

- Self-regulation
- External influences
- Present Oriented

Cognitive differences suggest need for differential treatment



# Healthy Development

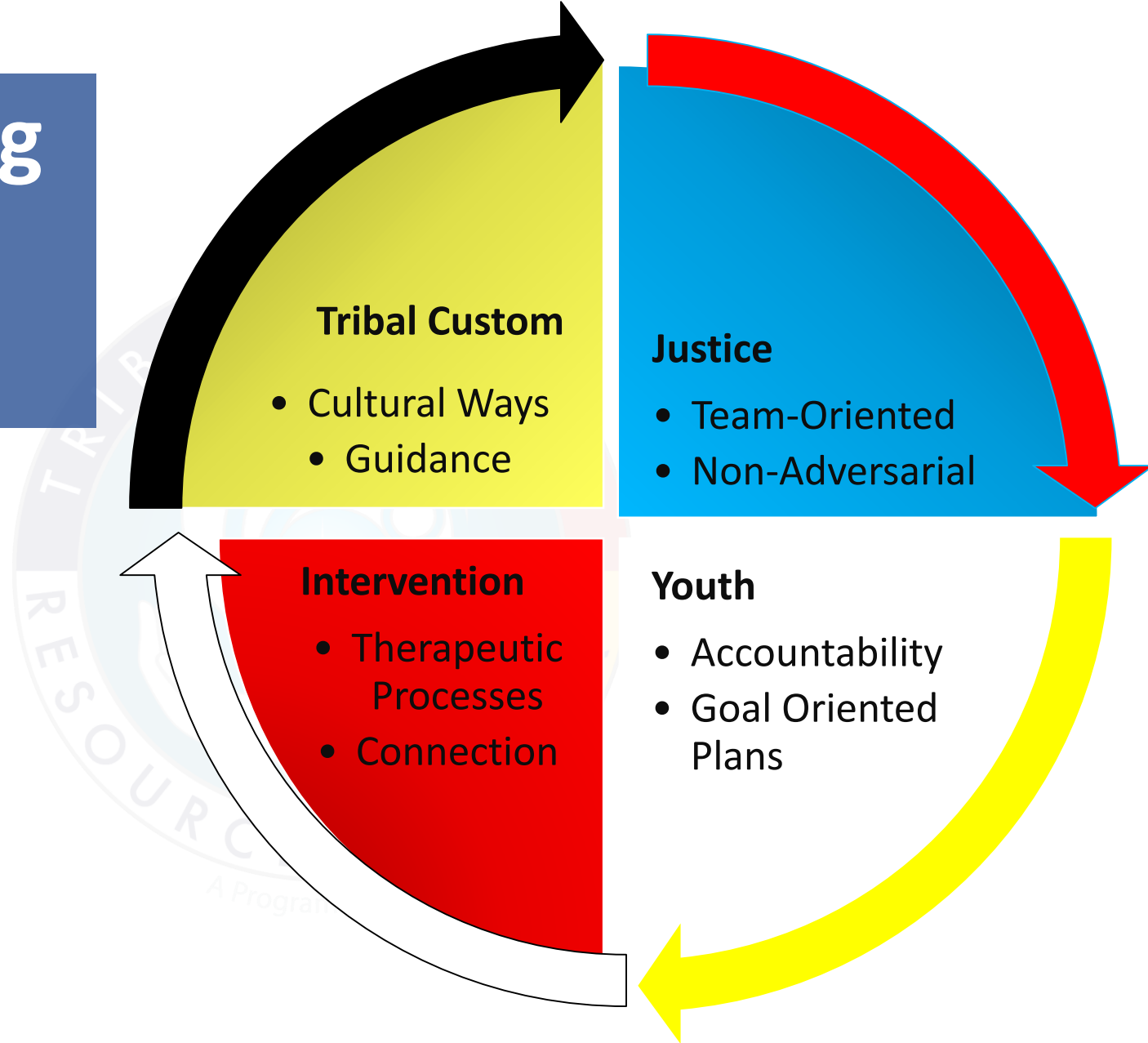
Three important conditions for healthy development:

