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GREETINGS READER,

The Tribal Youth Resource Center (TYRC) at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute is honored to welcome you to the first TYRC Grantee Profile Resource Guide! In these pages, you'll find a compilation of 106 Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)-funded grantees that we have had the distinction of serving as the OJJDP Training and Technical Assistance Provider from 2018 until the present. In this resource guide, you will find the program information for the FY 2015–FY 2021 Tribal Youth and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court grantees. While each grantee/program's information only spans approximately two pages, we hope that these profiles provide a clear picture of the commitment that extends far beyond—a snapshot of the time, work, and passion that each program has invested to support the lives and growth of youth in their community. Our vision is that this resource guide serves dual purposes: to honor the work of these communities/Nations through documenting their vision, intentions, and impacts, and to provide a living resource that inspires future programs, provides ideas for developing a Tribal Youth Program or a Youth Healing to Wellness Court, and builds connection across regions. Before you explore, here is some key information regarding the layout of the resource guide and our use of imagery:

ORGANIZATION: The resource guide is organized by region, program type, and fiscal year. We have separated, first, by region: East, Midwest, Southwest, and Pacific Northwest. Within each regional section, profiles are divided into Tribal Youth Programs and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts. The profiles are organized from newer to older, beginning with our FY 2021 grantees and ending with our FY 2015 grantees. Finally, the programs appear in alphabetical order.

REGIONAL DESIGNATIONS & SYMBOLS: At the beginning of each new regional section, you'll see a cover page, noting which region you are entering when you flip the page. We at the TYRC understand that there are countless ways to designate regions of Indian country, both in name and symbolically. While we have included the regional designations of East, Midwest, Southwest, and Pacific Northwest, please know that we understand that this is simply one way of organizing geographically. Additionally, we understand that the cultures across this land are rich, complex, and varied. While recognizing that each Tribe has their own iconography, we aim to provide a clear system for designating/identifying each region in this resource in shorthand. Thus, we will be using the following symbols to represent each of the four regions:

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EASTERN REGION

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MIDWEST REGION

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SOUTHWEST REGION

142–229



PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Additionally, we would be remiss if we did not recognize that this is not a comprehensive collection, as we were unable to access the documentation needed to build profiles for a small number of FY 2015 and FY 2016 programs. The TYRC became the Training and Technical Assistance Provider for OJJDP in 2018; these programs were in the process of closing out at that time, while others had significant staff turnover in the year(s) that followed. We want to recognize the significant work of these programs as well, even without a full profile.

Thank you for your engagement and for all that you provide for the youth in your communities/Nations. It is our sincere hope that this resource guide will serve as a source of inspiration, learning, and support for you and your community.

With Gratitude,

The Tribal Youth Resource Center

- As of FY 2024, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts are now Youth Healing to Wellness Courts. The language in this publication reflects the language used prior to FY 2024.
- Due to staffing changes, some of the points of contact included in this publication may not be current.



“The JHTWC development process has encouraged Tribal members to come to the table to address the need to better provide for the Tribal youth.”

—Seminole Tribe of Florida, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court



THE EASTERN REGION, known for its geographical diversity, encompasses a beautifully diverse group of Native Sovereign Nations. While the Tribal Youth Resource Center has historically served a smaller number of Eastern Tribes through Training and Technical Assistance work than in the other regions, the impact of each of their programs is equally significant. Get to know a bit about some of the Eastern Region Tribes that the TYRC has served or currently serves through Training & Technical Assistance:

THE CATAWBA NATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA has lived on their ancestral lands for nearly 6,000 years. Of many important cultural traditions, Catawba peoples have been making pottery and passing down traditional methods for nearly 4,000 years.

THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA* has more than 5,000 Tribal members today. Every year, Seminoles hold a Green Corn Dance, a spiritual event that takes place each spring, during which Tribal members participate in purification and manhood ceremonies, settle Tribal disputes, and join for many hours of traditional Seminole Stomp Dancing.

THE PENOBSCOT NATION, or penawahpkekeyak, have deep cultural, historical, medicinal, spiritual, and traditional ties to the Penobscot River. In 2020, Penobscot Nation joined the other Tribes in Maine (Mi'kmaq Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, and Passamaquoddy Tribe) to form the Wabanaki Alliance, with the goal of educating people and garnering support for achieving Tribal Sovereignty for Maine's Tribal Nations.

THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE's original homeland extends from northeastern New York to southern Canada and Vermont. As Mohawk peoples, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe was one of the original members of the Iroquois Confederacy and were known in that context as the "Keepers of the Eastern Door," prepared to defend Iroquois territory from the east.

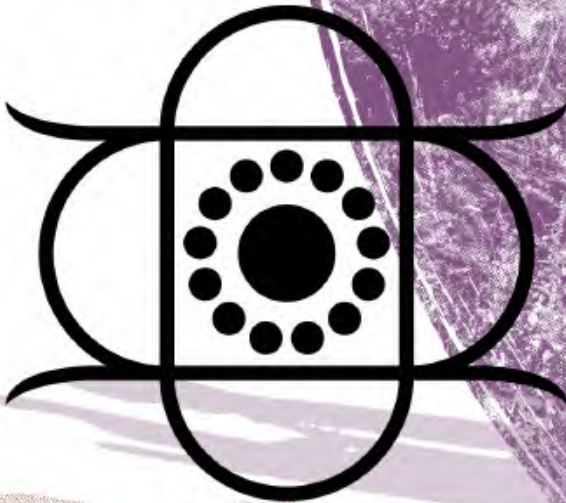
See the Catawba Nation, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Penobscot Nation/Wabanaki Alliance, & Saint Regis Mohawk Nation's Tribal websites for more information.

*Note: The Seminole Tribe of Florida is typically included in the Southeast Region. The TYRC has included the Seminole Tribe of Florida in the Eastern Region for the purposes of this resource, as we do not have a separate Southeast Regional designation.



EASTERN REGION

GRANTEES & PROJECT OVERVIEWS





EASTERN REGION

Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2020
Catawba Nation

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: South Carolina
County: York County & Rock Hill
County
Total Population of Tribe: 3,300
(2018)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**
175 youth over five years

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 11 – 18

GRANTEE PROFILE
CATAWBA NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Catawba Program is managed by the Catawba Boys & Girls Club. The staff and community will work together to increase the high school graduation rates of Catawba youth and other Native American students in the community. Another core focus of the program is to increase cultural connectedness of Catawba justice-involved youth and to decrease opioid use among all youth in the Catawba community.

Vision:

Improved holistic physical and mental health, emotional awareness, literacy, and cultural connectedness for Catawba youth - now and for the next Seven Generations.

Purpose:

The Boys & Girls Club of Catawba Nation will shape a unique experience for teens by providing access and resources to Catawba cultural education including art, songs, dances, language, and ceremonies.

Goals:

- Support Boys & Girls Club in providing opioid use and dropout prevention services for youth aged 11 – 18 during years 1–5 of the project period.
- Partner with York County Department of Juvenile Justice to increase the number of justice-involved youth attending the Boys & Girls Club by 5 percent each year, starting in 2022.
- Support Family Services Counselor to develop and implement a range of mental health treatment services for youth aged 11 – 18, drawing influences from Catawba culture.
- Plan, implement, and sustain a youth advisory committee comprised of 3–5 youth aged 11 – 18 to plan youth engagement events.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend tutoring support
- After-school Boys and Girls Club Activities
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Behavioral Health and Substance Misuse Support
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Youth Leadership Opportunities

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Academic improvement.
- Decrease in opioid misuse through early prevention and intervention activities.
- Native American youth will attend Boys and Girls Club (BGC) as alternative probation.
- BGC programming expansion will be culturally specific.
- Revitalization of Catawba culture in schools and community programs.
- Improved relationship with County Law Enforcement.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

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| • York County Solicitor’s Office Juvenile Division | • Rock Hill High School |
| • York County Sherriff’s Department | • Castle Heights Middle School |
| • Rock Hill Police Department | • Catawba Elders |
| • 16th Circuit Public Defender’s Office | • Catawba Behavioral Health |
| • 16th Circuit Family Court Judges | • Catawba Culture Program |
| | • Catawba Treatment Services |

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EASTERN
REGION

Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2020
Seminole Tribe of Florida TYP

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Florida
County: Seminole
Total Population of Tribe:
4,292 (2020)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 7–18 years of age

Ages of Youth Served in Program
School-Aged Youth
(Can include Pre-Kindergarten to Older
High School Students)

GRANTEE PROFILE
SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

Seminole’s Educational Department will create a case-managed dropout prevention program to increase graduation rates and reduce truancy and negative behaviors - Seminole Tribal Excellence Program (STEP) School Dropout Prevention. STEP will initiate a comprehensive safety net, engaging Seminole students and parents from K–12th grade by proactively working with at-risk students and linking them to Tribal resources.

The purpose is to provide educational programs and opportunities that strengthen the Tribal identity of the individual while strengthening their ability to become self sufficient in today’s society. The focus is to identify all student-aged youth, document them, conduct outreach for Tribal youth that are “falling through the cracks,” and link them to existing and new dropout prevention programs.

Vision:
Empowering Native Youth working with the Center for Student Success and Services and Community Partners to make positive choices regarding school attendance and on-time high school graduation.

- Goals:**
- Improve attendance rate to 80 percent (overall)
 - Improve GPAs to 2.9 and above (overall)
 - Increase parental involvement to 80 percent
 - Implement a Case Management Model for Student Success

Major TYP Program Components:
Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Mentoring
- Truancy Dropout Prevention
- Parenting Education
- Anti-Gang Education
- Youth Development
- After-school Programs
- Anti-Bullying Programming
- Trauma-Informed Practices

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Prevention Services that impact risk factors for delinquency and promote protective factors.
- Prevention, intervention, and treatment for children exposed to violence.
- Development and implementation of Tribal best practices.
- Increased interventions for court-involved youth.
- Intervention and treatment services for children exposed to sex trafficking and/or child exploitation.
- Youth-led “Water is Life” initiative creates policy change within Tribal government.
- Youth have expanded access to academic and social justice fellowships.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Advocacy and Guardianship
- Tribal Council
- Big Cypress Recreation
- Center for Behavioral Health
- Reservation Charter Schools (Multiple locations)
- Ahfachkee School
- Boys & Girls Club
- Center for Child Diagnostic Therapy

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EASTERN
REGION

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021
Fully Implemented

Program Director/ Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: North Carolina
County (or Counties): Swain, Jackson,
Graham, Cherokee, Haywood
Total Population of Tribe: 16,000+
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Serving all lands of the EBCI
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
The program serves all juveniles within
the service area

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 6–18

GRANTEE PROFILE
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Overview

The Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court will create a partnership with the court system between the court and juvenile services and between the court and behavioral health. This partnership is a vital stepping stone to addressing the overall issues of substance abuse in the community. Intervening at the early stages in a juvenile case will have a lasting impact to decrease recidivism at younger ages and potentially decrease the likelihood of adult crime.

Vision:
All youth have hope and opportunities to lead a fulfilling life.

- Goals:**
- Decrease substance use disorders and related issues
 - Increase family resiliency to withstand, adapt to and recover from stress and adverse experiences
 - Leverage partnerships and collaborations to improve services for vulnerable citizens
 - Align, expand, and update criminal justice philosophies, policies, Tribal laws, and enforcement practices to promote health and well-being and reduce stigma

**Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth**

- Community Service
- Child Welfare Services
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally Appropriate Services
- Transportation
- Drug Testing
- Appointment Scheduling Assistance

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Juvenile Services
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JHWC Core Team
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Name: Rob Stokley
Title: Analenisgi Child Services Assistant Manager

Name: Sunshine Parker
Title: Associate Judge

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increase in participation by youth and their families in individual therapy and group sessions.
- Decrease in recidivism rate for delinquent acts.
- Decrease in youth turning 18 and entering the adult justice system.
- Reduction in drug/alcohol use in individuals served.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| • Tribal Social Services (Family Safety) | • Tribal Prosecutor |
| • Behavioral Health Services (Analenisgi) | • Tribal Probation/Supervision |
| • Local School Systems | • Health Care |
| • Tribal Court | (Cherokee Indian Housing Authority/ |
| • Defense Services Office | Public Health and Human Services) |

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EASTERN
REGION

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2020
Seminole Tribe of Florida Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator
Stan Wolfe
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Community Demographics
State: Florida
Counties: Broward, Hendry, Glades,
Collier, Hillsborough, St. Lucie
Total Population of Tribe: 4,000
(2015)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Big Cypress, Brighton, Fort Pierce,
Hollywood, Immokalee, and
Tampa Reservations: Broward,
Hendry, Glades, Collier, Hillsbor-
ough, and St. Lucie Counties.
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: Unlimited

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 14–21

GRANTEE PROFILE
SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The mission of the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court is to use a holistic treatment and diversion approach for Tribal youth that is needed to address the alcohol and substance use-related behaviors. This will be accomplished through spirituality, family support, community engage-ment, and culturally appropriate strategies rather than through the juvenile justice system.

Mission:

The mission of the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court is to empower youth to strengthen their Seminole ties, values and teachings and to provide appropriate culturally based resources, so that our community members can live healthy and balanced lives without alcohol or drugs.

Vision:

A more supportive and understanding community that prioritizes healing and guides Seminole Youth to stronger and healthier lives.

Goals:

- Within 24 months, develop an interdisciplinary and culturally relevant Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court that will collaboratively work with youth aged 14–21 through individualized case management and therapeutic interventions.
- Within 36 months, implement the Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court’s holistic approach with culturally appropriate services for youth under the age of 21.
- Starting in Year 2 and ongoing, track the progress of the Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court program and services.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Seminole Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

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Name: Jeanine Bennett
Title: Judicial Advisor/Attorney

Name: Jacqueline Gonzalez
Title: Special Projects Administrator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication and/or post-diversion program for youth that supports rehabili-tation and long-term treatment.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Create Memorandum of Understanding with 17th Judicial Circuit for the purpose of accepting youth into JHWC.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Administrative Office of the Seminole Tribal Court
- Judicial Staff
- Judicial Commission
- Public Safety Programs
- Culture Department
- Office of General Counsel and designated outside counsel
- Executive Administrative Office
- Health & Human Services Department
- Seminoles in Recovery, Inc.
- Seminole Community
- Tribal Council Representative
- 17th Judicial Circuit

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“Being able to bring back the coming of age ceremony in our community publicly will help the future of our Tribe with the values of the Dakota lifeways and become good relatives.”

—Mat Pendleton, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Tribal Youth Program



THE MIDWEST REGION is the largest geographically, with a landscape that encompasses the Great Plains, the Great Lakes, woodlands, mountainous areas, and the arid flatlands. This expansive region is home to a wide diversity of Native Nations and communities, each preserving their unique cultural heritage, history, and lifeways, as reflected in the program stories spotlighted in this Midwest section.

Get to know a bit about some of the Midwest Tribes that the TYRC has served or currently serves through Training & Technical Assistance:

THE RED LAKE NATION of Minnesota is the only reservation in Minnesota that is owned and occupied entirely by members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians. In the early 20th century, Red Lake resisted joining six other Chippewa Tribes under the Indian Reorganization Act. Today, Red Lake Band continues to be committed to traditional ways, while remaining dedicated to supporting the well-being of all Tribal members.

THE KIOWA TRIBE of Oklahoma originated in the Kootenay Region of British Columbia, Canada, migrated to Western Montana, and continued to present day Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. They lived on buffalo meat, gathered vegetables, lived in teepees, and depended on their horses for hunting and military purposes. The Kiowa Tribe is “devoted to protecting its sovereignty, preserving and advocating for its rich Kiowa culture and language, and enhancing the quality of life for the future generation of Kiowa Tribal members.”

THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, the people of the Three Fires Confederacy, are descendents of the nine historic bands of Ottawa and Chippewa people. Oral history traces back to the Eastern Coast of Turtle Island, where the spiritual leaders told the people that they should travel west until they found food growing on the water. When they found wild rice growing on the water, they knew they were home. Today, they have federally recognized reservations in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

* See the Red Lake Nation, Kiowa Tribe & Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians’ Tribal websites for more information.





Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021
Aandaajimo Program

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Michigan
County: Chippewa County
Population: 1,372 (2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 25 Per Year

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 13–18

GRANTEE PROFILE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Youth Program will provide opportunities for youth to learn about themselves, life, and culture in a safe and supportive environment free from judgment, so they may grow to become active and contributing members of the community.

Vision:

Empowered youth and young adults who embrace their cultural identities to inspire future generations to live mino bimaadiziwin, a good life.

Goals:

- Conduct strategic planning to develop a program to address cultural skill-building and cultural pride within youth in this community.
- Increase leadership abilities for 25 youth ages 13–18.
- Engage youth in cultural activities developed as a component of the Aandaajimo program.
- Increase the knowledge and/or understanding of Tribal background, history, traditions, language, and values for a minimum of 25 youth ages 13–18.

Major TYP Program Components:

- Afternoon and weekend activities
- Summer camps
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Native Wellness Institutes Native Youth Leadership Curriculum
- Tutoring
- Restorative Practices
- Workshops regarding generational and historical trauma

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- The Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Youth Program’s (TYP) impacts include the improvement of leadership abilities for Tribal Youth, as well as the increased knowledge of Tribal background, traditions, language, and values.
- The Bay Mills TYP has implemented a collaborative inter-departmental approach to strengthen program quality and align resources and policy to empower youth and their families to participate in cultural skill-building, which will promote cultural pride.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Bay Mills Police Department
- Tribal Chief Judge
- Boys & Girls Club
- Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Board
- Public Health/Unity National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Advisor
- Indian Education/Public Schools
- Parents/Community Members
- Cultural Coordinator
- Youth
- Tribal Council

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Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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Community Demographics
State: Mississippi
Counties: Includes lands in Neshoba, Leake, Newton, Scott, Jones, Attala, Kemper, and Winston counties
Total Population of Tribe: 11,000+ (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Tribal website, 2024)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 475

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 13-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians’ Tribal Youth Program seeks to imbue Choctaw Youth with a strong sense of who they are, where they come from, and why a strong sense of Choctaw cultural identity is important through Choctaw Cultural Programming. The Choctaw Cultural Connections (CCC) program, established by the end of year one of the grant period, will create programming opportunities for youth in detention, in the court system (outside of detention), and in the wider community. This programming will increase cultural connections, traditional skills, cultural knowledge, and pride among Choctaw youth.

Vision:

The youth in our community will be strong in our Choctaw culture and traditions to lead our people in unity.

Goals:

- Imbue 475 Choctaw youth ages 13-17 with a strong sense of who they are, where they come from, and why a strong sense of Choctaw cultural identity is important, through Choctaw Cultural Programming by the end of the project.
- Reduce overall formal delinquency complaints filed with the Tribal Youth Court for new offenses and to reduce overall probation violations (Disobedience to Lawful Order of Court) by 20 percent at the end of the project.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Cultural Programming (Choctaw Cultural Connections)

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased education around Choctaw cultural history and traditional Choctaw art forms among youth participants.
- Increased connection with strong sense of individual identity and cultural pride among youth participants.
- Reduction of overall formal delinquency complaints filed with the Tribal Youth Court (goal of 10 percent reduction in year 2, 15 percent reduction in year 3, and 20 percent reduction in years 4 & 5).
- Reduction of overall probation violations (goal of 10 percent reduction in year 2, 15 percent reduction in year 3, and 20 percent reduction in years 4 & 5).

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Department of Chahta Immi
- Chahta Alla Youth Council
- Choctaw Tribal Court Services
- Choctaw Elderly Activity Center
- Choctaw Tribal Schools
- Community Advisory Circle (CAC)
- Choctaw Tribal Court
- Boys & Girls Club
- Choctaw Wildlife and Fish

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
County: Okmulgee County
Total Population of Tribe: 69,162
(2024, Statistic from the National Congress of American Indians)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 250+

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 12-17

GRANTEE PROFILE
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) - Mvskoke Nation Youth Services (MNYS) seeks to establish a culturally responsive, restorative justice Tribal Youth program. Utilizing talking circles and community members to develop an agreed upon accountability plan, the project will support positive youth development and strengthen systems through restorative justice education and outreach to families, school staff, youth organizations, and communities. Specifically, youth participants will increase personal protective factors to help them make better choices and “take the good road” to their future. These factors will increase as youth participants establish and attain personal wellness goals through case management, life skills, mentoring, cultural connections, resource referrals and community involvement.

Vision:

The efforts of the Mvskoke Nation Youth Services Tribal Youth Program will connect youth with their culture and community, giving them a purpose for good behavior beyond themselves, allowing them to invest in projects that will give them a sense of purpose for their lives, support their overall well-being, and set them on a path that is hopefully devoid of the justice system.

Goals:

- Institute Nene Heran Ohhvyvs (Take the Good Road) pilot project is to decrease juvenile court involvement for Native American youth within the MCN reservation by 25 percent.
- Establish and facilitate (17) restorative justice talking circles.
- Increase personal protective factors to support 250 youth, ages 12–17 through case management, cultural activities, life skills train-the-trainer courses, and implementation of Youth Thrive Curriculum.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Restorative Justice Talking Circles
- Wellness plan development & case management
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Life-skills classes
- Youth Thrive training
- Restorative Practices

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Decreased juvenile court involvement for Native American youth within the MCN reservation by 25 percent.
- Increased community involvement (including community members, parents/guardians, youth, cultural guides, service providers, and restorative justice experts) in efforts geared towards improving youth well-being.
- Establishment of project policies to support organized restorative justice practices.
- Increased protective factors for youth participants through talking circles, cultural activities, and mentorship opportunities.
- Increase of youth leadership opportunities and community involvement through Youth Thrive curriculum implementation.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Mvskoke Tribal Child and Youth Coalition
- MCN community members
- Hughes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, & Okmulgee district community coalitions
- MCN Department of Health Behavioral Health Department
- Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP)
- Social Services
- Department of Education
- Employment and Training Administration
- Museum and Cultural Archives
- Eufaula Dormitory
- MCN schools
- MCN Community Centers

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Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma

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Community Demographics

State: Oklahoma

County: Kay County

Total Population of Tribe: 3,500
members (Tribal Enrollment Office)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 40 youth each year of the
program (160 total youth)

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

PONCA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Ponca Tribal Youth Program provides services, programs, and activities to Tribal and community youth, with an emphasis on education and culture. Activities are convened year round within the Ponca Tribe community. The ultimate goal of the Ponca Tribal Youth Program is to provide school and community supports that will lead to a healthier lifestyle for Ponca youth. The Tribal Youth Program is focused on prevention and intervention to decrease the high rates of teen suicide, delinquency, truancy, school dropouts, alcohol and substance abuse.

Vision:

Teach Ponca children and youth what is expected of them and give them purpose to imagine a healthy and productive life.