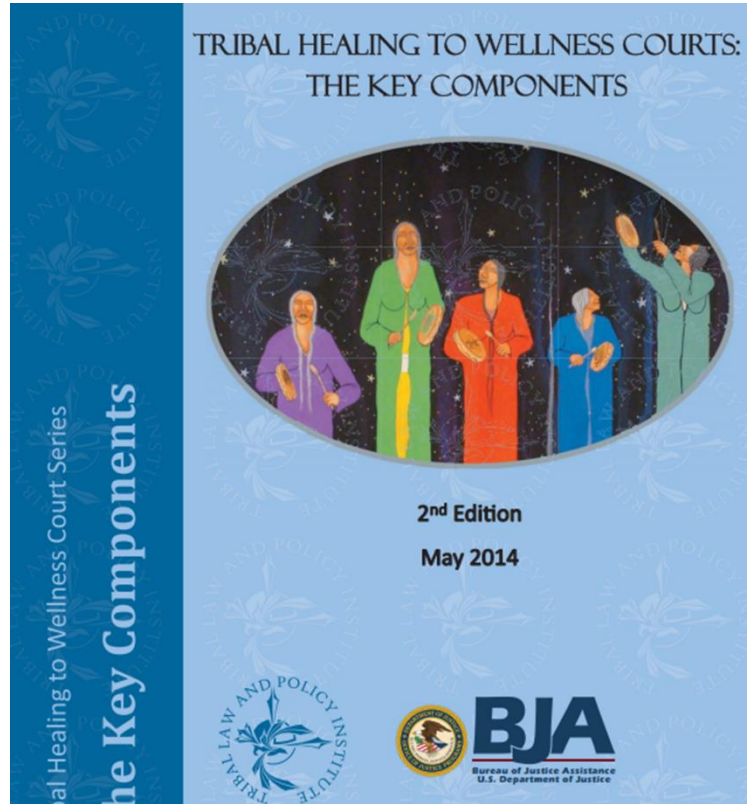
- Parental figure
- Peer groups
- Activities and critical thinking



# Goals of Healing to Wellness Courts

- ▶ Enhance the capacity
- ▶ Provide services that are:
  - ▶ Comprehensive
  - ▶ Developmentally appropriate
  - ▶ Community-based
  - ▶ Culturally-appropriate





## Tribal Key Components recognize:

- Community involvement
- Family relationships and involvement
- Culture and Tradition
- Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

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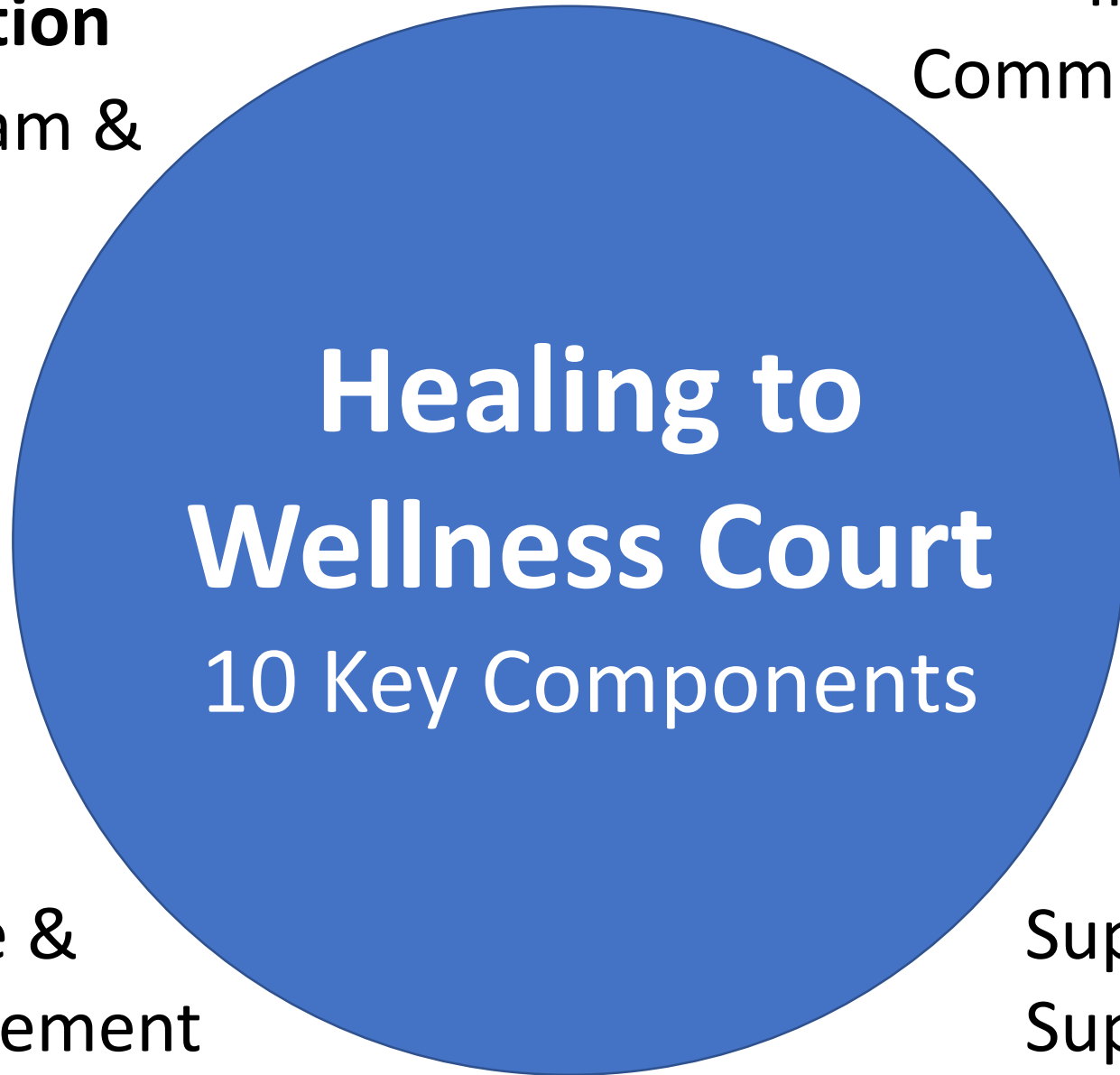
► **Team Interaction**