Goals:

To develop and implement a new juvenile justice continuum program for Tribal youth to minimize youth truancy, dropouts, delinquency, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, depression, and suicide that encompasses prevention, intervention, and counseling to increase a youth's leadership potential.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Mentoring
- After-school Program
- Youth Leadership
- Tutoring
- Counseling

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Empower youth through developing leadership and personal development skills to prevent and reduce negative life choices.
- Reduce school dropout rates, youth violence, depression and suicidal ideation.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Tribal Courts
- Tribal Social Services/Indian Child Welfare Act
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Service Providers
- Ponca City Schools
- Indian Health Service – Behavioral Health Department



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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2020
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
Indians (LTBB) - Youth Services
Waaniigaanzijik

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Community Demographics
State: Michigan
County: Emmet
Total Population of Tribe: 4,487
(2021)

**Total Youth to be Served
by Grant**
Youth: 125

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 6–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

Waaniigaanzijik Youth Services (Ones who will lead) provides year-round, cultural & academic support programming for Tribal youth ages 6–18. Waaniigaanzijik provides summer cultural programming and culturally relevant summer reading activities. Waaniigaanzijik after-school program provides a safe space for Tribal youth to gather for cultural activities and culturally-immersed academic support. In addition to summer and after-school programming, we provide seasonal workshops and have expanded our services to provide hands-on cultural mailing activities for Tribal youth residing outside of our reservation boundaries. One of the program’s focuses is to provide trauma & healing-informed approaches in serving our youth, with the help of Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) staff trainings.

Vision:

To inspire Waaniigaanzijik (ones who will lead) to embrace shared teachings of Odawa/Anishinaabe culture, traditional practices, and healthy lifestyles for the betterment of youth and community.

Goals:

- Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) will provide weekly teachings about Odawa/Anishinaabe culture and language, resulting in an increase in cultural identity and increased knowledge for 125 Tribal youth.
- LTBB will increase the provision of healthy Indigenous meals and movement activities, through serving a minimum of one fruit and vegetable per meal, a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity weekly during the school year, and 60 minutes of daily activity during summer programming.
- LTBB will assist with the improvement of academic performance for a minimum of 20 Tribal youth annually.
- LTBB will increase staff capacity to provide trauma-informed mentorship to 125 Tribal youth by offering a minimum of four trauma-informed or healing-informed trainings for all youth staff.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school cultural and academic support activities (tutoring center & homework lab, daily language & cultural activities)
- Summer programming: Cultural workshop series (pre-COVID-19 summer program was modeled to serve as an active cultural/healthy day camp)
- Summer reading program with culturally-informed and high-interest (leveled) reading materials
- Thirteen Moons educational foods program (monthly tasting of Indigenous foods with educational component)
- Seasonal cultural workshops throughout the year, which are traditional to Odawa/Anishinaabe: Manoomin (wild rice), Sugarbush (maple syrup), Ghost Suppers/Grave Crowns, Regalia/jewelry, beadwork and various other traditional educational topics
- Youth drum workshops (resuming in-person drum classes on September 20th, 2022)

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Collaborative efforts to increase the social, emotional, cultural, spiritual and physical development of youth served.
- Reduction of incidents which require judicial involvement of youth through cultural teachings and practices.
- Enhanced collaboration with departments, programs and organizations that have an interest in the welfare of the Tribal youth population.
- Support and strengthen healthy familial relationship.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- LTBB Education Department
- LTBB Cultural Library
- LTBB Archives Department
- LTBB Elders Department
- Petoskey & Area Title VI programs
- Local schools/teachers to communicate with in-house Academic Support Specialist
- LTBB Health Department
- LTBB Language Department
- LTBB Human Services
- LTBB Natural Resource Department
- Community cultural teachers for youth cultural workshops

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2019
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Youth Program

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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
Counties: Cleveland and Pottawatomie County
Total Population of Tribe: 4,629 (2022)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 25+ per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 11 – 17

GRANTEE PROFILE
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe (AST) Tribal Youth Program collaborates with the Native American Club within the local counties served by the Tribe (Little Axe Middle and High Schools) to provide pro-social activities, tutoring, mentorship, and family support. A component of this project will be the development and implementation of a process to identify and provide resources to assist runaway youth and their families. A coordinated approach will be implemented by and through the development of a referral system to enact within the Tribal court. The program will also work with local Tribal law enforcement to develop a Youth Explorers program. The intent of the program is to develop and enhance relationships between local youth and Tribal law enforcement. The program will continue previously established youth programming through the AST after-school program and day camps throughout the year.

Vision:

Our youth will grow up in a violence-free community where they can be proud, live according to their cultural values, obtain an education, and gain knowledge and wisdom in the world they live in.

Goals:

- Increase program capacity to develop the Youth Explorers program through engagement with the AST Tribal police and implement activities that enhance awareness of public safety careers.
- Develop a referral system to address any encounter the AST police or Tribal court have with local runways to offer prevention and intervention services.
- Strengthen existing Tribal youth programming through continued after-school programming, day camps, and other pro-social activities and positive youth development.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school Program that includes tutoring, mentorship, and daily youth activities
- Spring Break Day Camp
- Camp Nikoti (Summer Day Camp)
- Youth Explorers Program
- Indian Club Support and Activities
- Referral System - Intervention and resources to support runaway youth

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements

- Increased pro-social development, community connections, and interventions for AST youth.
- Increased and sustained positive relationships for youth within the community, ultimately decreasing the likelihood of runaway youth and associated risks/harm.
- Increased youth knowledge of community safety and engagement through the Youth Explorers Program, which will support long-term understanding of the need for community safety.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- AST Tribal Education Department
- AST Tribal Court and Law Enforcement
- AST Language and Culture
- Little Axe Public School District
- Little Axe Middle School Club
- Little Axe High School Native American Club
- City of Shawnee Police Department
- Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2019
Comanche Nation Indigenous
P.O.W.E.R. Program

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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
County: Comanche
Total Population of Tribe: 17,000
(2019)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**
Youth: Minimum of 15 students
annually

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 5–17

GRANTEE PROFILE COMANCHE NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The mission of the Indigenous Peace Opportunity Wellness Education and Respect (P.O.W.E.R.) Program is to empower Indigenous youth and families to become effective stewards of Indigenous life and culture as an inner source of their security, guidance, wisdom, and power. Accomplishing the Tribal Youth Program goals and objectives and increasing awareness of collaborative and data-driven approaches will reduce reliance on juvenile incarceration as an answer to juvenile delinquency. In turn, this will create a fairer and more effective juvenile system that gives at-risk Tribal youth opportunities to develop into healthy, productive adults. The Tribal Youth Program will strengthen the Comanche Nation by combining best Indigenous practices for healing with empirically supported interventions.

Vision:

As sacred beings, Indigenous youth and families will make a significant impact within their homes and communities. Indigenous P.O.W.E.R. prepares our youth to become servant leaders who are educated, inspired, and empowered to impact their families, Native Nations, communi- ties, and world in effective pathways. Indigenous P.O.W.E.R. is designed to deliver the best possi- ble sociocultural programming to embrace mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional wellness.

Goals:

- Promote the continued education and academic performance of Tribal youth, ages 5 to 17, through tutoring.
- Provide mentoring to Tribal youth, ages 5 to 17, through Indigenous Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.)-related activities.
- Educate Tribal adolescents, ages 5 to 17, on subjects that promote positive youth develop- ment and relationships.
- Educate parents on delinquent behavior and the effects on academic performance and social development.
- Reduce truancy rates and decrease drop-out rates.
- Increase parent involvement.
- Increase proficiency in test scores.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

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| • Parent Nights | • S.T.E.A.M. Camp |
| • Youth/Family Summit | • Individual and group mentoring activities |
| • After-school activities | • Virtual Programming |
| • Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities | • Tutoring |
| | • Anti-Bullying programming |

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Recognize unique cultural characteristics and needs of Tribal youth by the community.
- Provide Tribal youth access to opportunities for personal and social growth.
- Preserve and strengthen Tribal family ties through increasing cultural awareness and integration.
- Prevention of delinquency through culturally appropriate strategies and protection of the public.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Comanche Nation Reintegration Program
- Comanche Nation Higher Education
- Comanche Nation Job Placement & Training
- Elgin Public Schools
- Indianhoma Public Schools
- Comanche Nation Database
- Comanche Nation Education
- Kiowa Tribe Higher Education
- Wichita Tribe Higher Education
- Lawton Public Schools Indian Education

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2019
Turtle Mountain Band of
Chippewa Indians

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Community Demographics
State: North Dakota
County: Rolette County
Total Population of Tribe:
30,100 (2018, BIA Data)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**
150 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Youth Program services are designed for justice-involved youth, with a focus on providing cultural-based interventions, life skills classes, family-based activities, and mental health and substance misuse resources.

Our purpose is to serve the needs of our youth who are at high risk of alcohol and substance abuse by introducing cultural preventions, interventions, and placement.

Vision:

We must learn to listen to the cries of our children. We have not heard them. Their words are simple and their voices are soft. It is time to teach them our cultural traditions and hope the teachings will guide them to a more productive and positive future.

Goals:

- Develop and sustain an intensive juvenile probation program for justice-involved youth.
- Develop and sustain referral services and program activities that promote life skills and improved decision-making skills.
- Reduce recidivism by 25 percent each year during the life of the program.
- Provide and sustain cultural education and activities to program participants.
- Secure and sustain partnerships to ensure a unified community effort to serve program participants.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Intake, assessments, referrals to local service providers
- Case management supports
- Life Skills Classes
- Truancy and dropout prevention support
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Bi-Weekly Cultural Activities
- Talking Circles
- Tutoring

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Tribal Court Services

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs and creation of wraparound model for case management for justice-involved youth.
- Reduction of recidivism of justice-involved Tribal youth.
- Integration of restorative practices into juvenile court services and case management.
- Increase integration of cultural components of Ojibwe values and lifeways for justice-involved youth.
- County and Tribal Juvenile Court partnerships developed and sustained.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Rolette County Probation
- Turtle Mountain and County Schools
- Tribal Juvenile Court Judges
- Tribal Behavioral Health Services
- Tribal Substance Abuse Services
- Tribal Suicide Prevention Services

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2019
Youth Resiliency Intervention Program

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Community Demographics
State: Nebraska
County: Thurston
Total Population of Tribe: 2,931 (2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 100

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 13-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Youth Resiliency and Intervention Program (YRIP) provides youth who are in crisis physically, mentally, emotionally, and/or spiritually with immediate and comprehensive intervention services that reinforce empowerment of healthy lifestyle choices, so that youth and their families can address their adversities and thrive.

Vision:

To have our families be resilient, empowered and have root family values reinforced in our community.

Goal:

To create and implement a cultural community-based, trauma-focused intervention program for Tribal youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Generation Red Road Training – Cultural Curriculum
- Cultural orientation skill building
- Cultural activities
- Peer mentoring

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Youth can develop strong coping skills based on the Ho-Chunk culture to address experiences of trauma and exposure to trauma.
- A stronger collaborative approach amongst Tribal services.
- Reduction in community youth truancy and dropout rate in schools.
- Reverse youth 24.8 percent recidivism rate.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Little Priest Tribal College
- Wellness Center
- Wildlife and Parks
- Red Road, Indigenous way of life
- Native American Church
- Boys & Girls Club
- Juvenile Court System
- Ho-chunk Renaissance Program
- Help, Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Squad

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2018
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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Community Demographics
State: Michigan
Counties: Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Antrim, Charlevoix, Manistee Counties
Total Population of Tribe: 4,194 (2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 376

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 5–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA & CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Youth Truancy Program will provide community-based prevention and intervention services to Tribal youth, in order to reduce truancy and chronic absenteeism. This will be accomplished through a community-based truancy intervention program that will work with students and their parents to decrease truancy by 20 percent within their six-county service area. A primary objective will be to build enthusiasm about the importance of school attendance and how it impacts high school and General Education Development (GED) completion. Finally, the program will provide student transportation as needed, professional tutoring, and family support to cover the gaps the student may be experiencing.

Vision:

The Grand Traverse Band will provide community-based prevention and intervention services to Tribal member youth located within the Tribal community and six-county service area, intended to prevent and/or intervene in cases where youth are chronically absent and/or at risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system, with the goal of reducing chronic absenteeism by 20 percent.

Goals:

- Provide youth truancy intervention services consistently within the entire Grand Traverse Band (GTB) service area.
- Identify truancy training opportunities for Truancy Intervention Specialists to gain professional development to effectively address the goals and objectives of this project.
- Collaborate with Tribal Court to enforce the GTB Juvenile Children Code.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Cultural-based social activities
- Guest speakers
- Counseling opportunities
- Tutoring opportunities

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Early identification of youth demonstrating chronic absenteeism or truancy and provision of appropriate levels of intervention.
- Enhanced partnerships with other local and Tribal youth and family programs including the Tribal court system and local school districts to align services and share resources.
- Improved education and information provided to community on compulsory school attendance laws.
- With the efforts of truancy intervention, an increase in student grades and high school graduation rates and a decrease in juvenile crime rates are anticipated throughout the counties served.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Local School District
- Anishinaabek Family Services
- GTB Tribal Court (judges/prosecutor)
- GTB Tribal Council
- Immersion Language Program
- Adult community members
- Youth Intervention Specialist
- Youth Services

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2018
Lower Sioux Indian Community (LSIC)

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Minnesota
County: Redwood County
Total Population of Tribe:
920 Enrolled Members (2018 LSIC Tribal Census)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 40 youth per year for three years

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 10-18

GRANTEE PROFILE
LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Lower Sioux Indian Community (LSIC) Tribal Youth Program will assist the Tribe in creating a path and a sustainable plan to expand opportunities for the Lower Sioux Indian Community youth. The LSIC will revitalize traditional coming of age ceremonies and develop a Dakota-specific mentoring model.

Vision:

Provide a healthy, safe, and harmonious community, grounded and guided by Dakota culture, traditions, and language. Every person will be protected, respected, and nurtured to their full capacity. The Lower Sioux Indian Community offers a model, culturally-grounded justice system that educates our citizens and neighbors to resolve disputes and promote the safety of our men, women, children, and elders.

Goals:

- Prevent juvenile delinquency and justice-system involvement among Lower Sioux youth by introducing a research-informed, culturally-based (Wawokiya) mentoring project that promotes belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity through cultural teachings and the Coming of Age Ceremony, engaging up to 40 adult staff and mentors and up to 40 youth (ages 10–18).
- Revitalization of the Dakota Coming of Age Ceremony—teach youth, families, and communities how to prepare for the ceremony annually.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Culturally-based social and ceremonial activities
- Annual Dakota Coming of Age Ceremonies
- Individual and group mentoring activities

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased cultural well-being for youth, families, and the entire Lower Sioux Community.
- Decreased juvenile delinquency and/or criminal justice-system involvement among Lower Sioux youth.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing.
- Revitalization of Dakota Coming of Age Ceremony.
- Increased sense of wellness and cultural vibrancy among youth and families at Lower Sioux.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Culture Bearers
- Community Cultural Consultants
- Volunteer Mentors
- Redwood Falls Public Schools
- Lower Sioux Youth-Serving Programs

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2018
Oneida Nation

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Wisconsin
County: Eastern Outagamie and
Western Brown Counties
Total Population of Tribe: 16,243
(2018 Tribal Enrollment Office)

**Total Youth to be Served
by Grant**
Youth: 50 youth each program
year

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 8-18

GRANTEE PROFILE ONEIDA NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Oneida Tribal Youth Program will focus on improving academic success and a reduction in truancy by employing training and development on Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies, Conscious Discipline, trauma-informed teaching, and restorative justice. The Oneida Nation School System staff and the Oneida Police Department will partner on this project, since students experiencing habitual absenteeism, truancy, and gang activity have an increased risk of negative outcomes. These issues will be addressed through the continued development of the Yethiyatanunha (we are watching over them) Program, which focuses on reaching out to the Oneida Youth through education and rejoining the circle of care to bring peace and make things right.

The Yethiyatanunha Program will promote the strengths and abilities of youth by providing school-based services that empower them to face challenges with confidence, competence, and dignity.

Vision:

To inspire positive change, leadership, and character development; and to enable all Oneida youth to visualize their futures clearly and achieve their desired results and dreams.

Goals:

- By the end of the project period, project staff will expand the culturally-congruent Yethiyatanunha program into the Oneida Nation Middle School (thirty students each year) to increase student resiliency and self-esteem through prevention and intervention strategies.
- By the end of the project period, project staff will enhance the High School Program (target twenty 9–12 grade students) to increase attendance and graduation rates.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- In-school interventions
- High School and Middle School Peer Groups
- Enrichment programming for high school program
- Culture-centered practices such as storytelling, songs and dances, language, and traditional crafts
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Restorative Talking Circles

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all Oneida youth service agencies.
- Decrease in high-risk behaviors of middle school and high school youth.
- Reduction in truancy and dropout rates for Oneida youth.
- Integration and sustainability of Yethiyatanunha Program for middle school and high school students.
- Increase of integration of Oneida cultural components across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Oneida High School
- Oneida Middle School
- Oneida Cultural Consultants
- Oneida Police Department
- Oneida Behavioral Health Services
- Oneida Community Leaders

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Wisconsin
County: Ashland County
Total Population of Tribe: 6,945
(2017 Tribal Enrollment)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
200 youth during the 4 years of funding

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 11-18

GRANTEE PROFILE
BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribal Youth Program will contribute to the development of a comprehensive approach that engages youth ages 11 – 18 in multiple areas of interest, with a cultural foundation and framework that connects with seamless continuity to the prevention and intervention efforts already in place, as well to those that will be developed as a result of the Tribal Youth Program.

Long-term viability of the program is based on a community action model and volunteer mentor network. Individuals who participate in the program as youth will be encouraged to give back to their community as adults by serving as mentors in this program. Additionally, our Youth Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Prevention staff members will be highly involved in this program, and those positions will be able to sustain the program when the coordinator position is no longer funded.

Vision:

The vision of this project is to enhance the prevention and intervention capacity of the Bad River Tribe, in order to reduce the issues of alcohol, drugs, and high-risk behavior of Bad River youth.

Goals:

- Develop and initiate a unifying, culturally-based framework that will guide the development and delivery of prevention and intervention programs for Tribal youth, increasing the capacity of the Prevention Programs.
- Expand the culturally-based activities and opportunities available to Bad River youth in order to promote protective factors.
- Expand the prevention education opportunities available to Bad River youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Prevention education activities
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Mentoring
- Tutoring

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Decrease in juvenile criminal acts as evidenced by law enforcement interaction and arrest records and referrals.
- Decrease of truant youth as evidenced by school reports.
- Decrease in youth substance use as evidenced by law enforcement interaction and arrest records and AODA program reports.
- Increase in cultural knowledge by youth as evidenced through community surveys and focus groups.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Law enforcement, Ashland County
- Bad River Social Services
- Bad River Indian Child Welfare
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
- Local Head, Heart, Hands, and Health (4-H) Clubs
- Native Connections
- AODA Prevention

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017
Aandaajimo Program

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Community Demographics
State: Michigan
County: Chippewa County
Population: 1,372 (2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 25 per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 13–18

GRANTEE PROFILE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Youth Program will provide opportunities for youth to learn about themselves, life, and culture in a safe and supportive environment free from judgment, so they may grow to become active and contributing members of the community.

Vision:

Empowered youth and young adults who embrace their cultural identities to inspire future generations to live mino bimaadiziwin, a good life.

Goals:

- Conduct strategic planning to develop a program to address cultural skill-building and cultural pride within youth in this community.
- Increase leadership abilities for 25 youth ages 13–18.
- Engage youth in cultural activities developed as a component of the Aandaajimo program.
- Increase the knowledge and/or understanding of Tribal background, history, traditions, language, and values for a minimum of 25 youth ages 13–18.

Major TYP Program Components:

- Afternoon and weekend activities
- Summer camps
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Native Wellness Institutes Native Youth Leadership Curriculum
- Tutoring
- Restorative Practices
- Workshops regarding generational and historical trauma

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- The Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Youth Programs impacts include the improvement of leadership abilities for Tribal Youth, as well as the increased knowledge of Tribal background, traditions, language, and values.
- The Bay Mills TYP has implemented a collaborative inter-departmental approach to strengthen program quality and align resources and policy to empower youth and their families to participate in cultural skill-building, which will promote cultural pride.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Bay Mills Police Department
- Tribal Chief Judge
- Boys & Girls Club
- Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Board
- Public Health/Unity National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Advisor
- Indian Education/Public Schools
- Parents/Community Members
- Cultural Coordinator
- Youth
- Tribal Council

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017
Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth
Delinquency Reduction Program

Program Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
County: Adair County
Total Population of Tribe: Approx.
513,176 (2021, U.S. Census)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Serve youth in a two-county area
with approximately 25,000
American Indian and Alaska Native
(AI/AN) people

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 10-17

GRANTEE PROFILE
CHEROKEE NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Cherokee Nation TYDRP (Tribal Youth Delinquency Reduction Program) intends to address risk factors and guide youth away from engaging in delinquent behaviors. The overall goals are to keep youth in school, prevent them from entering into the juvenile justice system, and engage and intervene as early as possible in order to address problematic behaviors. This program operates in Cherokee and Adair counties in Oklahoma. Staff develop an individualized plan and goals to address issues identified in a student assessment. By providing skill-building and support (in the home when needed), case management, pro-social activities for youth, community awareness activities, and parenting education services to the families of those who are at risk for delinquency and moving on to more serious offenses, the Cherokee Nation hopes to keep the youth and their families in their home communities as productive, contributing citizens.

Vision:

To have 100 percent graduation rate for all Native youth within the Cherokee Nation service area. After graduation, for Native youth to be equipped with the skills, education, and knowledge of choices available to them to create a violence-free, substance-free, income-earning, community-contributing, culture-filled pathway to their future.

Goals:

- Reduce truancy among the target population by 40 percent by the completion of the project period.
- Provide intervention services to target population as a means of preventing clients from entering the juvenile justice system.
- Provide ongoing supervision, support and referral to needed services for Cherokee Nation youth and families.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Community service-learning projects
- Youth education and support
- Parent engagement and education
- Pro-social learning and skill-building opportunities
- Participation in existing Cherokee Nation youth leadership, summer programs, and community service programs

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Improve the engagement of parents in their youth’s education and support for youth success.
- Implementation of effective referral process that includes the identification of issues that are causally related to the truancy or absence issues.
- Intervention and engagement with local school administrations and educators to address Cherokee youth experiencing a drop in grade point average or behavioral issues in school.
- Family and youth active participation in program recommendations.
- Implementation of cultural components to support and engage all program youth.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

Child Welfare, Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health

- Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Services
- Creating Responsible Empowering Opportunities for Kids and Families (CREOKS) Health Services
- Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare

Other Community and Supportive Services

- Boys and Girls Club
- Local Public & Tribal School System

Parenting, Child and Family Services

- Tribal Social Services
- Tribal Child Support Office
- Helping Everyone Reach Out (HERO) Project

Attorneys, Other Courts and Criminal Justice/Legal System

- Adair County Judge
- State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

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GRANTEE PROFILE

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The mission of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) Tribal Youth Program (TYP) is to contribute to the enrichment of the cultural identity of our youth by developing partnerships within our community to encourage culturally-responsive and focused education.