Continuing Team &  
Community  
Education

Monitoring  
and Evaluation

Judicial  
Interaction

Discipline &  
Encouragement



Individual and  
Community Healing  
Focus

Eligibility

Entry

Healing and  
Treatment

Support &  
Supervision



## ▶ Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines

- ▶ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- ▶ “Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts are (JDTC) designed for youth with Substance Use Disorders who come into contact with the juvenile justice system” (Forward, Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines; 2016)
- ▶ In 2017, OJJDP funded a multi-year, multi-site evaluation of those JDTC Guidelines.



## ▶ JDTC Evaluation – Youth Outcomes

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Engagement and Mental Health Service:

- JDTCs are more successful than TJC's at helping youth engage in treatment (staying 30 or more days) but neither the TJC or JDTC system is strong at engaging youth in treatment past 90 days.
  - JDTCs increased access to mental health services and decreased mental health symptoms. For example:
    - At 6 months, an increased percentage of JDTC youth in the random assignment site received outpatient MH treatment or medications.
    - At 6-months, in four of the sites, JDTC youth had greater increases in receiving MH treatment and medications. In these sites there was a small decrease in the percent of youth who were bothered by MH problems.
- ❖ OJJDP will release the full report in March of 2023

## OJJDP Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guideline Objectives

- ▶ Objective 1. Focus on the JDTC Philosophy and Practice on Effectively Addressing Substance Use and Criminogenic Needs to Decrease Future Offending and Substance Use and to Increase Positive Outcomes
- ▶ Objective 2. Ensure Equitable Treatment for All Youth by Adhering to Eligibility Criteria and Conducting an Initial Screening
- ▶ Objective 3. Provide a JDTC Process That Engages the Full Team and Follows Procedures Fairly
- ▶ Objective 4. Conduct Comprehensive Needs Assessments That Inform Individualized Case Management

## OJJDP Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guideline Objectives



- ▶ Objective 5. Implement Contingency Management, Case Management, and Community Supervision Strategies Effectively
- ▶ Objective 6. Refer Participants to Evidence-Based Substance Use Treatment, To Other Services and for Prosocial Connections
- ▶ Objective 7. Monitor and Track Program Completion and Termination

## Similarities

- ▶ Utilize a Multidisciplinary Team Approach
- ▶ Establishment of Eligibility Criteria
- ▶ Focus on responding to the Substance Use and Criminogenic behavior
- ▶ Focus on decreasing future offending behavior & increasing positive outcomes
- ▶ Individualized Case Management
- ▶ Use of Evidence-Based Treatment
- ▶ Use of Community Supervision
- ▶ Monitoring and Tracking Progress

## • Differences

- ▶ Community/Nation Focus as well as Individual focus
- ▶ Incorporation of Culture in the Treatment Process
- ▶ The role of the Judge