Vision:

To provide the Native youth in our service area with resources to help them grow spiritually, socially and academically, in order to stop the school-to-prison pipeline.

Goals:

- Provide monthly enrichment activities to youth
- Increase our youths’ sense of cultural identity
- Provide trauma-informed prevention services to youth to reduce the high school drop/push-out rate

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Community Service-Learning Projects
- Culturally Based Social/Ceremonial Activities
- Regalia Making
- Culture Camps
- Individual and group mentoring activities

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Continue collaboration between all youth-serving programs in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdictional boundaries.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Increase cultural knowledge and practices for youth and families.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Centers
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Elders Program
- Shawnee Public School District
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Native Connections Program
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Education Program
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Immersion Language Program
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Health Service
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation Workforce/Social Services Program
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation adult community members

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Youth Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Oklahoma

County: Citizen Potawatomi

Jurisdiction

Total Population of Tribe: 34,806 (2019)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 50-75 annually

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11-18 (11-15: 75 percent;

16–18: 25 percent)

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Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Indians Makizin Pathways Diversion Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Wisconsin
County: Sawyer County
Total Population of Tribe:
6,000 (2018, Tribal Information)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

150 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Makizin Pathways Diversion Program will serve court-involved male youth with co-occurring substance abuse and behavioral health issues. It is anticipated that participants will be referred to the program via pre-dispositional or post-dispositional orders of the Tribe's Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court. It will be a priority of the program to serve Native middle and high school males between the ages of 10 and 17.

Makizin Pathways will include place-based, experiential learning, which is more "Indigenous." Elders, parents, and older peers will weave traditional experiences of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe of this region into 3-5-day mentorships held each month at sites of historical significance.

Vision:

"So they may carry themselves with dignity and pride through future generations."

Goals:

- Enhance the outcomes of court-involved youth and families by implementing a culture and school-based diversion program to address the specific, chronic, and underlying problems of delinquent/truant youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Diversion program for court-involved male youth
- Mentoring supports for court-involved male youth
- Culture-based activities
- Traditional Rights of Passage into adulthood
- Experiential learning
- Educational support services
- Behavioral health counseling

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Tribal Department Director: Maria Acosta

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth:

- Establishing a data system to document participant hours in academic, counseling, and health/human services support, including cultural mentorship.
- Ratifying Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with key stakeholders who will deliver programs, track progress, and share information.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Tribal Court
- Tribal Police
- Health and Human Services
- Lac Courte Oreilles Treatment Center
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School



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Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Wisconsin
County: Menominee County
Total Population of Tribe: 8,700
Tribal Enrollment (2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

25 youth per year for 4 years

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11 – 17

GRANTEE PROFILE

MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The program will help to provide youth with protective factors that will help with belonging and create balance and harmony in and among youth. The prevention, support, and awareness components will be incorporated into all aspects of the Youth Prevention Program. Youth prevention circles, youth culture camps, family culture camps, and awareness events will be implemented throughout each year of the grant. The Tribal Youth Program will strengthen youth and families by providing opportunities for an increased awareness of crime, risk factors, cultural immersion, and protective factors through community outreach and education.

Vision:

We share a vision of culture with our elders that preserves and builds strong families and community relationships with all our relatives.

Goal:

To promote positive youth development through the implementation of a culturally-responsive prevention program aimed at reducing high-risk behaviors for youth ages 17 and younger.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Prevention Circles
- Culture Camps
- Annual Community Awareness Camps
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Tutoring
- Substance abuse prevention through education, programs, and activities
- Mentoring

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased awareness and prevention efforts around underage drinking, other Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) issues, bullying, and dating violence.
- Promotion of cultural awareness for youth and community members.
- Reduction in substance use, antisocial behavior, truancy, and gang involvement among Menominee youth.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Menominee Language and Culture Commission
- Menominee Indian School District
- Netaenowemakenak Coalition
- Law Enforcement Center



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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017
Youth Active Leadership and Liberty “Y’ALL” Program

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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
County: Kay County,
White Eagle Community
Total Population of Tribe:
Approximately 3,500 (2023)

**Total Youth to be Served
by Grant**
Approximately 25 youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 10–18

GRANTEE PROFILE
PONCA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Ponca Tribal Youth Program is for Ponca children (Šįgažįgá). The funded project—Youth Active Leadership and Liberty “Y’ALL” Program—seeks to enhance opportunities for youth ages 10-18 to build leadership skills and live up to their full potential. The program also builds organizational strength and rewards positive youth actions through community recognition and other empowering activities.

Vision:

The efforts of the Ponca Tribal Youth Y’ALL Program serve to promote the health and well-being of the youth, family, and community members, thereby preserving the strength, cultural connection, and integrity of the community for future generations.

Goals:

- Establish a program based in traditional values and life skills for at least 25 youth each year for three years.
- Support increased youth academic success through the provision of after-school and ongoing educational support and family engagement activities.
- Provide a healthier lifestyle for Ponca youth, in order to prevent high rates of juvenile delinquency, truancy, school dropout, drug and alcohol abuse, and other problematic behaviors.
- Increase youth and adult participation in social and cultural activities in the White Eagle community.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Community service-learning projects
- Teaching of cultural traditions and ceremonial protocols
- Regalia making
- Culture camps
- Individual and group activities
- Monthly Youth Meetings

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Teaching the core components of leadership- teaching children leadership skills and living up to their potential and rewarding them by their actions with organizational power, community recognition, and empowering activities; and liberty- mentoring youth how to end the cycle of violence and contribute to Ponca culture through advocacy, leadership, community work, spending time with family, and carrying on Ponca lifeways: values, democracy, arts, language, and ceremonies.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Ponca Tribe Elders Program
- Indian Education, Ponca City School District
- White Eagle adult community members
- Ponca Tribal Council
- Summer Language Program
- White Eagle Health Center
- Ponca Tribal Behavioral Health Program

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Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Red Lake Band of Chippewa
Indians “Good Path of Life”
Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Minnesota
County: Beltrami and Clearwater
Counties
Total Population of Tribe:
15,000+ (Red Lake Tribal Enroll-
ment Office, 2017)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**

200 Red Lake youth during the
three years of the program

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

RED LAKE BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Red Lake Nation Tribal Youth Program collaborates with the Red Lake school district, Tribal juvenile court system, and Family and Children Services to increase engagement of teen girls to build resilience in the social, emotional, and cultural aspects of their lives.

Vision:

To prepare youth to be productive and healthy adults, and to inspire young Anishinaabe women of Red Lake Nation to become responsible, productive, and caring individuals.

Goals:

- By the end of year four, the “Good Path of Life,” the TYP’s educational programs, will increase academic success by 25 percent for 200 middle and high school females of the Red Lake Reservation.
- By the end of year four, the “Good Path of Life” will increase college preparedness by 25 percent for 200 disadvantaged female youth of the Red Lake Reservation, in grades 7–12, by offering academic programs.
- By the end of year four, the “Good Path of Life” will increase generational Ojibwe cultural linkages/supports to 200 female youth of the Red Lake Reservation, in grades 7–12, by increasing the offerings of cultural teachings by 50 percent.
- By the end of year four, the “Good Path of Life” will contribute to the increase of protective factors and resilience that will decrease the victimization rate by 10 percent for 200 females of the Red Lake Reservation, in grades 7–12.
- By the end of year four, the “Good Path of Life” will increase effective culturally-appropriate community leadership opportunities by 50 percent for 200 female youth in grades 7–12, by utilizing Tribal leaders and providing youth leadership training.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- “Good Path of Life” leadership training
- Awareness training sessions on the topics of substance abuse, teen pregnancy, domestic abuse, physical abuse, healthy relationships, self-esteem, and self-awareness
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Academic Mentoring
- Career Fairs
- Post-Secondary College Tours

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all Red Lake youth-serving programs, juvenile court, and the Red Lake School District.
- Decreased victimization of Red Lake female youth from mental, physical, and sexual violence on the Red Lake Reservation.
- Increased linkages to generational wisdom keepers support to Ojibwe culture and language
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.
- Increased number of female youths attending colleges and universities.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Red Lake Tribal College
- Red Lake Healing Center
- Red Lake School District
- Red Lake Tribal Court

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017
Project Venture Program

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Michigan
County: Isabella County
Total Population of Tribe: 2,767
(2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: 15–25 per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan intends to use funds from this grant to implement the Project Venture Program, a selected program of the National Registry of Evidenced Programs and Practices with the overarching goal of providing prevention services and opportunities that will lessen the risk of alcohol and substance use/abuse for the youth of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s youth.

The Project Venture program will contribute to increasing protective factors to reduce academic challenges and truancy rates of their youth. Grades and attendance will be closely monitored and early interventions in the form of referrals to tutoring services will be provided to struggling students.

Cultural and community ties will be strengthened with participating Tribal Youth Program participants through the opportunities provided by the Tribal Youth Program. Youth will also show an increase in their ability to make better decisions for themselves with regards to peer pressure and other factors that might lead to youth substance use.

Vision:

Support youth who identify and embrace Anishinaabe gifts.

Goals:

- Strengthen the capacity of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to increase protective factors and reduce the negative effects of risk factors for delinquency and substance abuse in Tribal youth through the development of a youth program that is comprehensive, collaborative, and culturally relevant.
- Increase Tribal efforts to increase academic achievement as a protective factor to build resiliency against substance abuse in Tribal youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

After-school Programming

- Weekly after-school adventure programming utilizing Project Venture Curriculum
- Culture-building activities
- Life skills development
- Tutoring
- Academic achievement recognition ceremonies and incentives

Weekend and Summer Programming

- Monthly Weekend Adventure Challenges incorporating Tribal culture utilizing Project Venture Curriculum
- Summer adventure program/day camp
- Canoe River Clean-up

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Decreased youth involvement in illegal activities and substance use.
- Enhanced partnerships with other Tribal youth and family programs.
- Experiential activities and community service opportunities for Tribal youth that will increase self-esteem and self-efficacy.
- Increased educational achievement among Tribal youth.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Anishinaabe Children and Family Services
- Tribal Elders
- Tribal Recreation Program
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal K–12 Education Program
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Native Connections Project
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Tribal Court

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program &
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2017
White Earth Nation Tribal Youth
Program

FY 2016
White Earth Nation Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court

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Community Demographics
State: Minnesota
County: Mahnommen County and
parts of Becker and Clearwater
Counties
Total Population of Tribe:
130,000 (2020 U.S. Census)

**Total Youth to be served by
Grant**
Youth: 45 youth per year for three
years

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 10-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

WHITE EARTH NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
Program Overview

The overarching work of the White Earth Nation TY program is to reduce drug and alcohol use among youth ages 10–18 by increasing opportunities for White Earth Band of Ojibwe youth to learn and experience their cultural values, teachings, understandings, and lifeways. The tools used to provide this assistance include strengths-based treatment planning and case management, substance abuse treatment, rigorous court supervision, evidence-based incentives and sanctions, best practices, and the collaboration of inter-disciplinary team members. The Healing to Wellness Court provides access to holistic, structured, and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate the option of Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin (The Good Life) best practices culture and tradition.

Tribal Youth Program and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Vision:

Ending addiction and empowering youth through Ojibwe traditions and culture on the White Earth Reservation. Providing hope, safety, healing, and opportunities for youth to reach their full potential and lead a drug and alcohol-free life on the White Earth Reservation.

Tribal Youth Program and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Goals:

- The White Earth Nation Tribal Youth Program will contribute program resources to improve the outcomes for Tribal youth involved in Tribal or Local County Justice Systems with alcohol and/or drug offenses, by providing expanded mental health services, culturally-appropriate screening/assessment tools, and treatment options to reduce recidivism by 10 percent each program year.
- The White Earth Nation Tribal Youth Program team will develop new policies and procedures that will enhance case management processes to 1) ensure that every youth in the program receives a consultation with cultural resource staff; and 2) ensure that every youth participates in one of the evidence-based services or traditional teaching components and/or ceremonies of the program.
- The White Earth Tribal Youth Program will assist in reducing the alcohol and substance use and the high truancy rates at the middle and high schools by 10 percent each program year.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities to promote health and wellness
- Cultural resources & traditional teaching components and ceremonies
- Engage youth in a four-phased progression wellness court program
- Tribal best practices & trauma-informed care
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention sessions and intervention activities
- Extensive family engagement processes to support Tribal youth

TYP Program Staff

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Tribal Department where the TYP is located: Circle Back Youth Program Office

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated
Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Improved coordination of services that will support effective and holistic case processes and management for justice-involved youth.
- Increased opportunities for justice-involved youth to learn Ojibwe cultural values, traditions, and ceremonies.
- Earlier substance abuse screening, case management plans, and interventions coupled with an increased pro-social and cultural-based activities for youth in the Tribal Youth Program.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Behavioral Health
- Social Services
- Tribal Court
- Law Enforcement
- Becker & Clearwater Probation
- Treatment Services
- Tribal Elders

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa Indians

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available**
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Community Demographics
State: Wisconsin
County: Bayfield
Total Population of Tribe:
2,640 members
(2024, Tribal Enrollment Office)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**
Youth: 50 youth each year of the
program (150 youth)

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 9–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians developed the program to address the problems of high truancy rates and youth violence and the potential for gang influence. The decision to address truancy culminates from increasing truancy rates combined with findings of the National Violence Prevention Resource Center’s 2014 Gang/Drug Threat Assessment for Red Cliff. A Tribal Youth Truancy Advocate position was created for the purposes of monitoring citation issuance, coordinating and facilitating follow up with each juvenile offender, coordinating with the Courts, Bayfield School, offender parents and/or legal guardians, Red Cliff Tribal Police, Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) service providers, Red Cliff Youth Services Departments and the Red Cliff Coordinated Services Team, to identify juveniles eligible for referral into alternative adjudication other than detention.

Vision:

We will keep youth in school, reduce incidence of juvenile delinquency, and interdict the rise of gang-related activity.

Goals:

- Reduce and prevent delinquent behavior and gang-related activity by improving the effectiveness and collaboration of multi-jurisdictions.
- Reduce truancy rates by 75-100 percent after 3 years.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Tribal Youth Truancy Advocate Services for youth and families
- Bi-Weekly Talking Support Circles
- Social Services Supports
- Tutoring

Tribal Department where the TYP is located: Education Department

Tribal Department Director: Tribe no longer discloses information about Tribal staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Address and respond to AODA and more serious juvenile justice infractions.
- Identify at-risk youth and first-time juvenile offenders through coordination with Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare and Red Cliff Coordinated Services Team.
- Stakeholder training that will educate youth system providers on the short- and long-term consequences of truancy on the child and family and the impacts of habitual truancy on the community.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Bayfield Public Schools
- Tribal Courts
- Social Services
- AODA Service Providers
- Tribal Law Enforcement

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Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Santee Sioux Nation of Nebraska;
Truancy Diversion Program at the
Santee Community School

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Nebraska
County: Knox
Reservation population: 670
Total Population of Tribe: 2,662
(2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 145 Students

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Santee Truancy Diversion Program, in partnership with Santee Community School and families, empowers our youth to lead healthy lives by providing Dakota Culture-based prevention, Dakota Teachings, and resources that promote educational and life success. The goal is to improve test scores and overall school success for Santee students.

Vision:

Living by Dakota Wicohan, our youth will be cherished and restored to their rightful role as “Sacred Beings.”

Goals:

- Change the culture of the school by creating a trauma-informed school
- Create a positive learning environment
- Increase the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) with primary focus on grades 7–12
- Decrease incidents of behaviors related to truancy
- Increase graduation rates/cohort graduation rate to 67 percent by end of grant period

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Cultural Services and Activities
- Home Visits
- Transportation to School
- Horse Healing Assisted Activities
- Support at academic hearings for truancy
- Tracking progress of students

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Obtain 90 percent average daily attendance in the school by September 2020.
- Decrease graduation requirements from 270 credits to a number comparable to the State of Nebraska (232 credits).
- Integrate Dakota cultural activities as a response to behavior related to truancy.
- Build capacity of school staff and climate to understand how trauma affects children’s behavior and respond accordingly.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Truancy Diversion Committee
- Santee Community School
- Tribal Prosecutor
- Horse Healing Program (private)
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Programs as appropriate



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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016
Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe Tribal Youth Program

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Community Demographics
State: North Dakota
County: Benson
Total Population of Tribe:
Reservation: 2,069
County: 6,962 (2020)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant
Youth: Undetermined

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 11 – 17

GRANTEE PROFILE
SPIRIT LAKE SIOUX TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe proposes to enhance its program by becoming a wraparound service provider, serving all juvenile offenders in order to keep them out of detention centers off the reservation and implement and develop a treatment plan using Equine Therapy and Spirit Lake Recovery and Wellness collaboration. The program will provide intervention programs for court-involved youth that are culturally relevant and will work with the Spirit Lake Recovery and Wellness program to develop treatment services that offer Tribal best practices and traditional horse healing methods for court-involved youth.

Vision:

Spirit Lake Tribe will create a culturally-appropriate best-practice treatment model utilizing Dakota Cultural Values and Horse values in the hopes of ensuring fewer reoffending youth and positive life experience for the youth involved.

Goals:

- Provide intervention services for court-involved youth
- Provide treatment services for court-involved youth

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Cultural Activities (e.g., Equine Therapy)
- Collaboration with School, Tribal and area Programs

TYP Program Staff

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Tribal Department Director: Imogene Belgarde

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Decrease recidivism rates among youth offenders and re-offenders within the Spirit Lake Tribal Court and Sunka Wakan Ah Ku’s tracked participants.
- Program will restore relationship between the youth and the horse; youth will learn to connect with the horse in a respectful manner, resulting in youth becoming stronger, emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Recovery and Wellness Program
- Tribal Social Services
- Victim Assistance Program
- Tribal Court
- Tribal Administration
- Wodakota Traditional Court



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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
FY 2021

Cherokee Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC)
Status: Fully Implemented

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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
Counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington
Total Population of Tribe: 141,000+ Cherokee citizens residing within the reservation (Cherokee Tribal website)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Cherokee Nation exercises Tribal jurisdiction over all or part of 14 counties totaling 53,267.13+/- acres
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 120

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program
Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE
CHEROKEE NATION

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Cherokee Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) seeks to provide Cherokee youth battling alcohol and/or drug-use disorders and who are experiencing delinquency with restorative and culturally-based therapeutic diversion from the Cherokee Nation Juvenile Justice System. The Cherokee JHWC will focus on Tribal youth and family healing, including through the development of a Cherokee cultural identity, by teaching JHWC participants Cherokee language, history, and culture.

The Cherokee Nation Judicial Branch is composed of a Supreme Court and a District Court with judges and justices nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by Tribal Council. The District Court hears criminal cases, child welfare cases, delinquency and deprived cases, children in need of supervision or children in need of mental health services, and civil cases. The Supreme Court is an appellate court that interprets the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation. The Cherokee Nation has a reservation that was never disestablished by Congress. This was reaffirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in July 2020 in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and in the subsequent *Hogner v. United States* decision. The legal implications of the U.S. Supreme Court’s *McGirt/Hogner* decisions are significant and include a dramatic increase in the jurisdictional area and caseload related to Cherokee youthful offenders. The Cherokee Nation’s District Court has a juvenile and criminal docket to address status (truancy, running away, curfew violations, and underage use of alcohol) and other criminal offenses.

Vision:

The vision of the Cherokee Nation JHWC Team is to rehabilitate Tribal youth and families from the debilitating effects of drugs and alcohol, thereby strengthening communities and the Tribe.

Mission:

The mission of the Cherokee Nation JHWC is to provide comprehensive, collaborative, supportive, and culturally-based services for Tribal youth battling substance use, alcohol use, and other delinquent issues within the Cherokee Nation’s 14-county reservation. The JHWC team will provide the youth with a restorative and culturally-based therapeutic diversion from the Juvenile Justice Court system.

Goals:

- Develop a Nation with active youth who are healthy in mind, body, and spirit through cultural healing.
- Assist the youth in developing and sustaining a strong identification with their language, history, and culture for the purpose of combatting drug and alcohol use among the community.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment – Cherokee Nation, Jack Brown Residential Treatment Center (a 36-bed, co-educational facility providing residential chemical dependency treatment for adolescents between 13–18; may address co-occurring mental health issues while the youth is in treatment)
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment – Northeastern Health System (NHS) Addiction Clinic and Cherokee Nation, Behavioral Health outpatient services
- Mental Health Services – NHS Addiction Clinic and Cherokee Nation, Behavioral Health
- Culturally appropriate services – Cherokee Nation community organizations and leadership; culturally-based healing practices and day treatment through the NHS Addiction Clinic and Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Department; Cultural Resource Center; culturally-based inpatient treatment through the Jack Brown Treatment Center; Elder and community-based service projects
- Transportation provided for youth as needed for treatment

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Cherokee Nation Juvenile Justice Department

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Individualized weekly meetings to address needs as they arise.
- Substance Abuse Monitoring (SAM) Parents are required to sign an agreement and to participate in court and all other activities.
- Collaboration with various Cherokee Nation cultural programming activities & whole-family counseling.
- Established state/Tribal referral process that provides access to wraparound services.
- Established multi-generational approach to addressing substance use/co-occurring delinquent behavior.
- Established court-related activity calendar that increases accessibility to all participants & families.
- Strategically scheduled docket and activities to minimize impact to work and school for youth & families.
- Provide transportation to court-related activities as needed.

JHWC Partner Agencies

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|--|---|
| • Cherokee Nation Department of Juvenile Justice | • Cherokee Nation, Human Services, First-time Offender Program |
| • Cherokee Nation Marshal Service | • Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Council |
| • Cherokee Nation Office of Attorney General | • John A. Ketcher Youth Services Center |
| • Defense Attorney | • Cherokee Nation, Justice Coalition |
| • NHS Addiction Clinic | • Cherokee Nation District Court |
| • Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health | • Cherokee Nation Education Services |
| • Cherokee Nation Cultural Center | • Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs |
| • Cherokee Nation Career Services | • Department of Human Services |
| • Cherokee Nation, Jack Brown Residential Treatment Center | • State and local police agencies within the reservation |
| • Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare | • Bureau of Indian Affairs |
| • Sequoyah High School Resource Officer | • Our Nation Ending Fear, Intimidation, Rape, and Endangerment (ONE FIRE) |
| • Public School Systems Resource Officers | • JHWC Community Advisory Committee |
| • Cherokee Nation Community and Culture Outreach | • Thunderbird Challenge Program |
| • Cherokee Nation Health Services | • Tahlequah Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (B.E.S.T.) Community Coalition |



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FY 2021
Choctaw Nation Juvenile Healing
to Wellness Program
Status: Fully Implemented

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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
Counties: Atoka, Bryan, Coal,
Choctaw, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer,
LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and
Pushmataha.
Total Population of Tribe:
212,000+ (2011)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Choctaw Nation reservation cov-
ers nearly 11,000 square miles in
southeastern Oklahoma
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 20

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE
CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program Overview

The Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHTW) program within Choctaw Nation Juvenile Services is a diversion program for our Tribal youth with substance abuse problems and other delinquent issues. The JHTW program is to empower our Choctaw youth to deal with substance and/or alcohol-related issues as well as other delinquent issues through accountability, counseling, and supervision. A team approach is used to achieve the physical and spiritual healing of each individual participant. The program will teach our Choctaw youth to embrace and be resilient by living out the Chahta Spirit of faith, family, and culture. Our youth will develop a sense of pride by increasing self-esteem, sense of independence and self-sufficiency.

Vision:

Provide services to meet existing needs for youth and emphasize on education, Tribal culture, prevention of incarceration and address substance abuse.

Goals:

- Improve communication and collaboration with service providers
- Improve case process and case management system to support knowledge of participant progress to support treatment and accountability for youth participants
- Identify and develop cultural curriculum to be integrated within the JHTW program, utilize partner agencies to support youth activities
- Develop data collection management plan to support necessary reporting and information to support ongoing program improvement
- Identify and develop sustainability plan to support the continuation of the JHTW program

Major JHTW Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Case Management services
- Provide resources for Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Referrals for Intensive Outpatient Treatment/ Mental Health Services
- Advocate/Educational services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Treatment Plan incentives/Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Choctaw Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness
Phone: (800) 552-6170
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JHTW Core Team

Name: Alisha Edelen
Title: Director of Community Services

Name: Britney Bush
Title: Program Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Have youth and family actively participate in programs centered on healing and family strengthening (e.g., Choctaw Nation Health Services Celebrating Families Program, Choctaw Nation Family Preservation Services, Choctaw Nation Fatherhood Program, Choctaw Nation Chahta Vlla Apela Program, and Choctaw Nation Guiding Adolescent Parents (GAP) Program).
- Embed Choctaw culture and educational support into program structure by infusing cultural components into the JHTW phases and deliver services (e.g., culture projects, attend culture workshops, culture events) rooted in Tribal culture.
- Promote community education and support by increasing program awareness at community events and coalition meetings. Expanding social media networking through Facebook.

JHTW Partner Agencies

- Youth Services of Oklahoma/ Bryan County
- Native American Juvenile Justice Task Force
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Behavioral Health Services/ Health Services
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Outreach/Social Services
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Education Department
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Prosecutors/ Tribal Law Enforcement
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Children and Family Services
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Youth Events and Activities
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Cultural Services
- Weylin Thompson – Cultural Mentor

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska JHWC
Status: Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator
Christi Merrick
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Community Demographics
State: Nebraska
County (or Counties): Thurston
County and Cuming County
Total Population of Tribe: 6,000
(2012)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Omaha Reservation, Federally
Recognized
Not a Public Law 280 state
(except for traffic)

Program Capacity
Juveniles: N/A

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE
OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

To develop and implement a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) to enhance the capacity of Omaha Tribal Court to respond to alcohol and substance use among youth ages 18 and under and their families.

Through the goals and objectives, the Tribe will specifically address solidifying the working relationship between the Tribal Court, law enforcement, the public school systems, and treatment providers. These partnerships will address public safety and a range of substance abuse services as priorities utilizing community involvement, immersion of Omaha culture, and building collaboration and partnerships of service providers and community stakeholders. The project reflects the Tribe’s attempt to link juvenile justice and substance abuse services into a meaningful and effective community-based strategy.

Vision:
To provide critical opportunities to acquire the tools needed to build effective alternatives to current justice system methods of dealing with juvenile offenders.

- Goals:**
- A strategic plan that will include new strategies to broaden the scope of Court services for youth 18 and under
 - Screening and assessment tools that will produce a more effective means of identifying issues of alcohol and other substance abuse problems
 - Access to culturally-based, holistic, structured and phased alcohol and drug treatment and rehabilitation opportunities
 - An enhanced continuum of care that includes access to evidence-based programs to provide youth with support both during and after Wellness Court activities
 - An improved process in performance measurement and evaluation of services to measure project progress and needs
 - Increased interdisciplinary and community education to promote ongoing planning, implementation, and operations of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court.

- Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth**
- Omaha Cultural Engagement
 - Connection to Elder Mentors
 - Screening and Assessment
 - Referral to Treatment and Recovery Support and Services

JHWC Core Team

Name: Ed Zendajas
Title: Chief Judge

Name: Orville Cayou
Title: Coordinator

Name: Cassandra Lovejoy
Title: Administrator

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Omaha Tribal Court
Phone: (402) 837-5814

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Trauma-informed: The Omaha Juvenile Services Plan includes strategies that will delineate the Tribal juvenile justice staff’s knowledge of children’s exposure to violence and/or abuse and associated risk factors, trauma histories, delinquent behavior, juvenile and/or criminal justice system involvement, service delivery, and treatment outcomes. Primary goal is to achieve a trauma-informed justice system that meets the needs of all justice-involved Tribal youth.
- Omaha Culture: The Omaha Juvenile Services Plan includes strategies that focus on Omaha culture engagement on the continuum of care for youth and families involved in the justice system (including prevention, diversion, alternative programming and healing and recovery).
- Family Focused: The Omaha Juvenile Services Plan includes strategies to strengthen and unify the family unit involved in the juvenile justice system through family-focused prevention and intervention components.

JHWC Partner Agencies

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| • Omaha Nation Law Enforcement | • Walthill Public School Board |
| • Behavioral Health Department | • Omaha Child and Family Services |
| • Omaha Nation Family Resource Center | • Omaha Nation Public Schools |
| • Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center | • Walthill Public Schools |
| • Omaha Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program | |

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wellness Initiative
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
Judge Janet Routzen
(605) 856-8701
janet.routzen@rst-nsn.gov

Community Demographics
State: South Dakota
County: Todd (and parcels of land in Gregory, Mellette, Lyman counties)
Total Population of Tribe: 10,107 (2019)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Reservation
Not a Public Law 280 State
info@rst-nsn.gov

Program Capacity
Juveniles: Unlimited

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program
Ages 12-17

GRANTEE PROFILE
ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Youth Wellness Court is a 12-to-18-month court monitored outpatient treatment program, for Rosebud Sioux Tribal youth ages 12-17, aimed at intervening in alcohol and/or drug using and criminal behavior.

Vision:

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Youth Wellness Court envisions a Nation where fewer children are at risk of delinquency; and if they are at risk or involved with the justice system, they and their families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

Goals:

- Integrated and intersecting truancy and 1st Offenders Program as a new referral points.
- Develop and increase community service and community education.
- Increase the healing opportunities for youth and families based on Lakota culture and traditions and historical and generational trauma.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Case Coordination
- Tailored supervision plans
- Trauma-informed approaches
- Restorative practices
- Substance use, mental health, and suicide prevention services
- Cultural teachings

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court

Phone: (605) 856-8701

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Janet Routzen

Title: Judge

Name: Gabrielle Fast Horse

Title: Wellness Coordinator

Name: Tiffany Rattling Leaf

Title: Court Service Officer/Cultural Coordinator

Name: Cheryl Rogers

Title: Court Administrator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Reduced recidivism.
- Youth engagement in projects and activities.
- Youth progress in counseling and drug and/or alcohol recovery.
- Youth educational progress. Those that complete the Youth Wellness Court and graduate will be considered a success.
- Increase collaboration and improve communication among service providers, Wellness Team, Community Advisory Committee, and community members.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Programs
- Suicide Prevention Program
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Court
- Indian Health Service
- Tribal Education and Schools
- Tribal Probation/Supervision
- Health Care
- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

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GRANTEE PROFILE

WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

Native American communities are particularly impacted by substance abuse and alcoholism, with some of the highest rates of any ethnic group. An alarming trend is the much higher rates at which Native American youth abuse drugs, alcohol, heroin, and prescription drugs, a rate two-to-three times higher than the national average. The most significant issues facing White Earth's children/youth include disruption of families, alcohol/drugs, and trauma. Alcohol, methamphetamines, and opiates are a major pathway for youth and families entering judicial services, courts, child welfare systems, and substance abuse treatment programs. Serious impact to communities is readily seen through out-of-home placements for children, drug overdoses and alcohol-related deaths, domestic violence, drug-affected births, and school truancy and behavior issues. White Earth has some of the highest numbers per capita of opioid use diagnoses in substance abuse assessments. The White Earth Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court will engage more youth and families in our community with a multi-pronged prevention and intervention approach to address the mental health and substance abuse needs of its youth and families, to one day end intergenerational substance abuse.

Vision:

Providing hope, safety, healing, and opportunity for youth to reach their full potential and lead a drug-free life on the White Earth Reservation.

Goals:

- The White Earth Nation JHWC will provide program resources, mental health services, and culturally appropriate screening/assessment tools and treatment options to improve the outcomes for 60 percent of Tribal youth involved in Tribal or Local County justice systems and reduce recidivism by 10 percent each program year.
- The White Earth Nation team will develop new policies and procedures by 2025 that will enhance case management processes to: 1) ensure that every youth in the program receives a consultation with cultural resource staff; and 2) ensure that every youth participates in one of the evidence-based services or traditional teaching components and/or ceremonies of the program.
- The White Earth JHWC will assist in reducing alcohol & substance use and the high truancy rates at the middle and high schools by 10 percent each program year by providing cultural activities, on-site counseling, group therapy, and mental health services.
- Within 18 months, establish an online case management system for JHWC participants and maintain ongoing data collection and entry to track and report on progress

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Outpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services
- Cultural Resources/Support
- Evidence-Based Interventions
- Truancy Reduction
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: White Earth Nation Behavioral Health Department

Phone: (218) 983-3285

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Andrew James

Title: JHWC Coordinator

Name: Jean Weaver

Title: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselor, Circle Back Program

Name: Jessica McArthur

Title: JHWC Case Manager

Name: Don Nelson

Title: Transportation Aid

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- The phased progression process will be an effective intervention process for Tribal youth engaged in the TYP program to fully educate our youth and families on traditional culture, to provide coping skills to improve their mental health, and to provide cultural healing.
- ALL youth will experience a holistic case management approach to increase protective factors and support healing and well-being of youth participants.
- Utilize trauma-informed and restorative practices interventions for Tribal youth and their families to address truancy issues.
- Revise policies and procedure that will enhance the Four-Phased Progression Process for youth program participants.
- Develop and expand school partnerships across with the White Earth Reservation.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Courts
- Law Enforcement
- Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Intensive Services
- Tribal Education Department, Special Services Office
- Protective Services Attorney Office
- County and Tribal Probation
- Tribal Health Care
- Cultural Wisdom Keepers

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021

Status: Pre-Implementation & Implementation

* *Late start up

Program Director/Coordinator

Clinton Alexander
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Community Demographics

State: Minnesota
County (or Counties): Mahnomen, Becker, and Clearwater
Total Population of Tribe: 9,726
(Minnesota Census, 2020)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

White Earth Reservation
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 20-30 youth per year

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 12-19

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2018
Status: Fully Implemented

Youth Court Assistant
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tion.com

Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
County: Ottawa County
Total Population of Tribe: 5,600
(2024)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Ottawa County
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 15

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program
Ages 13–20

GRANTEE PROFILE
QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview:

The Quapaw Tribe’s Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court seeks to reduce juvenile delinquency and recidivism; limit juvenile substance use; and increase cultural and community youth participation by providing support, treatment, and access to evidence-based services to substance-abusing youth and their families. The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma’s Wellness Court will provide a comprehensive, team-based approach to engage with youth through referral to treatment and individualized, phased case planning. Team members include a Judge, Wellness Court Coordinator, Probation and Treatment Services Provider. Family services will be integrated as needs arise and coordination of holistic services will be implemented in an ongoing manner. Service providers will engage in ongoing training and development related to youth drug and alcohol treatment and support, trauma-informed care, and youth engagement strategies.

Vision:

The Quapaw Nation Healing to Wellness Court envisions a future where Tribal youth can thrive, free of harmful substances, and receive emotional healing through high-quality services. These services will be provided through our Tribal court system for juveniles, offenders and their families, and the community of the Tribe. A team approach will be used to promote physical and emotional healing and reintegration into the Tribal community services through the Tribal court system.

Goals:

- Respond to community alcohol and substance use issues faced by Quapaw Tribal youth.
- Promote physical and emotional healing as youth are reintegrated into the Tribal community.
- Implement team-based intensive supports for system-involved youth with structured/phased case planning.
- Implement cultural components to the program and court structure.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Coordinated supervision and support
- Orientation, intake, and individualized assessment
- Referral to treatment and behavioral health services
- Individualized case management and supervision
- Family, parent, and caregiver engagement
- Coordination with educators and school administration
- Culturally grounded mentorship, teaching, and skill-building

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Quapaw Nation Tribal Court

Phone: (918) 542-1853

Email: Court@quapawnation.com

Website: <https://www.quapawTribe.com/98/Court>

JHWC Core Team

- Tribal Court Judge
- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator
- Quapaw Counseling Services Provider
- Quapaw Nation Family and Youth Services Provider
- Quapaw Nation Probation Department
- Quapaw Nation Prosecutor and Defense Counsel

Name: Corrisa Millard

Title: Court Administrator

Name: Julio De Los Santos

Title: Youth Court Assistant

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Development of comprehensive family services approach to ensure youth needs are met through a variety of service opportunities.
- Ongoing family, parent, and/or caregiver engagement through case management activities, supplemental programming, and communication with Wellness Court team.
- Development of comprehensive Wellness Court codes, policies, procedures, and youth administrative materials to support effective case management.
- Ongoing collaboration with treatment service providers, law enforcement, and cultural advisors to develop individualized case plans.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Quapaw Nation Judicial System
- Quapaw Nation Family Services
- Quapaw Nation Counseling Services
- Quapaw Education and School Administration
- Quapaw Nation Law Enforcement and Probation
- Tribal Social Services
- Quapaw School Resource Officer/Law Enforcement

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2018
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Coordinator
Melanie Burger
(989) 775-4800

Community Demographics
State: Michigan
County (or Counties): Mt. Pleasant
Total Population of Tribe: 3,296
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Not Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 20

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program
Ages 12-20

GRANTEE PROFILE
SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (SCIT JHWC) seeks to strengthen the capacity of the Tribal Court to improve services to youth and families by providing alternatives to juvenile detention for non-violent crimes committed due to substance use disorders, with the overarching goals of reducing juvenile detention and recidivism. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe JHWC will develop a trauma-informed, culture-centered component for use in a Healing to Wellness Court program for Tribal youth.

Vision:
To promote health, education, and a trauma-informed approach for the overall health and welfare of juveniles and families in our Tribal Community that will assist in keeping families together.

- Goals:**
- Strengthen the capacity of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan to improve Tribal Court services to youth by providing alternatives to juvenile detention for non-violent crimes committed due to substance use disorders.
 - Reduce detention and recidivism for justice-involved SCIT youth.
 - Collaborate with Tribal and public education systems to increase referrals.
 - Integrate cultural components into the JHWC structure.

Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth
Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Related Support Services

- Trauma-informed counseling services
- Individual substance use disorder and mental health counseling
- Aftercare/continuing care
- Culturally appropriate services

Cross-Systems Collaboration

- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe JHWC Advisory Committee
- Training on cross-systems coordination and information sharing

Youth Programs

- Project Venture

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Tribal Court
Phone: (989) 775-4800

JHWC Core Team

Name: Judge Michelle Horn
Title: Judge

Name: Melanie Burger
Title: JHWC Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Revision of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Juvenile Code.
- Improve communication and referrals from the Tribal and public school educational system.
- Increase of youth and family actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Develop a trauma-informed, culture-centered component for use in the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court program for Tribal youth.
- Infuse cultural components into the JHWC phases.

JHWC Partner Agencies
Child Welfare, Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health; Parenting, Child and Family Services

- Anishinaabe Child and Family Services
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Behavioral Health Services

Attorneys, Other Courts and Criminal Justice/Legal System

- Probation Department

Other Community and Supportive Services

- Project Venture
- Nimkee Memorial Medical Center
- Elijah Elk Cultural Center Seventh Generation Program

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GRANTEE PROFILE

TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (Tunica-Biloxi Tribe JHWC) seeks to provide judicial intervention, substance abuse intervention, and intensive supervision to Tribal youth who are delinquency court-involved as a result of their substance use. The Tunica Biloxi Healing to Wellness Court will work in cooperation with community and governmental agencies to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to support youth to reduce recidivism and to provide full opportunity for recovery and enjoyment of life as a law-abiding Tribal citizen. The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe JHWC will implement evidence-based assessments and interventions that are tailored for youth. The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe JHWC will increase program capacity by addressing engagement and retention barriers for new participants. Service providers and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe JHWC team will receive training to include interdisciplinary collaboration, treatment fidelity, child trauma and brain development, and trauma-informed care.

Vision:

The vision of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court is to provide high quality services through the Tribal court system for victims, offenders, their families, and the Tribal community by providing a supportive outlet for our youth as well as strengthening them as our future active Tribal members.

Goals:

- To develop a holistic, culturally-centered Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court with a phased program to support Tribal youth.
- To engage in evaluation processes that assist with overall program quality improvement and identification of action steps that will enhance program outcomes.
- To involve supportive stakeholders (including feedback from youth participants) in the evaluation process and include recommendations as part of future quality improvement activities.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Referral to behavioral health and substance use services for screening/assessment.
- Follow-up and referral for outpatient/inpatient treatment, mentorship/support, and life skills courses.
- Culturally-centered interventions and wellness activities including community outreach program participation, cultural and education department events, and youth-focused talking circles.

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Tunica Biloxi Youth Program

Phone: (318) 240-6444

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JHWC Core Team

- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program Coordinator
- Tunica-Biloxi Law Enforcement/ Probation Department
- Tunica-Biloxi Judiciary
- Tunica-Biloxi Youth and Family Services
- Treatment Service Provider

Name: Golda Sampson

Title: Program Director

Name: Evelyn Cass

Title: Program Director

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Development and implementation of program policies to refer and initiate appropriate services for youth participants.
- Youth and family/caregiver-centered programming that supports family strengthening.
- Broad change in the youth and juvenile justice-serving systems within the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal community.
- Infusion of cultural elements throughout program processes.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Social Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Intensive Services
- Tribal Education Department, Special Services Office
- Tribal Health Care
- Defense Services Office
- Protective Services Attorney Office
- Probation Department
- Local County Parish Partnership—District Attorney's Office

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2018
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director
Evelyn Cass
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Program Director
Golda Sampson
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Community Demographics
State: Louisiana
County: Avoyelles Parish
Total Population of Tribe:
Approx. 1,300 (Tunica Biloxi Tribal
Website, 2018)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Tunica Biloxi Tribal Reservation,
Marksville, Louisiana 71351
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 10

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 12-20

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court/Program

FY 2017
Choctaw Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
Amber Loftis
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Community Demographics
State: Oklahoma
Counties: Bryan and 11 surrounding counties
Total Population of Tribe: 200,000+ (2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Southeast Oklahoma, Choctaw Nation
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 20

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program
Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Choctaw Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program (JHTWP) provides diversion for Choctaw youth from the Oklahoma state juvenile justice system. The program provides an opportunity for our Tribal youth with substance abuse problems and other delinquent issues to enter into a comprehensive service and support system. The JHTWP empowers Choctaw youth to deal with substance and/or alcohol, or other related delinquency issues through accountability, counseling, and supervision. A team approach is used to achieve the physical and spiritual healing of each individual participant through teaching our Choctaw youth to embrace and be resilient by living out the Chahta Spirit of faith, family, and culture. Our youth will develop a sense of pride by increasing self-esteem, their sense of independence, and self-sufficiency.

Vision:

Our goal is to provide services to meet existing needs for youth with an emphasis on education, Tribal culture, prevention of incarceration and address substance abuse.

Goals:

- Improve communication and collaboration with service providers.
- Develop case process and case management system to support knowledge of participant progress as well as treatment and accountability for youth participants.
- Identify and develop cultural curriculum to be integrated within the JHTWP, utilizing partner agencies to support youth activities.
- Develop data collection management plan to support necessary reporting and information to support ongoing program improvement.
- Identify and develop sustainability plan to support the continuation of the JHTWP.

Major JHWC Program Components: Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/inpatient treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Aftercare/continuing care
- Mental health services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing services and supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Choctaw Nation Juvenile Services
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JHWC Core Team

Name: Amber Loftis
Title: Juvenile Services Supervisor

Name: Alisha Edelen
Title: Director of Community Services

Name: Paul Roberts
Title: Program Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Creation of a program that increases family engagement in services that are centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Broader change in the Choctaw Nation juvenile justice and treatment systems through partnership and referral processes with the State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs.
- Infusion of cultural components to support increased youth connectedness and knowledge throughout the phased case planning process.
- Integration of service-learning opportunities for Choctaw youth participants and supervision/mentorship support by the wellness program coordinator.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Choctaw Nation Juvenile Services
- Office of Juvenile Affairs
- Youth Services of Bryan County
- YouthCare of Oklahoma (YCO)
- Choctaw Nation High School Student Services
- Choctaw Nation Children and Family Services
- Other relevant Choctaw Tribal offices and agencies

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Program Type
Tribal Youth Program &
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2017
White Earth Nation Tribal Youth
Program

FY 2016
White Earth Nation Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court

Program Director/Coordinator
Dave McArthur
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Dave.McArthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Community Demographics
State: Minnesota
County: Mahnommen County and
parts of Becker and Clearwater
Counties
Total Population of Tribe:
130,000 (2020 U.S. Census)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
White Earth Indian Reservation
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Youth: 45 youth per year for three
years

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 10-18

GRANTEE PROFILE
WHITE EARTH NATION

**Tribal Youth Program (TYP) and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
Program Overview**

The overarching work of the White Earth Nation Tribal Youth Program is to reduce drug and alcohol use among youth ages 10-18 by increasing opportunities for White Earth Band of Ojibwe youth to learn and experience their cultural values, teachings, understandings, and lifeways. The tools used to provide this assistance include strengths-based treatment planning and case management, substance abuse treatment, rigorous court supervision, evidence-based incentives and sanctions, best practices, and the collaboration of inter-disciplinary team members. The Healing to Wellness Court provides access to holistic, structured, and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate the option of Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin (The Good Life) best practices culture and tradition.