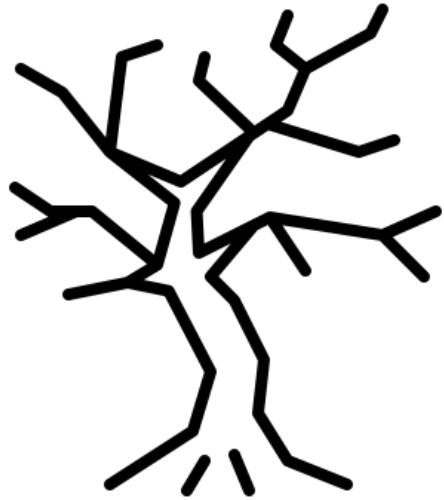


# ▶ Honoring Sovereignty

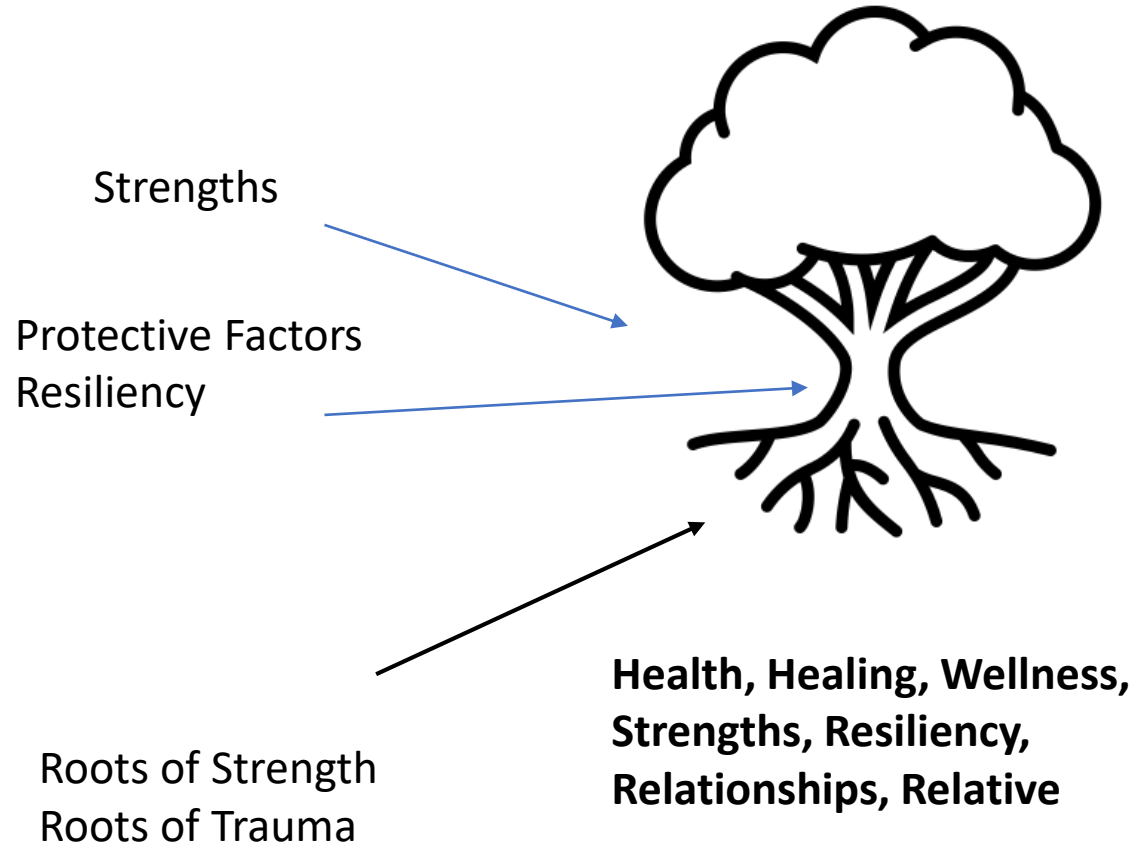
- ▶ Nation and Individual.
- ▶ Culture is Prevention, Culture is Intervention, Culture is Recovery and Healing.