Tribal Youth Program and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Vision:

Ending addiction and empowering youth through Ojibwe traditions and culture on the White Earth Reservation. Providing hope, safety, healing, and opportunities for youth to reach their full potential and lead a drug and alcohol-free life on the White Earth Reservation

Tribal Youth Program and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Goals:

- The White Earth Nation Tribal Youth Program will contribute program resources to improve the outcomes for Tribal youth involved in Tribal or Local County Justice Systems with alcohol and or drug offenses, by providing expanded mental health services, culturally-appropriate screening/assessment tools, and treatment options to reduce recidivism by 10 percent each program year.
- The White Earth Nation Tribal Youth Program team will develop new policies and procedures that will enhance case management processes to 1) ensure that every youth in the program receives a consultation with cultural resource staff; and 2) ensure that every youth participates in one of the evidence-based services or traditional teaching components and/or ceremonies of the program.
- The White Earth Tribal Youth Program will assist in reducing the alcohol and substance use and the high truancy rates at the middle and high schools by 10 percent each program year.

Major TYP & JHWC Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities to promote health and wellness
- Cultural resources & traditional teaching components and ceremonies
- Engage youth in a four-phased progression wellness court program
- Tribal best practices & trauma-informed care
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention sessions and intervention activities
- Extensive family engagement processes to support Tribal youth

TYP & JHWC Program Staff

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Tribal Department where the TYP is located: Circle Back Youth Program Office

**Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated
Impacts in the Lives of Youth**

- Improved coordination of services that will support effective and holistic case processes and management for justice-involved youth.
- Increased opportunities for justice-involved youth to learn Ojibwe cultural values, traditions, and ceremonies.
- Earlier substance abuse screening, case management plans, and interventions coupled with an increased pro-social and cultural-based activities for youth in the Tribal Youth Program.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.

Tribal Youth Program & JHWC Partner Agencies

- Behavioral Health
- Social Services
- Tribal Court
- Law Enforcement
- Becker & Clearwater Probation
- Treatment Services
- Tribal Elders

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GRANTEE PROFILE

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (Bad River JHWC) seeks to reduce juvenile delinquency and recidivism of its Tribal youth and increase cultural and community youth participation by providing support, treatment, and access to culturally relevant services for court-involved youth and their families. Bad River JHWC will expand existing system collaborations to create a multifaceted team including a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Case Manager/Coordinator, a Substance Abuse Clinician and a Council of Elders. Bad River JHWC will work diligently to improve communication and collaboration with the Ashland County Juvenile Probation Services with the goal of identifying and referring Bad River Tribal youth to the JHWC to receive more holistic and culturally relevant services.

Vision:

Bad River Youth will have access to holistic and culturally appropriate therapeutic processes that will help to facilitate healthy, cross-generational relationships. Youth will be supported with collaborative and cohesive services that focus on health, safety, education, culture, language, and prevention.

Goals:

- Provide court-involved Bad River Youth with resources, education, and therapeutic services to increase their sense of connectedness to the Anishinaabe culture.
- The Medicine Wheel model of recovery and the 7 Sacred Teachings will be taught and/or reinforced during seasonal camps, summer youth work, and prevention programs.
- Improved communication and collaboration with internal and external service providers.
- Improve collaboration between Bad River JHWC and Ashland County Juvenile Justice system to identify and refer eligible Bad River youth to the JHWC.
- Engage youth and their families in the Bad River JHWC as early as possible in their delinquency case.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Related Support Services

- Residential treatment available through Indian Health Service area adolescent residential Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) center
- Outpatient treatment through the Bad River Tribal AOD program
- Continuing aftercare through the Bad River Tribal AOD program
- Mental health services (as needed) if determined by an assessment and/or youth and family
- Culturally appropriate services through identified Tribal programs
- Other supportive services as identified

Youth Programs

- Youth Council and Youth Mentorship program
- Seasonal camps, summer youth work and prevention programs that reinforce the 7 Sacred Teachings and the Medicine Wheel model of recovery

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Tribal Courts

Phone: (715) 682-7107, ext. 1544

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a diversion program for Bad River youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Develop a policy and referral process to improve the number of Tribal youths who enter the Bad River JHWC through identification and referral from the Ashland County Juvenile Probation Services.
- Have youth and family actively participate in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Infuse cultural components into the JHWC phases.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Area Indian Health Services residential adolescent treatment center
- Bad River Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Services
- Mashkisibi Boys and Girls Club
- Head, Heart, Hands, and Health (4-H) Program
- Bad River Tribal Social Services
- Bad River Tribal Court
- Ashland Juvenile Probation Department

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016
Bad River Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa Juvenile Healing to
Wellness Court
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
Lynn Bigboy
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Community Demographics
State: Wisconsin
County: Odanah
Total Population of Tribe: 6,945
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Bad River Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa, Odanah, WI 54861
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: N/A

**Ages of Youth to be Served
in Program**
Ages 12–20

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Wellness Initiative
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
Judge Janet Routzen
(605) 856-8701
janet.routzen@rst-nsn.gov

Community Demographics
State: South Dakota
County: Todd (and parcels of land in Gregory, Mellette, Lyman counties)
Total Population of Tribe: 10,107 (2019)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Reservation
Rosebud, SD 57570
Not a Public Law 280 state

Program Capacity
Juveniles: Unlimited

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program
Ages 12-17

GRANTEE PROFILE
ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Rosebud Healing to Wellness Program provides children, youth, and families living on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation with effective cultural, educational, spiritual, physical, and mental healing opportunities. The project will work toward a comprehensive, collaborative approach that requires participation of various service providers and the educational system.

Vision:
The Rosebud Healing to Wellness Program envisions a Nation where children, youth and families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

- Goals:**
- To renew and implement the Rosebud Healing to Wellness Program for children and youth aged 12-17 and their families in the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.
 - To increase community awareness and understanding of the Rosebud Healing to Wellness Program to contribute to children, youth, family, and community well-being.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Case Coordination
- Tailored supervision plans
- Trauma-informed approaches
- Restorative practices
- Substance use, mental health, and suicide prevention services
- Cultural teachings

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court
Phone: (605) 856-8701
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JHWC Core Team

Name: Janet Routzen
Title: Judge

Name: Gabrielle Fast Horse
Title: Wellness Coordinator

Name: Cheryl Rogers
Title: Court Administrator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Reduced recidivism.
- Youth engagement in projects and activities.
- Youth progress in counseling and drug and/or alcohol recovery.
- Youth educational progress. Those that complete the Youth Wellness Court and graduate will be considered a success.
- Increase collaboration and improve communication among service providers, Wellness Team, Community Advisory Committee, and community members.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Programs
- Suicide Prevention Program
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Court
- Indian Health Service
- Tribal Education and Schools
- Tribal Probation/Supervision
- Health Care
- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016
Tribal Juvenile Accountability
Discretionary Program
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
States: South Dakota and North
Dakota
Counties: Sioux County in ND;
Corson County in SD; parts of
Ziebach and Perkins counties in SD
Total Population of Tribe: 16,000
(2020)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Reservation, Fort Yates, ND 58538
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: unspecified

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Youth 12–17 years of age

GRANTEE PROFILE
STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court program serves to empower the 7th Generation to overcome the negative influences that our youth are facing by providing “Healing through Wellness,” so they can choose to live a healthy and happy lifestyle.

Vision:

To unify our communities and empower our youth of the 7th Generation through “Healing & Wellness” to ensure the future of our Oyate.

Goal:

Instill our Traditional values back into the juvenile’s life.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Community-based services including assisting Elders
- Intensive programming including cultural activities
- Equine-based activities
- School-based visits, transportation as appropriate
- Assist youth to overcome their substance/alcohol abuse issues
- Create an individualized plan for each client to ensure each individual will receive the services needed to complete their wellness journey

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Juvenile Intake Officer outreach to youth who are at risk for further justice involvement at schools and in the community.
- Plans are created with the youth to lessen the risk and to create pathways to wellness.
- Juveniles would choose a sober lifestyle over alcohol and substance abuse.
- Juvenile recidivism rates will drop drastically if juveniles choose a healthy and sober lifestyle.
- High school graduation rates would increase within our school system.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- KLND Radio Station - Community Radio for the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Nations
- Tribal Court
- Alcohol Substance Abuse Services
- Standing Rock High School
- Mobridge High School
- Little Eagle Middle School
- Equine Resources
- Tribal Game Fish and Parks
- Tribal Elders
- Tribal Programs and local resources

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2015
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Program Director
Michael Waupoose
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Community Demographics
State: Wisconsin
County: Menominee
Total Population of Tribe: 8,430 members (2023, Tribal Enrollment Office)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Menominee Indian Reservation
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Youth: 120 youth in the three years of the program

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 11–20

GRANTEE PROFILE
MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

JHWC Overview

The Menominee Tribe Youth Development and Outreach (YDO) seeks to create and execute a Restorative Justice Program. The program will be a referral-based program where youth offenders will receive case management, an initial assessment, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) services, education/awareness services, support group/talking circles, reconciliation/peace-making circles, community service options, and follow-up.

Vision:

Increase awareness and prevention efforts regarding underage drinking, other AODA issues, and promoting cultural awareness for youth and community members.

Goals:

- Implement a restorative justice program that enhances the capacity of the Menominee Tribal Courts to respond to alcohol-related issues for youth under the age of 21.
- Provide case management to at least 25 youth (ages 11–17) and to at least 15 young adults (ages 18–20) annually, resulting in 75 youth (ages 8–17) and 45 young adults (ages 18–20) being served by the end of the three-year period.
- Provide at least four general support talking circles for youth throughout the community resulting in twelve total general support talking circles by the end of the three-year grant period.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Substance misuse resources
- Case Management
- Talking Circles
- Develop and implement traditional healing methods
- Community Awareness Events

JHWC Program Staff

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Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Youth Services

Tribal Department Director: Joyce Wayka

Phone: (715) 799-7099

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Decrease underage drinking, bullying, and truancy among Menominee youth and young adults.
- Increase culture and language knowledge among Menominee youth and young adults.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Court
- Education Department
- Culture & Language Services
- Substance Abuse Services



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“The best part about my experience as a Tribal Youth Program grantee is the relationships I’ve built not only with the youth, but also their families and the community as a whole. It’s been such a blessing to learn and ingratiate myself into the community and feel a sense of belonging.”

—Steven A. White, Tribal Youth Program Manager, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians



THE SOUTHWEST REGION encompasses Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Southern California. The diversity amongst these Indigenous nations is extensive; from the large Tribes such as the Navajo Nation, Apache Tribe, Ute Tribe, and Hopi Tribe, to smaller Pueblos such as Pueblo of Zia, Pueblo of Laguna, and Pueblo of Acoma. The region’s landscape is dominated by four geographically distinct, diverse deserts: Great Basin, Mojave, Sonoran, and Chihuahuan. Beyond the deserts, the region is home to several small mountain ranges as well as several rivers and canyon systems.

Get to know a bit about some of the Southwest Tribes that the TYRC has served or currently serves through Training & Technical Assistance:

THE PUEBLO OF ZIA has been home to Keresan-speaking Indians since the 13th century. The Zia Pueblo has two plazas, each with a kiva (ceremonial structure), “surrounded by one- and two-story traditional dwellings of native rock surfaced with mud.” The Pueblo of Zia self-identify as “Home of the Zia Sun Symbol,” a symbol that originated with the Native Americans of Zia and remains sacred, representing the “Circle of Life: four winds, four seasons, four directions, and four sacred obligations,” bound by a circle at the center.

THE MESCALERO APACHE have inhabited the southwest for hundreds of years, long before the settlers came to the southwest. The Mescalero were known as nomadic hunters and highly-skilled warriors with a commitment to defending their homelands. Within the Mescalero Apache homeland are the four sacred mountains—Sierra Blanca, Guadalupe Mountains, Three Sisters Mountain and Oscura Mountain Peak—which continue to “guide everyday life for Apache peoples.”

THE HOPI TRIBE is located in northeastern Arizona, encompassing more than 1.5 million acres and twelve villages on three mesas. The Hopi people have inhabited the same land for a millennium, longer than any other people in North America. Knit tightly together by clan relationships, the Hopi people “have retained their culture, language, and spiritual practices despite influences from the outside world.” Hopi people continue to live close to their traditional ways, farming and producing traditional art such as pottery, weaving, and Kachina dolls.

See the Pueblo of Zia, Mescalero Apache Tribe, & Hopi Tribe’s Tribal websites for more information.



SOUTHWEST REGION

GRANTEES & PROJECT OVERVIEWS



SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

San Carlos Apache Tribal Council

Program Director/Coordinator:

Charlene LaPlante, Chief Prosecutor
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Community Demographics

State: Arizona

County: Gila, Graham, and eastern
Pinal Counties

Total Population of Tribe: 10,800
members (U.S. Census)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 100 youth each year of the
program (300 youth)

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 5-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The San Carlos Apache Tribe will improve the workflow surrounding Apache youth and develop a Family In Need of Support Program (FINS). The FINS program streamlines and increases effectiveness of youth services and the response to truancy. The FINS Coordinator will work with students with chronic absenteeism and at greatest risk of juvenile justice involvement.

Vision:

The Apache Tribe seeks to further develop and implement usage of cultural practices as the framework for building resilience in our community and Apache youth. While systemic issues impact the community, it is an inherent belief that the power of spiritual and physical healing resides deep within our ancestral DNA and can lead to healing in the youth and the community.

Goals:

- By the end of the project period, the Tribe will implement the FINS program and reduce the rates of truancy occurring at the San Carlos Unified School District by 30 percent. (Baseline is 2017–2018 truancy rate of 67.9 percent - based on demographics = 1,566).
- In each year of the program, the FINS Coordinator will engage at least 100 children and their families. The San Carlos Unified School District Juvenile Truancy Officer shall refer a child to the FINS Coordinator who shall create a file and begin screening the child and family.
- At least 70 percent of youth will successfully complete the Attendance Plan.
- At least 70 percent of the youth will participate in cultural programming.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Referrals to appropriate support services
- Culturally based classes and activities

TYP Program Staff

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Tribal Department where the TYP is located: Tribal Court

Tribal Department Director: Ina Perez, Court Administrator

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Identify primary cause of the truancy, whether it be the family and/or parental situation.
- Enforce the new code, which provides a mechanism for school and law enforcement officials to intervene with families to identify issues that lead to truancy and provide services and support in an attempt to alleviate truancy.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

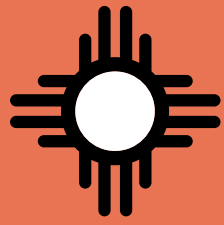
- Tribal Courts
- Tribal Social Services/Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Service Providers
- All public schools
- Indian Health Service – Behavioral Health Department
- Elders/Wisdom Keepers

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2019

Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Youth
Program

Program Director/Coordinator

Elicka Martinez
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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico
County: Rio Arriba
Total Population of Tribe:
1,256 (2022)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 40 youth per year for three
years (120 youth)

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages: 5–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

OHKAY OWINGEH

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Youth Program will work tirelessly with Tribal and non-Tribal youth providers, the public, and the Ohkay Owingeh public schools to integrate trauma-informed approaches and Ohkay Owingeh cultural practices to increase academic success for Ohkay Owingeh youth.

We seek to empower our community, a world of life, in which all youth will be nurtured to attain the right to survival, development, and full participation in educational opportunities. The purpose of the TY program is to reconcile the needs of our youth, family, and culture with the support of staff and community members. We will provide services for healing from historical trauma that our Tribe has experienced and continues to face, which has resulted in further isolation and makes for a more vulnerable community. Our continued focus is to make a better everyday life and guide our youth to become responsible and healthy adults.

Vision:

Instill in our youth that live in our small, close-knit communities and Pueblos the skills to experience school success for themselves, for their families, and for future generations.

Goals:

- Increase school attendance by 5 percent each program year. (Due to pandemic, decreased participant numbers.)
- Create and maintain an established referral system with Ohkay Owingeh Education Department liaison, Tribal Court, Health & Human Services, and Espanola Public Schools to ensure academic success of Ohkay Owingeh students by March 2021.
- Increase and promote Ohkay Owingeh community resources and services by 5 percent each program year throughout Tribal administration, divisions, and Tribal courts for Ohkay Owingeh students and their families.

Major TYP Program Components:

- Improved policies to support educational success and decrease truancy.
- Increased trauma awareness integrated within the Ohkay Owingeh service providers and with the Tribal School and public school staff.
- Create mentoring supports for Ohkay Owingeh youth to promote success in school.

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth:

- Establishment of solid, fair, accountable, and beneficial truancy reduction services for the Ohkay Owingeh youth and families.
- Youth & educational services rooted in trauma-informed approaches and resilience model.
- Tribal and school programs will become family-centered.
- Ohkay Owingeh's cultural traditions will be braided into the youth and families' homes and in the community.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies:

- Espanola Public Schools
- Communities in Schools (non-profit)
- Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Courts
- Ohkay Owingeh Tribal School

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2018

Youth Prevention and Intervention
Services

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico
County: Cibola
Total Population of Tribe: 3,901
(2019)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: Approximately 150*

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages: 10–19 (Grades 6–12)

**Number to be served not specified in grant nor strategic plan; grant documents indicate school-age children as target group. This number arrived at by taking population of 624 youth between 10–19 and 24 percent truancy rate noted in narrative, for estimate of 150.*

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Pueblo of Laguna’s Tribal Youth Program provides a coordinated response to risk factors for juvenile delinquency to reduce the delinquency rate. The overall goal of the project is to reform the Tribe’s juvenile justice system, providing prevention and intervention services to the Pueblo of Laguna’s school-aged children. Through this program, the Tribe will address the five main risk factors for delinquency (individual, family, school, peer group, and community) while strengthening resiliency.

Vision:

Engaging community to end juvenile delinquency and keep youth in school.

Goal:

- To reform the Tribe’s juvenile justice system by providing prevention and intervention services to the Pueblo of Laguna’s school-aged children.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Truancy and school dropout prevention programs
- Implementation of Teen Court
- Treatment services for high-risk youth

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- The program will serve to reduce the risk of truancy relative to family, peers, individual, community and school by engaging specialty programs including truancy prevention, treatment programming and a teen court program.
- The program’s goal is to reduce the truancy rate from 2017 of 24 percent by 13 percent for a rate of 14 percent.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)
- Laguna Department of Education
- Laguna Juvenile Probation
- New Mexico Cibola County Teen Court Partnership
- Laguna Police Department
- Laguna Library
- Administration- Village Officials
- Education Priority Team from Pueblo of Laguna Council
- Courts
- Bureau of Indian Education, Educational Resource Centers
- Community Health and Wellness (and related programs)
- Indian Health Services – Acoma Canoncita Laguna (ACL) clinic (New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center)
- Laguna Housing (Laguna Development and Management Enterprise)
- Pueblo of Laguna Tribe/Tribal Government

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2018

San Pasqual Band of Mission
Indians

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: California
County: San Diego
Total Population of Tribe: 280
Members (2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 25 per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11–18
(11–15: 83 percent; 16–18: 17
percent

**Based on number of students
registered at Education Center
6–12 grade*

GRANTEE PROFILE

SAN PASQUAL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Tribal Youth Program seeks to enhance opportunities for San Pasqual youth to thrive within their families and the community by strengthening their connectedness to their culture and supporting them through community partnerships and education.

Vision:

The San Pasqual Education Department envisions a program that enhances protective factors that build resiliency and ensure a strong, bright future for San Pasqual Youth, their families, and our community.

Goals:

- Decrease the number of youth arrests within the San Pasqual Community by 50 percent by targeting and funneling at-risk Tribal youth and/or Tribal youth offenders into San Pasqual Education Department (SPED) Programs.
- Increase Tribal and local county partnerships by 50 percent by establishing agreements/Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for a mutual referral process that offers services and resources to support the Tribal Youth Program.
- Develop an outreach program that will increase youth and family participation in SPED Programs and Tribal Youth Program activities by 25 percent per year.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school Tutorial Program
- Family/Community-Based Activities
- Cultural-Based Social/Ceremonial Activities
- Social Norming Campaigns
- Youth and Family/Community trainings and workshops
- Peer Mentoring Training

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration with community partners who offer youth-serving programs on the San Pasqual Reservation.
- Increase of resources targeting at-risk Tribal youth who can benefit from prevention and intervention strategies.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Kumeyaay Community College
- Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District
- Indian Health Council
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Police
- Intertribal Court of Southern California- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
- Domestic Violence Department- Native Women's Resource Program

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2018

Southern Indian Health Council's
Academic Success Project

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: California
County: San Diego County
Total Population of Tribal Members
served by Indian Health Facility:
14,236 (2018)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 50–60 students per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages: 6–18
(6–12: 65 percent; 13–18: 35
percent)

GRANTEE PROFILE

SOUTHERN INDIAN HEALTH COUNCIL, INC.

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Southern Indian Health Council's Academic Success Project works to improve the overall wellness of the Tribal youth by providing academic and social services from the Boys and Girls Club to achieve success.

Vision:

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens and make special efforts to provide opportunities and resources to empower the Tribal youth in the community to succeed.

Goals:

- To offer the use of a safe space for social skill-building and to engage in pro-social activities aimed at decreasing involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- Increase opportunities for youth to build healthy and sustainable relationships.
- Increase academic success and the development of healthy lifestyles.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school Activities
- Tutoring Services
- In-school academic support
- Providing school supplies
- Educational Field Trips
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Cultural learning opportunities

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased academic support for all participating Tribal youth.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth actively participating in programs centered on healing and healthy relationship building.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.
- Decrease of juvenile delinquent behavior among participating Tribal youth.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

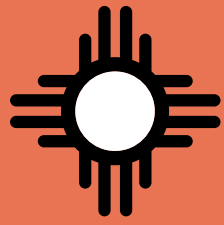
- Boys and Girls Club of Kumeyaay Nation Wellness
- Mountain Empire School District
- Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.
- Campo Tribe
- Manzanita Tribe
- La Posta Tribe
- Campo Indian Education Center

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Mescalero Apache Tribal Youth
Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico
County: Otero County
Total Population of Tribe:
12,468 (2016 U.S. Census)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 100 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Mescalero people have invested in the Tribal Youth prevention program and strategies based on the development of leadership skills among our youth. Using the Lead and Seed, evidence-based model for capacity development and the foundation of our work, our NDE' Youth Council will implement community wide information dissemination, education, and community service activities and events. The NDE' Youth Council meets weekly and plans and implements prevention strategies with the assistance and guidance of the Mescalero Prevention Program staff.

Vision:

As Apache people, we believe that we can grow stronger and more resilient through the truth and light of our culture, our language, and our traditions. We will banish alcohol, substance abuse, suicide, and domestic violence, as these life-killing ways have developed through historical trauma and colonization. We will grow and prosper through seven generations and will ensure the health and well-being of our children, their children, and the many children who will follow them.

Goals:

- Increase the use of traditional ways and cultural values to reduce binge drinking by 3 percent among Mescalero youth, as measured by self-report Strengths-Based Youth Survey questions by August 31, 2019.
- Decrease current 30-day drug and alcohol use for middle and high school students involved in Lead and Seed, evidence-based prevention programs, by 3 percent by August 31, 2019.
- Increase positive leadership and life skills by 10 percent for target Mescalero youth from baseline (as measured by the Strengths-Based Youth Survey), by August 31, 2019.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Drug and Alcohol Prevention Supports & Activities
- Traditional and cultural methods/supports to avoid stress
- Lead and Seed Training for youth
- Behavioral health counseling

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth:

- Increase of community engagement and supports which will lead to sustainable long-term youth prevention work through increased funding, volunteers, and in-kind donations.
- Increase of volunteers in schools and youth programs.
- Positive social and emotional behavior changes based on awareness and implementation of prevention strategies.
- Academic success.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies:

- Mescalero Apache Schools
- Mescalero Apache Service Providers Coalition

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Navajo Nation

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Arizona/Utah/New Mexico

County: Various counties through-
out AZ, NM, UT

Total Population of Tribe:

332,129 (Tribal Enrollment Office)

Members living on the reservation
is 173,667

Total Youth to be Served by

Grant

Youth: 90–135 Youth per year for
3 years

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

NAVAJO NATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Peacemaking Youth Education and Apprenticeship Program prioritizes youth cultural educa-
tion to help youth regain cultural pride, to better resolve conflict, and to stay in school. The pro-
gram seeks to reduce truancy, delinquency, and justice system involvement. The program scope
includes cultural education, Youth Apprentice Peacemaker training and mentorship, and services
for youth and their families to provide cultural and community connection through personal,
relevant education and culturally relevant services to resolve conflict.

Vision:

We, as a community, envision that our young men and young women will use the teachings in
White Shell worlds and Turquoise worlds to build deep respect for themselves and understanding
of the privileges and obligations of membership in their family, Clan, community, and People,
and that the identity they have from these values and relationships will support them as they live
strong and happy lives.

Goals:

- Establish a Peacemaking apprenticeship and mentoring program rooted in traditional Navajo values and teachings.
- Increase in-school opportunities for peer-to-peer conflict resolution for at least 300 at-risk, delinquent, or court-involved youth.
- Increase youth and adult understanding and participation in the Peacemaking Program and other traditional practices and teachings through education about the Peacemaking process.
- Develop comprehensive reentry services for formerly-detained youth that begin with tradi-
tional diagnosis and continue with Peacemaker mentors.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and in-school activities
- Peacemaking Apprenticeship Mentoring Curriculum
- Cultural-based learning: traditional stories, chants, and attending ceremonies appropriate for child's beliefs
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- School referrals to peer-to-peer Peacemaking/Conflict resolution sessions
- Reentry services for formerly-detained youth

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased exposure to cultural education and understanding by students in Navajo area schools.
- Increase of resources for youth conflict resolution and reduction of delinquency and disharmony within the schools.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered around Peacemaking and Navajo cultural teachings/practices.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program
- Navajo Nation Schools
- Navajo Nation Chapter Houses
- Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety
- Department of Diné Education
- Navajo Children and Family Services
- Navajo Behavioral and Mental Health Services

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Youth
Program

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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico
County: Valencia
Total Population of Tribe:
1,102 (2017 Tribal Enrollment)

Total Youth to be served by Grant

Youth: 450 (150 students each
year for 4 years)

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 5-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUEBLO OF ACOMA

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Youth Program centers on building the academic proficiency of all the students at Pueblo of Acoma. A core focus of the program was developing a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum based on traditional Acoma gardening and earth science.

Vision:

Builds on positive youth development through creation of culturally-based prevention and early intervention strategies that build resiliency.

Goals:

- Decrease alcohol, tobacco, drug use, and violence among school-based youth, ages 5–15, by 15 percent by the end of year four by developing positive interventions.
- Enhance the school’s yearly support services to effectively promote students’ educational learning with 75 percent of school-based youth, ages 5–15, by the end of year four.
- Increase Acoma students’ cultural knowledge and connectedness by 10 percent each year through structures of culture, tradition, and language immersion projects.
- Coordination of a collaborative summer youth program with other Acoma Tribal programs to engage youth in academic, social, physical, and cultural activities.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities to promote academic success
- STEM Summer programs
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Academic tutoring
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention sessions and intervention activities
- College preparation activities for grades 10–12

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Raised awareness of the impacts of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and violence on the health and wellness of youth at Pueblo of Acoma.
- Shared service approaches on responding to youth and family resource needs between Pueblo of Acoma Behavioral Health Services, Social Services, Tribal Courts, Acoma Department of Education, and Indian Health Services.
- Renewed focus and collaboration to ensure academic success and college readiness for high school students.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Integration of Acoma culture and language across Pueblo of Acoma schools.
- New methodology for creating and implementing high school academic portfolios by the Pueblo of Acoma Haak’u Community Academy (HCA) 21st Century Program.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Behavioral Health
- Social Services
- Tribal Court
- Law Enforcement & Traditional Sheriffs
- Acoma Traditional Officials
- Acoma Community Elders
- Acoma Community Members

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians

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Community Demographics

State: California

County: San Diego

Total Population of Tribe: 775
members (2024, Tribal Enrollment
Office)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 60 youth each year of the
program (180 youth)

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

LA JOLLA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians has experienced a disruption of traditional life ways and practice of traditional ceremonies and songs. Traditionally, these teachings are transferred generation to generation, yet the La Jolla Tribe is recognizing that our generations have been disrupted by multiple factors, including early death and substance abuse. The Tribe and the Tribal Council has set as a priority to address the needs of the youth and we believe strongly, as well as research is showing, that linking culture to our kids’ daily lives does make a positive difference for Native youth. The Tribe has established the importance of a comprehensive approach to keeping youth safe and helping them succeed in academic, personal, and cultural aspects of life. The design of this project has been created as a result of the work that has been done over the past 4 years with our Tribal youth.

Vision:

Reintroduce Luiseno values and methods which were once used for healing and maintaining wellness within the community.

Goals:

- Reintroduce Luiseno traditional values and healing methods into our youth program and engage our youth in these healing methods to bridge modern day life with Indian Tradition.
- Research five identified traditional practices and healing methods to incorporate into the Tribe’s youth programs, integrating La Jolla Tribal Best Practices.
- Incorporate Traditional values and healing methods into all programs offered to La Jolla youth including Generations After-school program, Yawaywish Girls Program, Athletics, Avellaka (Domestic Violence Advocacy Program), and juvenile offenders, serving 60 youth each year.
- Engage families and schools in creating an atmosphere which promotes traditional Luiseno values in all settings for our youth, serving 9 schools, 35 families, and 60 youth per year.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- During school and after-school tutoring supports: Student Support Program
- Provide parent resources
- Implement a Strengthening Girls Initiative on Reservation
- Develop and implement traditional healing methods

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration of all schools serving La Jolla Band of Luiseno youth.
- Decrease of high-risk factors for female Tribal youth.
- Increased academic success & reduce absenteeism.
- Create diversion supports for justice-involved youth.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Volunteer mentors
- Public school leadership and staff
- La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians Elders

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Pueblo of Pojoaque

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico

County: Santa Fe County

Total Population of Tribe: 1,664

(2015; Tribal Enrollment Office)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 60 per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Youth Program will build upon an existing Tribal Youth Program that began in 2008, with funding from both the Pueblo of Pojoaque and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). When that program first began, there were only three (3) Tribal youth enrolled, and upon completion of that initial project in 2013, it had grown to more than 25 Tribal youth. There are now approximately 40 youth participating in the program. With the new program, Pojoaque will strengthen its existing program and partnerships and develop new collaborations, activities, and cultural and family events that will increase the capacity and the size of the existing program by up to 40 percent, to now serve as many as 50–60 Tribal youth by the project’s end. Involving youth, parents, and families in educational, recreational, and cultural events has proven effective in reducing truancy, improving grades, and combatting substance abuse.

Vision:

The Pojoaque Tribal Youth Program will directly address problems of truancy, delinquency, substance abuse, school dropout rates, and behavioral problems by expanding the existing TYP to include an enhanced after-school tutoring program, and new, year-round programmatic activities, both cultural and recreational, that more fully engage youth, their parents and families, and with programs that build self-esteem.

Goals:

- Reduce truancy in Pojoaque Tribal youth by 60 percent by the end of the project
- Reduce cases and instances of substance abuse in Pojoaque Tribal youth

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Building cultural pride
- After-school tutoring
- Counseling/therapy resources
- Substance abuse assessments and referrals
- Hoop dancing
- Marital Arts
- Parenting Education Program

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Reduce the rates of truancy and crime in the Pueblo of Pojoaque community.
- Improvement in academic success of Pojoaque youth.
- Improved coordination of substance misuse and behavioral health resources for youth in the Pueblo of Pojoaque community.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Pojoaque Valley Schools
- Mesilla Valley Hospital
- Pojoaque Boys and Girls Club or the Wellness/Teen Center
- Pueblo of Pojoaque Child Protective Team
- Pueblo of Pojoaque Social Services
- Cultural Advisors
- Sangre de Cristo and the Taos Youth Treatment Centers

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021

Hualapai Tribe Juvenile Healing to
Wellness Court

Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator

April Havatone
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Community Demographics

State: Arizona
County: Mojave
Total Population of Tribe: 2,000
(2024)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Peach Springs Community
Peach Springs, Arizona
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 10

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 14–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Hualapai Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court program is a subdivision of the Hualapai Tribal Juvenile Court. It is designed for juveniles who are exposed to the juvenile justice system with substance use disorders. The program utilizes an evidence-based, treatment-oriented approach that emphasizes family engagement, community activity, education and culture to address the substance use and often co-occurring mental health issues experienced by the juvenile and, in turn, the family.

Vision:

The Hualapai people have resided on our homeland since time immemorial. The creation stories describe us as some of the tallest and strongest people around. We are a people to whom others look up. We are responsible for taking care of our family, our community and our neighboring Tribes. These values continue to guide us today in the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Program.

Goals:

- Identify alcohol or other drug abuse problems, specifically opioid abuse, that require the services of a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court. Enhancements to existing Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts should focus on court operations, the delivery of services, or both
- Hire a probation officer that deals with Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
- Community Education and Awareness
- Train court staff on youth wellness and team building events and activities
- Develop policies and Tribal code revision that enhances Juvenile Healing to Wellness

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Behavioral Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services and activities
- Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Hualapai Tribal Courts

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Jolene Marshall

Title: Chief Judge, Hualapai Tribe

Name: Monique Alvarez

Title: Probation Director

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Hualapai Tribal youth that supports rehabilitation, treatment, and reentry.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Develop policies and protocols that improve the engagement and participation of parents.
- Educate Tribal Court staff and programs on “Wellness Strategies” that enhance Tribal youth’s experience in the rehabilitative experience of the Hualapai Wellness Court strategy.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Social Services
- Tribal Prosecutor
- Hualapai Tribal Courts
- Tribal Education Department
- Peach Springs School
- Tribal Behavioral Health
- Tribal Probation/Supervision

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REGION

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2020
San Carlos Apache Tribe Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Pre-Implementation Stage

Program Director/Coordinator
Tina Hudson
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Community Demographics
State: Arizona
County: Gila
Total Population of Tribe: ~15,393
(2014)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
San Carlos Apache Reservation,
San Carlos, AZ, 85550
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: TBD

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages: TBD

GRANTEE PROFILE
SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The San Carlos Apache Tribe (SCAT) is a federally recognized Tribe located in Gila County, Arizona. SCAT does have a Juvenile Court with a judge and two juvenile probation officers. The first objective of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC), to be completed by the end of month nine of program year one, is to complete a planning phase that will determine the need for the court, the existing resources in the community, and identify resource gaps toward full implementation. Objective one, to be fully completed by the end of program year two, also includes tasks to develop the foundation of the JHWC and this will include developing policy and procedure, staffing, identifying screening and assessment tools, identifying partners in screening and intervention, and developing participant handbooks and other resources to implement the court. The second objective is anticipated to start in program year two and will be ongoing into years 3-5. This includes defining measures that will effectively evaluate the success of the court. It is anticipated that by the end of the five-year program period, 95 percent of juvenile cases that are eligible for the JHWC will be processed through the court and 80 percent of those will be involved in some type of behavioral health intervention or community-based traditional alternatives to treatment.

Vision:
Provide a comprehensive juvenile justice system to address substance-related juvenile delinquency, school failure, truancy, intra-family conflicts, and other contributing factors.

- Goals:**
- Improve court handling of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (ASA)-related cases affecting youth and family functioning through development of a JHWC that incorporates the 10 Healing to Wellness Court key components.
 - Develop Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHTW) Policies and Procedures, JHTW Handbook, & Judicial Bench Book.
 - Monthly Stakeholder meetings that result in a comprehensive needs analysis.
 - Identify screening and assessment tools.
 - Perform cross-training for stakeholders.
 - Increase program support and service coordination across programs servicing youth and families.
 - Increase use of cultural elements in JHTW Court, treatment, and services.
 - Increase alternatives to incarceration through intensive community-based supervision and monitoring, and linkages to reentry and/or relapse support.
 - Increase comprehensive problem-solving strategies through implementation of youth leadership/skill-based curricula.
 - Conduct a formative and process evaluation of the JHTW Program.

Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: San Carlos Apache Tribal Court
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JHWC Core Team
Name: Ina Perez
Title: Court Administrator

Name: Tina Hudson
Title: Drug Court Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a post-adjudication diversion program for San Carlos youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.

- JHWC Partner Agencies**
- Tribal Social Services
 - Tribal Wellness Center
 - Nnee Naldowi Program (Strong Apache)
 - Behavioral Health Services
 - Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Intensive Services
 - Tribal Probation/Supervision
 - San Carlos Unified School District
 - Young Warriors Group

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2019

Bishop Paiute Tribal Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court

Program Director

Yolanda Cortez
Court Administrator
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Community Demographics

State: California
County: Inyo County
Population: 1,954
(2021, U.S. Census)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Bishop Paiute Reservation,
Inyo County, CA
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 10–15

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Bishop Paiute Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court provides Native American youth ages 12–18 comprehensive services in the areas of substance use treatment, mental health, medical services, counseling, educational assistance, and supervision, while incorporating traditional and cultural practices. Youth that are charged with non-violent offenses related to the use of illegal substances may be eligible for the JHWC through an informal/formal agreement with the Inyo County Probation Department and Superior Court of California, Inyo County. The Bishop Paiute JHWC will also accept participants through the SARB (Student Attendance Review Board) with an underlying factor of drug or alcohol abuse. Each participant is supervised, supported, and held accountable to a collaboratively developed case plan created by the JHWC planning Committee team, Inyo County Probation, Inyo County District Attorney, Tribal JHWC Probation Officer, Clerk, Superior Court of California Judge, and JHWC Judge. Other external services may be provided as positive and effective services/supports are identified.

Vision:

taagwa nasüma' tei-pudu nüümü-neika ohodügwa-gu-wei
All of us together are going to make our youth strong.

Goals:

- To provide substance use/abuse/addiction rehabilitative services to Tribal youth at home and in the community while helping them become a productive member of their family and community.
- To achieve abstinence through cultural involvement.
- To foster positive behavioral changes and a new lifestyle.
- To facilitate active participation in community-based support systems.
- To assist participants in positive support network.
- Improve participants' problem-solving skills and coping strategies.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Intensive supervision and case management coordinated by the Wellness Court probation office.
- Intensive outpatient treatment and continuing care supported by local Tribal behavioral health services.
- Cultural and community connections through relationship-building opportunities and participation in local Tribal community events.
- Family engagement and support to improve case outcomes.
- Collaboration with Tribal and county judicial and youth-serving system providers.

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Bishop Paiute Tribal Court

Phone: (760) 784-4663

JHWC Core Team

Name: Yolanda Cortez

Title: Bishop Paiute Tribal Court Administrator

Name: Dean Stout

Title: Bishop Paiute JHWC Judge

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Comprehensive team-based case management processes targeted to support high-risk youth who are engaged in the use of illicit substances such as drugs and/or alcohol.
- Increased family and community engagement through the development of appropriate service plans that are centered on healing and well-being.
- Broad juvenile justice system changes through collaborative partnerships and efficient referral to treatment.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Superior Court of California, County of Inyo
- District Attorney, County of Inyo
- Inyo County Probation Department
- Inyo County Sheriff's Department
- Bishop Paiute Tribal Police Department
- Toiyabe Indian Health Project
- Inyo County Health and Human Services
- Bishop Paiute Tribe Family Formation
- Inyo County Office of Education
- Bishop Joint Unified School District
- Bishop Indian Education Center
- Owens Valley Career Development Center
- Bishop Paiute/Shoshone Cultural Committee
- Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services
- Bishop Paiute Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office
- California Indian Manpower Consortium
- Northern Inyo Hospital
- Local Spiritual Leaders/Advisors
- Local Elders
- Local Mentors

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2019

Pueblo of Acoma Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Status: Pre-Implementation Stage

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico
County: Cibola
Total Population of Tribe: ~5000 (2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Pueblo of Acoma Reservation
33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma, NM 87034
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 105

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages: 14-20

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUEBLO OF ACOMA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Pueblo of Acoma (POA) is a federally recognized Tribe located in parts of Cibola County. The POA Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHTW) handles juvenile cases related to substance abuse through multi-disciplinary (MTD) cases reviews, intensive court supervision and judicial interaction, multiple referral points into the program, screening and eligibility assessments, interventions and treatment, and graduated incentives and sanctions. Case management and follow-up with treatment referrals to allied agencies, i.e., Acoma Behavioral Health, Social Services, and community-based resources, will ensure successful treatment outcomes. Culturally-based protective factors utilized by the JHTW court will be provided through connections to cultural mentoring, healing and wellness sessions, as well as implementation of a skill-based curriculum (Native Pride) teaching leadership, coping and life skills to participants.

Vision:

Provide a comprehensive juvenile justice system to address substance-related juvenile delinquency, school failure, truancy, intra-family conflicts, and other contributing factors.

Goals:

- Improve court handling of substance abuse-related cases affecting youth and family functioning through development of a JHTW court that incorporates the 10 Healing to Wellness key components.
- Develop JHTW Policies and Procedures, JHTW Handbook, & Judicial Benchbook.
- Increase program support and service coordination across programs servicing youth and families.
- Increase use of cultural elements in JHTW Court and treatment and services.
- Increase alternatives to incarceration through intensive community-based supervision and monitoring, and linkages to reentry and/or relapse support.
- Increase comprehensive problem-solving strategies through implementation of a youth leadership/skill-based curricula.
- Conduct a formative and process evaluation of the JHTW Program.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Valerie Tortalita

Title: Wellness Court Clerk

Name: Randolph Collins

Title: Chief Judge

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Acoma youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Develop data management system to improve client engagement.
- Implementation of cultural mentorship to increase youth community connectedness.
- Implementation of ongoing cultural teaching through probation interaction with youth (e.g., mentoring programming).

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Court Staff
- Tribal Police
- Pueblo of Acoma Health Services Department
- Pueblo of Acoma Social Services
- Traditional Officials
- Education and community-based organizations
- Tribal Probation/Supervision

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2019

Tule River Tribe Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Court

Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: California
County: Tulare
Total Population of Tribe: 1,873
enrolled; 1,013 living on reservation
(2020)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Tule River Tribal Lands, Porterville,
CA 93257
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 10

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 13–20

GRANTEE PROFILE

TULE RIVER TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Court will offer a culturally appropriate spiritual road map (grounded in Native American values) to wellness that will instill identity and culture and support a positive future. It will incorporate all elements of effective Healing to Wellness Courts.

Vision:

To effectively address the root causes of skyrocketing youth substance abuse rates on the reservation; strategies must also include “proactive” solutions.

Goal:

The overall goal of the Tule River Tribe Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Court is to bring together alcohol and drug treatment, community healing resources, and the Tule River Tribal Justice process by using a team approach to achieve the physical and spiritual healing of our Tribal youth, and to promote Native American values to support the well-being of the community.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Development of life plan for youth based on Native American values
- Individual and community healing
- Screening and eligibility
- Treatment and rehabilitation
- Intensive supervision
- Incentives and sanctions
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Continuing interdisciplinary and community education

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Tule River Tribe Justice Department

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Roxanne Burt

Title: JHWC Coordinator

Name: Joseph Wiseman

Title: Judge

Name: Maria Malone

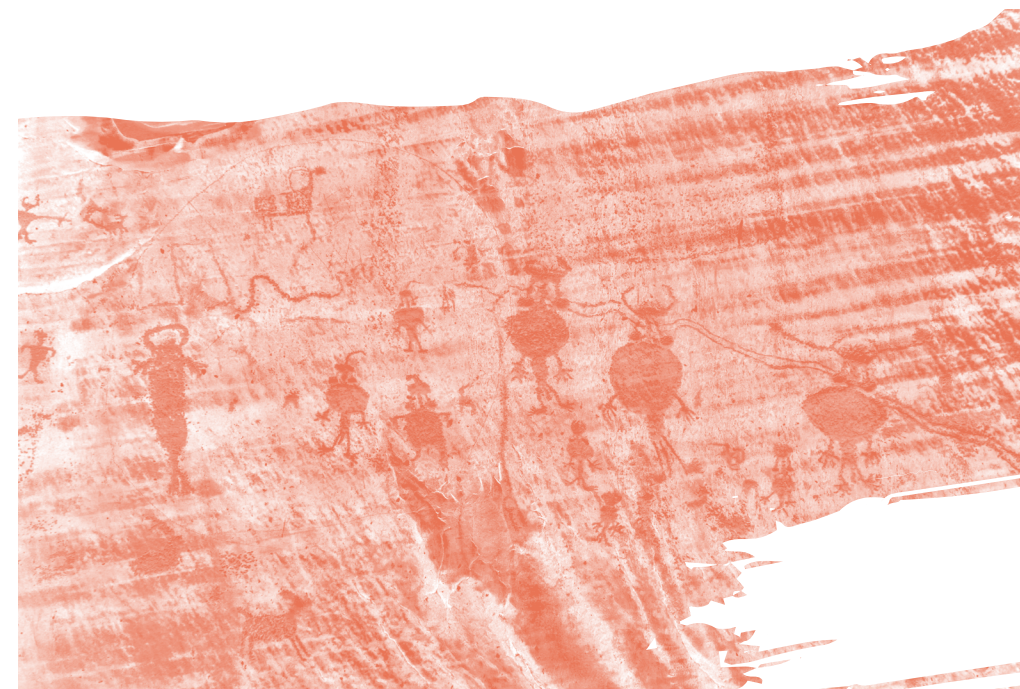
Title: Court Clerk

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Reduced number of Tribal youths involved with the Tribal Justice System.
- Increase in the number of youths who demonstrate stability through employment, education, goal achievement, etc.
- Monthly on-site sessions with juvenile offenders, guiding them in the creation of a Life Plan based on Native American values.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tule River Alcoholism Program
- Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education Program
- Spiritual Advisor



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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2018

Intertribal Court of Southern
California Tribal Youth Court JHWC
Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator

Dianne Daniels
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Community Demographics

State: California
County: Riverside and San Diego
County
Total Population: 9,277 (2010)

Jurisdiction or Area Served

San Diego and Riverside Counties
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 6

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages: Middle to High School

GRANTEE PROFILE

INTERTRIBAL COURT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Intertribal Court of Southern California Tribal Youth Court focuses on providing a diversion process that involves culturally-specific healing practices for youth in middle to high school, while providing opportunities to learn about Tribal Restorative Justice Models.