# ▶ WESTERN AND INDIGENOUS



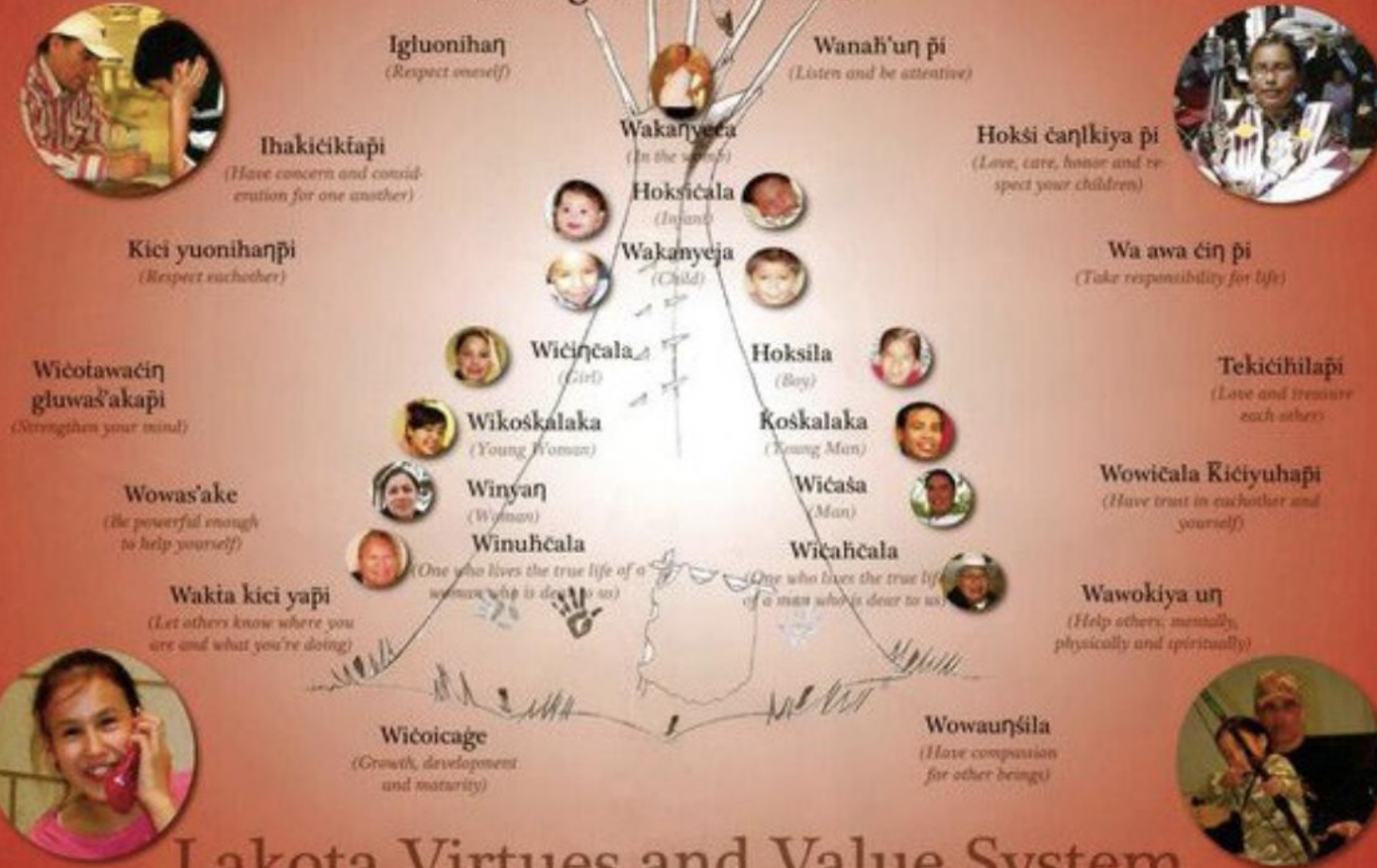
**Risk, Harm, Disease, Illness,  
Compliant/ Noncompliant  
Termination  
Juvenile**





# Maka Wiconi Ta Woope

(Living the Laws of Life)



## Lakota Virtues and Value System

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# ▶ Online Training Resources

- **Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts**  
[www.WellnessCourts.org](http://www.WellnessCourts.org)
- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**  
[www.OJJDP.org](http://www.OJJDP.org)
- **Center for Court Innovation**  
[www.DrugCourtOnline.org](http://www.DrugCourtOnline.org)
- **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**  
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# FUNDING

## **Family Treatment Court Program**

Builds the capacity of state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance or implement existing family drug courts and practices that increase collaboration with substance abuse treatment and child welfare systems.

### **Historical Categories:**

- Planning and Implementation
- Enhancement
- Statewide Enhancement

### **FY22 Funding:**

OJJDP awarded \$15,378,189 to 21 grantees. Two of which were tribes establishing new Family Treatment Court Programs. Nez Perce Tribe and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation of Idaho.

# ▶ FUNDING

## **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program**

Builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance existing juvenile drug treatment courts for individuals with substance abuse problems or co-occurring mental health disorders.

## **Historical Categories**

- Planning and Implementation
- Enhancement
- Statewide Enhancement

## **FY22 Funding**

OJJDP awarded \$3 million to 4 grantees. All enhancement grantees.



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