Vision:

To provide at-risk Native youth with an opportunity to create a brighter future by creating healthy habits and decreasing negative behavior.

Goals:

- Establish a Youth Court rooted in traditional values and restorative justice for 25 youth each year for three years
- Increase opportunities for youth to build healthy and sustainable relationships with adults in their communities
- Increase youth and adult participation in social and cultural activities in their community

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Diversion and Educational Services
- Tribal Restorative Practices

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Intertribal Court of Southern California

Tribal Department Director: Dianne Daniels

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Angela Medrano

Title: Judge

Name: Dianne Daniels

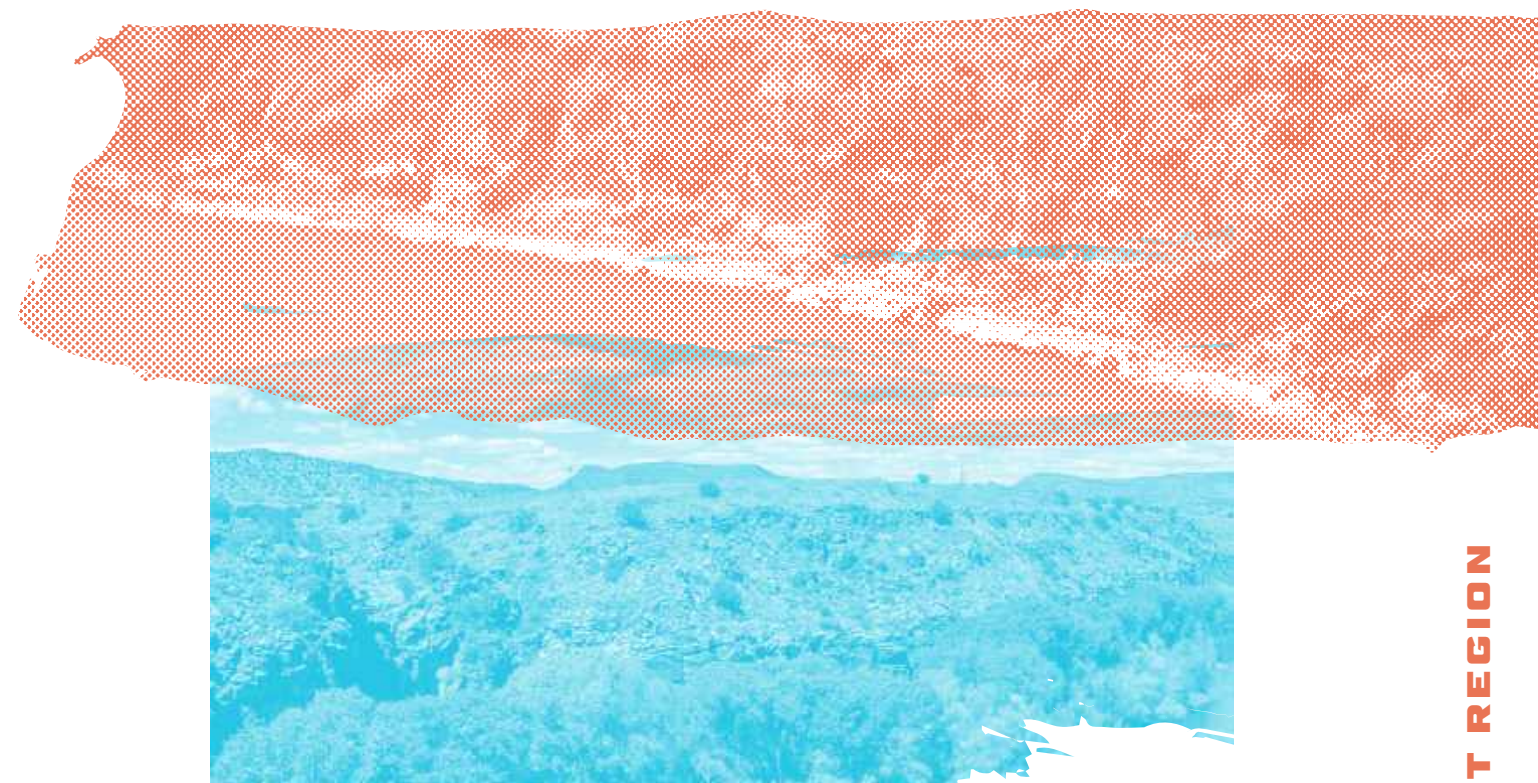
Title: Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements

- Reduced recidivism for Tribal youth offenders.
- Increase of diversion options for justice-involved Tribal youth.
- Increase collaboration with state & local governments.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth justice programs.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
- Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel Tribes
- Indian Health Council of Valley Center, CA
- American Indian Recruitment Programs
- San Diego State University
- University of California San Diego
- Member Tribes' School Districts
- Other Member Tribes as identified



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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2018

Pueblo of Pojoaque Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Closed Out

Program Director/Coordinator

Santana Bartholomew
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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico
County: Santa Fe
Total Population of Tribe: Approx.
500 enrolled members (2019 est.)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Fe, NM
Not Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 5

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 12-20

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Pueblo of Pojoaque Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, also known as Youth Path to Wellness (YPTW), seeks to improve outcomes for court-involved juveniles and young adults under the age of 21 who are struggling with substance abuse. The Pueblo of Pojoaque YPTW JHWC will implement evidence-based assessments and interventions that are tailored for their youth. Pueblo of Pojoaque YPTW JHWC will expand existing collaborations to create a support team including a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Case Manager/Coordinator, a Substance Abuse Clinician, Juvenile Probation Officer, School Liaison, Tribal Leadership and Law Enforcement. Service providers and the YPTW JHWC team will receive training to include interdisciplinary collaboration, treatment fidelity, adolescent trauma and brain development, and trauma-informed care.

Vision:

Our vision is to establish a culture of healing and wellness that guides our future leaders and their families into fostering positive relationships and developing ongoing practices that instill a strong sense of identity, respect, and accomplishment within the Pueblo of Pojoaque and beyond its boundaries.

Goals:

- Develop a trauma-informed, culture-centered component for use within the YPTW program for Tribal youth.
- Increase youth participation in community events.
- Engage youth and their families in the Youth Path to Wellness JHWC as early as practical in their delinquency case.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Butterfly Center (Residential Treatment)
- Circle of Life Behavioral Health (Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Mental Health & Continuing Care Services)
- Culturally appropriate services through the Poeh Cultural Center & Council of Elders
- Pro-social activities through Boys & Girls Club and Youth Council

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Christalle Martinez

Title: Court Administrator

Name: Kim McGinnis

Title: Judge

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Pueblo of Pojoaque youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Train all YPTW staff and committee members to be trauma-informed to support the needs of court-involved youth and families.
- Conduct a community survey to better assess the strengths and needs of youth and families in the community at large.
- Have youth and family actively participate in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Infuse cultural components into the JHWC phases.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Pueblo of Pojoaque Family & Children Services
- Circles of Life Behavioral Health Network
- In-house Substance Abuse Counselor
- Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribal Leadership
- Pueblo of Pojoaque Boys and Girls Club
- Defense Advocate/Youth Attorney
- Pueblo of Pojoaque Police Department
- Probation Department

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2017

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Status: Closed Out

Program Director/Coordinator

Doris Cruz

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Community Demographics

State: California

County: Riverside

Total Population of Tribe: 1,300

(2022)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Reservation

Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 6

Ages of Youth to be Served in

Program

Youth under 20 years old

GRANTEE PROFILE

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (MBMI JHWC) seeks to provide culturally appropriate services to Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal youth in the county juvenile justice system. The Morongo Band of Mission Indians will establish a multidisciplinary steering committee to plan and implement the JHWC to: 1) reduce juvenile delinquency and recidivism of Tribal youth; 2) limit juvenile substance use; 3) increase cultural and community youth participation by providing support, treatment, and access to evidence-based services for justice-involved youth.

MBMI JHWC will expand existing internal and external collaborations to create a support team including a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Case Manager, a Substance Abuse Clinician, as well as Tribal Social Services and county Juvenile Probation Services. Service providers and the MBMI JHWC team will receive relevant JHWC training to include child trauma and brain development, and trauma-informed care.

Vision:

To bring together community healing resources using a team approach to achieve the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing of the participants.

Goals:

- Establish a multidisciplinary steering committee to lead the planning and implementation of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court.
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians court-involved youth will participate in services that incorporate the Morongo culture and tradition as a basis for changing behavior.
- Engage the county of Riverside in identification and referral of eligible Morongo Tribal youth to the JHWC programming.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Inpatient Treatment
- Individual Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counseling
- Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services if determined by an assessment
- Culturally appropriate services
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Activities that incorporate Morongo culture and traditions

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Morongo Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Doris Cruz

Title: Judicial Court Coordinator

Name: Karen Riess

Title: Judge

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Revise and enact Juvenile Code to include JHWC, in order to have jurisdiction over Morongo Tribal youth and respond to court-involved youth through restorative justice and culturally appropriate methods.
- Collect community data to identify juvenile issues and assess gaps in services to youth and families.
- Provide strength and culturally based programming to court-involved youth and families through community programs and collaborations.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- In-house Substance Abuse Counseling Services
- Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Intensive Services
- Desert Sage Wellness Center (Indian Health Services Residential Treatment Center)
- Morongo Tribal Elders and Community Members
- Morongo Tribal Social Services
- Morongo Tribal Court
- Riverside Probation Department
- Morongo Band Behavioral Health
- Morongo Tribal Council
- Morongo Band Child and Family Services

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2017

Navajo Nation Juvenile Healing to
Wellness Court

Status: N/A

Program Director/Coordinator

N/A

Community Demographics

State: Arizona

County: Apache County

Total Population of Tribe: 4,518
(2010)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Chinle, Lukachukai, Many Farms,
Nazlini, Rock Point, Round Rock,
Tsaile, and Tselani Communities
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 40

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 10-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

NAVAJO NATION

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Navajo Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court seeks to address substance use disorder and its related issues for the Chinle District in a coordinated effort to keep the community safe and promote personal accountability and positive outcomes.

Vision:

To foster young adults to be versed in their traditional roles and responsibilities, to value education and adapt their Diné way of life to transition into a healthy adult.

Goals:

- Involve Save Our Students Action Group as an advisory committee that will help with planning and development.
- Increase opportunities for youth to build healthy and sustainable relationships with their communities.
- Increase youth understanding of their traditional roles and responsibilities.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- After-school and weekend activities
- Community Service-Learning Projects
- Culturally-based social activities
- Peacemaking
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling
- Education support services

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Chinle Judicial District

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Email: cynthiathompson@navajo-nsn.gov

JHWC Core Team

Name: Judge Cynthia Thompson

Title: Judge

Name: Vanessa Mescal

Title: Probation; Public Defender's Office

Name: Tyson Yazzie

Title: Prosecutor

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication or post-adjudication diversion program for Navajo Nation youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Increased collaboration between youth-serving programs and behavioral/mental/social services.
- Increase in resources available that target prevention and intervention strategies for Navajo youth.
- Increased number of youth and adults who are actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Increased integration of Navajo cultural teachings.
- Promotion of personal accountability for Navajo youth.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Save Our Students Action Group
- Chinle District Court
- Navajo Social Services
- Navajo Department of Behavioral Health Services
- Local women's shelter
- Navajo Nation Department of Education
- Chinle Unified School District
- Indian Health Services-Chinle Service Unit
- Local churches
- Navajo Youth Services
- Navajo Nation Police
- Navajo Peacemaking Program

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016

Pueblo of Tesuque Juvenile

Healing to Wellness Court

Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator

Daniel Hena

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Community Demographics

State: New Mexico

County: Santa Fe County

Total Population of Tribe: 425

(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Tesuque, Santa Fe, NM

Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 15-25 youth per year

Ages of Youth to be Served in

Program

Ages 13-20

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUEBLO OF TESUQUE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Pueblo of Tesuque Juvenile Healing to Wellness court combines accountability with treatment services and cultural activities to help youth participants heal from substance use issues.

Vision:

A cultural diversionary program that unifies cultural tradition and western medicine to find the best solution that will help heal the behavioral, physical, and spiritual well-being of each youth participant who is engaged in delinquent behaviors and who suffers from substance abuse.

Goals:

- Establish a Tribal justice diversion program with a healing and accountability focus with incarceration being a punishment of last resort.
- Increase opportunities for juveniles to engage in cultural activities within their community.
- Increase youth accountability and opportunities for engaging in healthy lifestyles.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Tewa Language Classes
- 8 Northern Indian Pueblo Councils
- Behavioral Health Services
- Embroidery Class/Traditional Kilt Making
- Place names class combining language learning and physical activities
- Talking Circle: Healing Group

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Tesuque Health and Wellness Division/
Tribal Court

Phone: (505) 989-4969

JHWC Core Team

Name: Judge Deborah Doll

Title: Judge

Name: Gene Henry

Title: Juvenile Probation Officer

Name: Daniel Hena

Name: Linda Bronson Wood

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication or post-adjudication diversion program for Pueblo of Tesuque youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment
- Increased collaboration between Tribal justice system and treatment and social services
- Increase in resources available targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth
- Increase in number of youth and adults who actively participate in programs centered on healing and family strengthening
- Increased integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs
- Decrease substance use and recidivism among Tribal youth

JHWC Partner Agencies

- 8 Northern Pueblo Councils
- Circles of Life: Behavioral Health Therapists
- Tesuque Health and Wellness Division
- Tesuque Community School
- Tewa Language Program
- Pueblo Education Department
- Tesuque Tribal Court
- Tesuque Probation Office
- Tesuque Tribal Council

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Contact

Linda Stewart, Court Clerk
(405) 234-5255

Community Demographics

State: Oklahoma
County: Seminole and Statewide
for enrolled Tribal Members
Total Population of Tribe: 21,508
(2021, U.S. Census)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma,
Seminole County
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 5

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages: N/A

GRANTEE PROFILE

SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

Through a system of services, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court serves Native American youth who are non-violent offenders or at-risk youth affected by drugs or alcohol. It provides judicial treatment, support, and services that meet the needs of the youth as well as their families. Whether the youth participates through court mandate or voluntarily enters, the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court is an opportunity to address the issues that have resulted in their appearance in court.

This program is designed from a Seminole Tribal perspective; culture and tradition are components of the treatment process. It helps to empower participants to deal with their substance and/or alcohol issues through counseling, accountability, and supervision. The program requires a commitment from the participants to be honest, actively participate, and to cease the use of all drugs and alcohol.

The Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court consists of four phases of treatment lasting from eight to twelve months and is similar to existing juvenile treatment court models. The program serves youth within the jurisdiction of the Court (See Title 5, Sec. 3 & 4 and Title 19, Sec. 102 SN Code).

Vision:

To bring together partnerships that provide alternative resources and promote healing, incorporated with Tribal justice procedures, using a team approach to improve the overall well-being of the participants, families and community.

Goals:

- Engage trained and supportive staff to coordinate case planning and treatment for Tribal youth.
- Connect with partners and other organizations in the community and surrounding areas.
- Develop and update existing Tribal Code to support the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and ensure Tribal Court staff, grant-funded positions, and Judicial Board Receive training.
- Engage in effective data collection processes, to identify success and future needs of Seminole Nation of Oklahoma youth.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Special court judicial support.
- Collaborative support for youth participants through court clerks, child advocates, guardian ad litem and attorneys.
- Culturally appropriate services and substance use treatment.
- Aftercare/continuing care for program graduates.

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Seminole Nation Tribal Court

Phone: (405) 562-7072

JHWC Core Team

- Tribal Judicial Leader
- Wellness Court Coordinator
- Youth and Family/Social Services
- Treatment/Behavioral Health Provider

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Develop the Tribal Code to establish Special Healing to Wellness Docket approved by Tribal Council.
- To strengthen the juvenile diversion effort via State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs and Tribal partnership according to House Bill 1834, approved by the House of Representatives on March 9, 2016.
- Have youth and family actively participate in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Create a broader change in the juvenile justice and substance abuse treatment systems.
- Infuse cultural components into the JHWC phases: Level 1 (Yvhv-Coyote), Level II (Nvkose-Bear), Level III (Fvscate-RedBird), and Level IV (Lvmhe-Eagle).

JHWC Partner Agencies

Child Welfare, Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health

- Tribal Social Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Services

Other Community and Supportive Services

- Tribal Education Department, Workforce
- Health Care

Parenting, Child and Family Services

- Indian Child Welfare

Attorneys, Other Courts and Criminal Justice/Legal System

- Defense Services Office
- Protective Services Attorney Office
- Probation Department

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2015

Gila River Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Arizona
County: Pinal
Total Population of Tribe: 14,260 (2018)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Gila River Indian Community,
Sacaton, AZ 85147
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 60-80

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

GILA RIVER TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Gila River Tribe Juvenile Drug Court will screen and assess referred juveniles for eligibility. When eligibility is determined, participants receive a therapeutic healing process through a team-guided approach, while engaged in a judicially oriented program that ensures due process and is overseen by a Children's Court Judge. The program provides access to substance abuse counseling, individual sessions, and, if needed, family counseling. Probation Officers provide intensive monitoring, which includes random drug and alcohol testing. Participants will engage in Community projects and receive Community Service and Wellness credits for their involvement. Participants will be rewarded or sanctioned, depending on their progress and compliance with program requirements. Team interaction is required to determine incentives and sanctions.

Vision:

"Sap Hihim Hekth A'alga," which translates to, "Children on a Good Path."

Goals:

- Improve and continue the existing Juvenile Drug Court program operations to reduce drug and/or alcohol abuse among Gila River youth.
- Reduce the recidivism rate of Gila River youth.
- Reduce the number of non-violent, drug-related offenses committed by Gila River youth.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Intense monitoring and drug testing
- Counseling sessions
- Community service
- Wellness Activities
- Tutoring Supports
- Transportation Support

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Gila River Tribal Courts

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Norma Nahsonhoya

Title: Drug Court Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- JHWC staff provide ongoing case management support to youth and family to mitigate challenges the youth are facing in the community and home.
- Implementation of a Tribal referral process that provides access to wraparound services.
- Opportunities for youth to participate in cultural teachings and activities, provided by Tribal members.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Eliminate service gaps for justice-involved youth.
- Sustain a multi-disciplinary team approach for justice-involved youth.
- Improved support & resources for youth facing academic challenges.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Gila River Tribe Education Department
- Gila River Tribe Prosecutor's Office
- Gila River Tribe Defense Services
- Gila River Tribe Law Enforcement
- Gila River Tribe Probation Department
- Gila River Tribe Social Services
- Gila River Tribe Behavioral Health Services

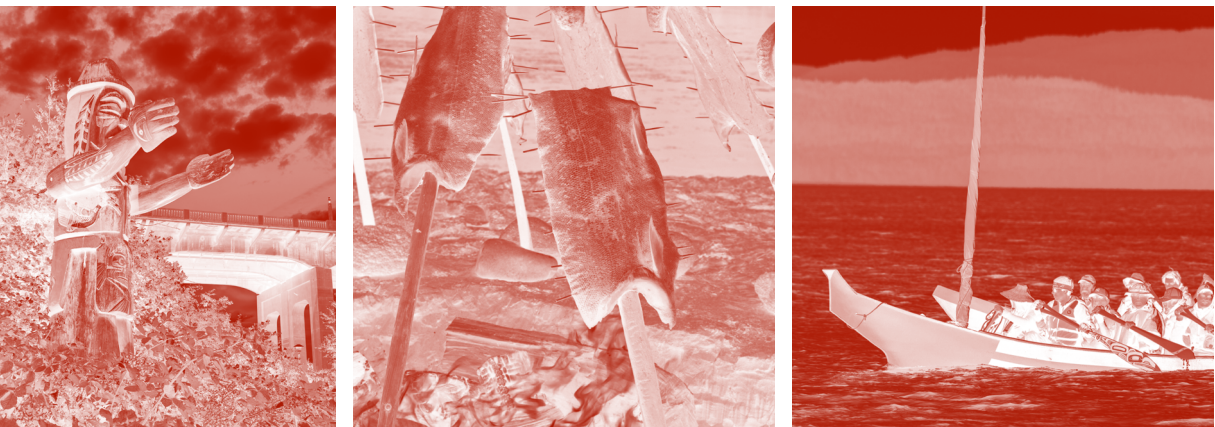
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—Chief Seattle



THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION The Pacific Northwest (PNW) Region has been home to Indigenous peoples for over 10,000 years and is characterized by its rich landscape of forests, rivers, and coastline. While cultural lifeways carry through the diverse Tribes and Nations of the PNW, the diversity of landscape continues to shape their distinct lifestyles and traditions. This is reflected in the stories in this section, highlighting each community’s deep connection to their land, water, and enduring ceremonies.

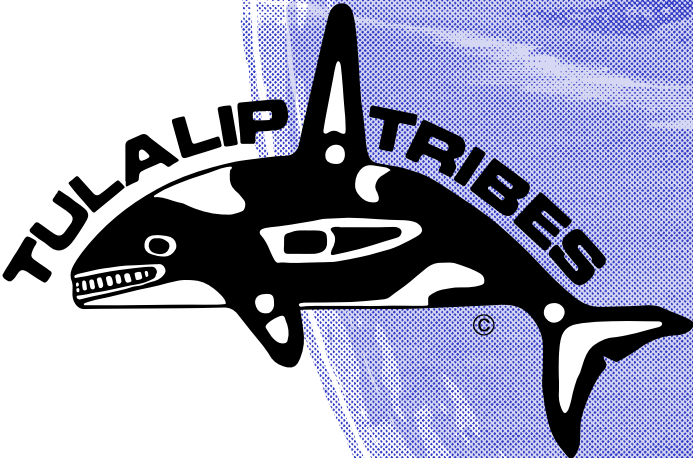
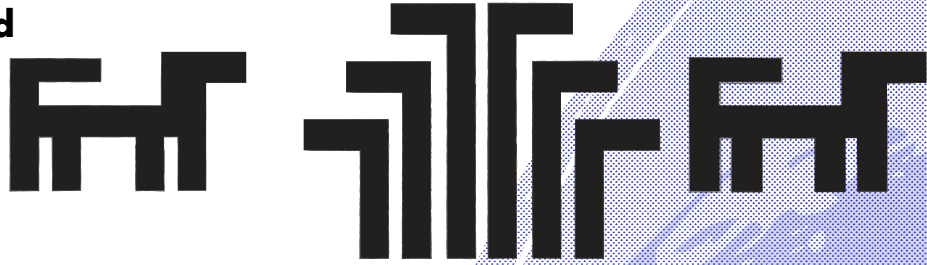
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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON includes the Wascoes, the Warm Springs, and the Paiutes. The three Tribes united in 1937 and established a Tribal Council in 1938, as part of their ongoing efforts to represent and protect the rights and needs of their people. Today, the Council consists of eleven members: eight elected representatives from the three districts—Agency, Simnasho, and Seekseequa—and three lifetime Chiefs, each representing one of the three Tribes within the Confederacy.

THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE RESERVATION is located in north-central Idaho, but the Nimiipuu (traditional Nez Perce name) people have strong connections to lands and waters that extend into modern-day Washington, Oregon, and Montana, predating the creation of the reservation by the federal government. The Nimipuutímt language is central to Nez Perce culture and identity. To support the preservation of Nimipuutímt for current and future generations, the Nez Perce Tribe offers an accessible language program, ensuring that this vital aspect of their lifeways continues to thrive.

THE YUOK TRIBE is the largest Tribe in California, and its members refer to themselves as Oohl, meaning “Indian people.” As highlighted on their website, “The Klamath-Trinity River is the lifeline of our people because the majority of the food supply, like ney-puy (salmon), Kaa-ka (sturgeon) and kwor-ror (candlefish) are offered to us from these rivers.” In recent history, the Yurok Tribe has undertaken major initiatives to restore and protect fisheries, remove dams, reintroduce condors, and protect natural resources in connection with the Klamath-Trinity River.

See the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Nez Perce Tribe, and Yurok Tribe Tribal websites for more information.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

GRANTEES & PROJECT OVERVIEWS





PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Blackfeet Tribe, Montana

Program Director/Coordinator

Chaniel Grant

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Community Demographics

State: Montana

County: Glacier & Pondera

Total Population of Tribe: 16,500

(2018 Tribal Enrollment Statistic)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 20-25 youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12-20

GRANTEE PROFILE

BLACKFEET TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Blackfeet Tribe's Tribal Youth Program was written and developed to work in partnership with the Blackfeet Juvenile Court to strengthen the Blackfeet juvenile justice system. The collaboration's focus is to enhance community safety and reduce substance use disorder (SUD)-related trauma and victimization of youth. During the five years of the program, an emphasis will be placed on integrating inherent Blackfeet cultural lifeways and supports into the schools and the juvenile court to increase protective factors for youth.

Increased communication & collaboration are the guiding values to widen the collective work and ensure accountability, consistency, and follow through with the purpose of protecting our children. The program will engage youth in all aspects of planning and implementation to lift up the youth voice. Through their journey in the program, youth will leave with a parfleche that holds resources to strengthen Blackfeet identity and connection to the lifeways of our people.

Vision:

Our dream is providing our youth holistic care by bridging the gap of communication and support between youth-serving programs. Our vision is strengthening the youth by connecting them to all of their helpers - ALL supports will be grounded in prayer and culture.

Goals:

- The Mio'ohpokoiksi program will partner with Crystal Creek Lodge Adolescent program to provide referrals for SUD assessment and counseling services for 70 percent of referred Mio'ohpokoiksi youth.
- The Mio'ohpokoiksi program will partner with Crystal Creek Lodge Adult program and other adult SUD programs to provide education and resources on access to SUD services for 80 percent of youth participants' parents and/or caregivers.
- Plan and coordinate two prevention initiatives per year with partners working in child welfare that will provide education and resources on youth victimization and safety.
- Plan and coordinate with Blackfeet schools and community treatment programs to develop two prevention initiatives per year for at least 20 youth identified as at risk due to SUD in the home.
- Plan and coordinate with Crystal Creek Lodge (CCL) and the Journey to Recovery (J2R) program to offer traditional parenting classes to 5 percent of parents of youth referred to the Blackfeet JHWC program each year.
- The Mio'ohpokoiksi program will increase cultural protective factors by hosting 10 Blackfeet Cultural Connectedness Modules and cultural activities per year.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- School Counseling Supports and Tutoring
- Behavioral Health Screenings and Services
- Cultural-Based Social and Ceremonial Activities
- Partnerships with Law Enforcement and Probations Staff for Proactive Intervention Supports for Justice-Involved Youth
- SUD assessment, evaluation and support; connection with treatment opportunities; counseling
- Legal advocacy as needed to represent youth participant rights in the Blackfeet Tribal Court

TYP Program Staff

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Tribal Department Director: None listed on the Tribal Website

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Utilize the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) to improve and expedite the entry process, as well as utilize results to link participants to services based on risk and need.
- Improve partnerships with Crystal Creek Lodge, Journey to Recovery, Behavioral Health entities, and other adult SUD programs through development of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), cross-system training, communication, and positive reinforcement of participation.
- Improve partnerships with Blackfeet Family Services, Child Protection Services, Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services, and Behavioral Health entities through development of MOUs, cross-system training and communication and positive reinforcement of participation.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- School District
- Law Enforcement
- Social Services
- Tribal Courts
- Probation

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Chehalis Tribal Youth Program

Program Director

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Gray Harbor and Thurston

Total Population of Tribe:

457 members (2023, Tribal Enrollment Office)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

24–45 youth per year over a four-year period

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 5–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview:

The Chehalis Tribal Youth Program will improve Tribal efforts to prevent and reduce youth involvement in the justice system. This is accomplished by working with youth, ages 5 to 17, in the after-school program. The program will also work with parents, providing strategies to strengthen their ability to support their children as they navigate the pressures of growing up. The Chehalis Tribal Youth Mentor will be integral in the lives of the youth, serving as a bridge between the youth, their families, and the court system to provide direct support for youth in the system.

Vision:

To be a thriving, self-sufficient, sovereign people, honoring our past and serving current and future generations.

Goals:

- Prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency by 6 percent per year for the next four years through positive daily engagement and intervention with youth at the Youth Center and public schools.
- Decrease the number of court-involved youth by 10 percent each year for the next four years.
- Develop a community-based mentorship program by providing one-to-one mentoring services and group mentoring activities.
- Research and implement prevention curriculum for youth, ages 11 to 17, to increase youth engagement strategies & decrease youth court involvement.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Alternatives to detention program services
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) services
- Suicide prevention program
- Academic supports
- Mental Health support services
- Bullying behaviors education

TYP Program Staff

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Tribal Department Director: John Shortman

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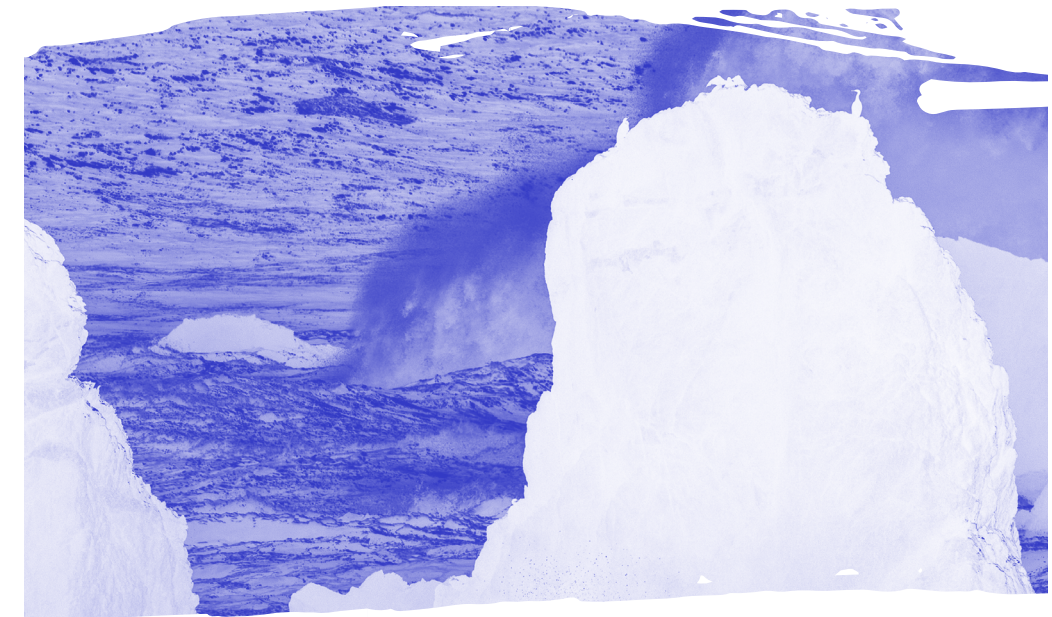
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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Improved coordination between youth-serving agencies.
- Reduction in youth involvement in the justice system.
- Improved partnership between the school district and the Chehalis Tribe.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Public school leadership and staff
- Chehalis Elders
- Chehalis Mental Health Department
- Chehalis Substance Abuse Department



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NORTHWEST

Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021
Confederated Tribes of Grand
Ronde

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Oregon
County: Polk and Yamhill
Total Population of Tribe: 5,873
(2017)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**
175 Youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 11 – 17

GRANTEE PROFILE
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Youth Empowerment and Prevention (YEP) program is devoted to serving and promoting the health and well-being of Tribal youth and families, thereby preserving the strength, cultural connection, and integrity of the community for future generations.

Vision:

Culture is prevention. We believe this whole-heartedly and unequivocally. By rooting TYP programming into our culture and its values, we foster strong, resilient, and hopeful young people who will be the parents and grandparents, aunties and uncles, leaders and visionaries of our Tribes tomorrow.

Goals:

- To build, strengthen, and increase protective factors that will reduce youth involvement in alcohol, drugs, and violence and ultimately reduce juvenile crime through Culture-As-Prevention activities.
- To provide opportunities for young people to learn and practice leadership skills to ensure they have foundations for success, as well as to act as the voice of Tribal youth to help guide Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) decision-making in areas impacting youth.
- To provide outreach and awareness information about juvenile crime prevention, alcohol and drug prevention, gang prevention, and healthy lifestyles for the broader community through articles, social media, and prevention education events.
- To create opportunities for both one-on-one and group connections to youth at-risk or already involved in the juvenile justice system to support their needs, provide a trusting relationship with positive adults, and referrals to other programs as needed.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Youth Leadership Development
- Cultural-based educational activities
- Healing of the Canoe Curriculum
- Nature Walks and Camps
- Monthly Walk and Talks
- Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)
- Peer Mentoring
- Annual Round Dance

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs on the CTGR Reservation
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

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| • CTGR Youth Education Department | • CTGR Behavioral Health |
| • CTGR Culture Department | • CTGR Tribal Council |
| • CTGR Early Education Department | • CTGR Immersion Language Program |
| • CTGR Child and Family Services Department | • CTGR Community members |
| • Willamina Middle School and High School | • Sheridan Middle and High School |
| • CTGR Tribal Law and Order Department | • CTGR Housing Department |

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Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Coquille Indian Tribal Youth
Program

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Community Demographics

State: Oregon
County: Coos County (Killich
Reservation, Coos Bay)
Tribal Members 1,100+ (Coquille
Indian Tribe Site, 2023)

Total Youth to be Served by
Grant

Youth: 40–45 per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 5–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Coquille Indian Tribal Youth Program seeks to provide opportunities for youth ages 5–18 to thrive in their schools, families, and community by strengthening their connectedness to culture and education.

Vision:

The overarching vision of this project is to enhance the Coquille Indian Tribe’s capacity to develop and deploy effective cultural-based prevention programs to meet the needs of their youth.

Goals:

- Reduce the percentage of Coquille Tribal youth using drugs and/or alcohol within the previous 12 months.
- Within 60 months of project launch, increase the number Tribal youth participating in multiple cultural-based prevention programs by a minimum of 10 percent.
- Increase the percentage of Tribal youth that are meeting or exceeding academic benchmarks for their grade level.

Major TYP Program Components:

- After-school & weekend activities
- Remote-participation technology
- Cultural-based prevention programming
- Culture Camps
- Canoe program
- High school and college preparation
- Youth Leadership

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- The overall sustainability of Coquille culture
- Improved mental health/physical health for Coquille youth
- Increased academic success for Coquille youth

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies:

- Career Development
- Coos Bays Schools
- Tribal Attendance Pilot Project (TAPP) Program
- Youth Services Program
- Tribal Council
- Youth Leadership Council
- Coquille Social Services
- Indian Health Board
- Youth Opportunities Program
- Department of Cultural and Education

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PACIFIC
NORTHWEST

Program Type
Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021
Coyote Valley Band of Pomo
Indians

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: California
County: Mendocino
Total Population of Tribe: 404
(2020)

**Total Youth to be Served by
Grant**
Youth: 100 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program
Ages 6-17

GRANTEE PROFILE
COYOTE VALLEY TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Coyote Valley After-school Health and Wellness Program (After-school Program) will address the juvenile crime and public safety problem by providing the youth of Coyote Valley (ages 17 and under) fitness and wellness classes to promote healthy and well-rounded lifestyles.

The After-school Program will employ a Health and Fitness Coordinator (Coordinator). The coordinator will be educated in health and fitness and will provide and coordinate classes for the youth of the Tribe. Classes will include: general health, cooking nutritious food, cooking cultural food, fitness classes, organized team sports, sport competitions, quarterly outdoor adventure program, life skills, habits for a healthy lifestyle, and oral health. The coordinator will not only serve as an educator, but also as a mentor for youth. Adult supervision that is based on developmental relationships promotes positive youth development as it not only promotes personal safety and decreases risky behaviors such as smoking or drug abuse, but also creates an environment where young people learn better and are able to thrive.

Vision:
All youth served by the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians Education Department are given the tools, resources and guidance to make healthy choices and fulfill their potential.

- Goals:**
- To create an After-school Health and Wellness Program that meets the needs of the Tribal youth in a culturally relevant manner and helps youth develop self-worth and life-management skills.
 - To develop a marketing plan that has standard strategies and trackable results that create awareness about available programs and services to help youth in need.
 - To develop and implement an ongoing evaluation process utilizing a Whole Person Approach data management tool for continuous improvement of the Community Wellness Committee that result from the project and that tracks 100 percent of youth utilizing the services provided during after-school programs.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

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| • Fitness and Wellness Classes | • Quarterly community meetings |
| • Outdoor Adventure Program | • Peer mentoring |
| • Youth Health Fair | • Parenting Classes |
| • Culture classes | • Sports Teams and Competitions |
| • After-School Activities | • Field Trips |
| • Individual and group mentoring activities | |

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased cooperation among and between all youth-serving programs on or near Coyote Valley.
- Increase of resources that address prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth participating in wellness and fitness activities.
- Implementation of culturally-sensitive components in all youth-focused activities.
- Increased staff capacity to assist and support Tribal youth considered to be “At-Risk.”
- Increased youth leadership capacity.
- Increased school attendance.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| • Community Cultural Consultants | • Coyote Valley Tribal Council |
| • Coyote Valley Native Connections | • Coyote Valley Housing Department |
| • Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency | • Coyote Valley Boys & Girls Club |
| • Redwood Valley Fire Department | • Coyote Valley Indian Child Welfare |
| • Ukiah School District | • Title VI Native Advisory Committee |

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Kalispel Tribal Youth Program

Program Director

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Usk in Pend Oreille

County

Total Population of Tribe:

450 members (2023, Tribal Enrollment Office)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 10 youth a year each year of the program (40 youth)

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

KALISPEL INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Kalispel Tribal Youth Program focus is to support frequently absent students or students at risk of dropping out of school. The goal of the program is aimed at increasing school engagement, school attachment, and the academic performance of students, with the main objective of increasing graduation rates.

Vision:

Empowerment of our youth so that they believe in their worth and go on to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

Goals:

- Implement a culturally-based mentorship program for at-risk or court-involved youth in the community, pairing at least 10 youth with trained mentors within each year of program operations.
- Recruit and train additional members of the Tribal Community to serve on the Kalispel Diversion Board, ensuring there are at least 7 active members at any given time.
- Increase student engagement and attendance at school through the coordination of a school-based educational incentive program, increasing youth participation in the Student Success Program by 10 percent each year.
- Ensure TYP activities are informed by the voices and needs of our community's youth and their families by developing and distributing an annual survey, collecting a minimum of 50 responses and by convening semi-annual listening sessions with youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- During school and after-school tutoring supports: Student Support Program
- Individual and group cultural-based mentoring activities
- Youth diversion support

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration of all schools serving Kalispel youth.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of resources and supports for youth at risk of dropping out of school.
- Create diversion supports for justice-involved Kalispel youth.
- Youth have expanded opportunities to share with community and Tribal leadership their academic, social, and cultural needs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Volunteer mentors
- Public school leadership and staff
- Kalispel Elders
- Kalispel Tribal Court



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Washington
County: Pierce
Total Population of Tribe: 6,700
(2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 300 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 8–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

This project will build on evidence-based activities to transform prevention, early intervention, and formal Enhanced (restorative) Diversion and alternatives to retributive practices, by strengthening culturally-specific early interventions for youth, as early as possible, that are in early contact with law enforcement, and establishing treatment and mental health services for those youth who do not respond to those case-managed interventions.

Vision:

We will create a safe and drug-free community for our youth.

Goals:

- In months 1–36, current and prospective partners strategically engage Tribal youth in prevention, early intervention, and system-building, resulting in a Juvenile Justice System Operational Handbook compliant with evidence-based best practices, Tribal codes, and Tribal Wellness Division policies
- By the end of the 36th month, implement full systems-based operations resulting in measurable improvements in case-managed responsiveness (case plan data), particularly for prevention/early intervention referrals, to the assessed needs of referred, diverted, and adjudicated juveniles by addressing known trauma-related risk factors as demonstrated by operational data (process and outcome).
- By the end of month 34, the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHTWC) Liaison will be hired to formally conduct liaison services and the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court systematic case management services in cooperation with core Wellness Division operational staff, supplemented by contracted services and key partnership contributions, e.g., wrap-around, via contracts, Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs), Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), and Tribal Administrative Directives and Shared Tribal Council Governance (Administrators, Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority (PTHA) and Cultural and Legal Services (CLS)).
- By the end of month 36, include the JHTWC Liaison in system-building and case management services in cooperation with partnership entities e.g., wraparound and liaison therapeutic services (crisis intervention, assessments, case consultation, etc.—include core liaison functions in partnership activities under MOUs): Implement the written operational plan for the long term by “scaling up” of project outcomes and institutionalizing services and transitioning services to contract or referral-based, including direct involvement of emerging JHWC cases and adjudications.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and monthly cultural activities
- Community service-learning projects (Youth serving Elders)
- Cultural-based summer camps
- Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)
- Creating community partnerships
- Healing of the Canoe

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs and creation of wraparound model for case management on the Puyallup Indian Reservation.
- Increase diversion options for those youth potentially entering the juvenile justice system.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Puyallup Health Authority
- Puyallup Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court
- Chief Leschi Schools
- Puyallup Law Enforcement
- Puyallup Tribal Council
- University of Washington
- Puyallup Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts
- Puyallup Cultural Department

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2021

Squaxin Island Tribe

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Mason

Total Population of Tribe: 509
(2020)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 67 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Squaxin Island Tribe's Tribal Youth Program will continue to address the complex community safety and justice needs described in the Tribal Justice and Community Profile by continuing the Tribe's successful Teen Development Program for another five years. The Teen Development Program is a targeted prevention effort for Squaxin Island Tribal community teens, built on a foundation of several years of successful program implementation.

Vision:

The Tu Ha Buts Learning Center Teen Program provides a culturally rich program that empowers our youth to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Goal:

- To provide strong protective factors for teens through the Education Department by supporting activities that develop social competence, cultural pride, and leadership skills.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Community service-learning projects
- Cultural-based, peer-led activities
- Canoe Journey
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Tribal Youth Council
- Outdoor Adventure
- Mentoring
- Wraparound Services
- Real world life skills

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased cooperation and collaboration among and between all youth-serving programs and implementation of wraparound services for Squaxin Island.
- Increase of resources that focus on prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in cultural-based activities
- Increase of youth in leadership roles that reflect Tribal principles.
- Increase of peer-led cultural activities.
- Youth-led wellness promotion efforts.
- Expanded academic support and increased school attendance.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Community Cultural Consultants
- Squaxin Island Youth Council
- Evergreen State College
- Elders Program
- Shelton School District
- Squaxin Island Tribal Council
- Tribal Health: Reaching out InVolves Everyone (THRIVE, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board)
- Squaxin Island community members
- Squaxin Island Family Services

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2020

Ft. Peck Indian Reservation

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Montana

County: Roosevelt County

Total Population of the Tribe:

10,441 (2020)

Total Youth to be Served

by Grant

Youth: 165 youth and families over

5 years

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 5–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

FORT PECK ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Truancy Court Project will effectively use resources to contribute to the strengthening of healthy families and communities on the Ft. Peck Indian Reservation. In addition, the Tribal Youth Truancy Court Project is committed to engaging in consistent communication that will lead to fostering healthy relationships between parents, children, schools, and the Tribal Education Department to ultimately increase academic success for youth.

Vision:

Our vision is to bring all entities together to contribute our collective strengths, working toward the same goals of health, prosperity, and the education of our families by continuously improving the graduation rate for Indigenous students on our reservation.

Goals:

- Increase Tribal and local County partnerships from 4 to 7 (75 percent Increase) to support youth referral and services within the Ft. Peck Tribal Youth Program.
- By June 30, 2022, finalize and implement Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) with the Tribal Education Department, Poplar Schools, and Wolf Point Schools to demonstrate initial success.
- Utilize the Fort Peck Tribe (FPT) Advisory Circle and other partners to develop sustainability strategies that focus on truancy prevention and intervention services for FPT Tribal Youth.
- FPT Truancy Prevention and Intervention will deliver truancy and prevention services to 25 students in the first year and 35 students in subsequent years of the program.
- Utilize the FPT Advisory Circle and other partners to develop innovative sustainability strategies that focus on truancy prevention and intervention services for Ft. Peck Tribal Youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency and promote protective factors, which may include:

- Mentoring
- Youth Development
- Gang Prevention Education
- Truancy and Dropout Prevention
- After-school programs/Tutoring
- Bullying Prevention Education
- Positive Parenting Education
- Development and Implementation of trauma-informed practices in programs and services that address child abuse, neglect, and the effects and issues that result from childhood trauma or exposure to violence.
- Development and implementation of Tribal best practices and traditional healing methods to support Tribal youth.

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Enhanced truancy interventions and preventions services to Ft. Peck youth
- Development of formal partnerships through MOAs to develop a sustainable youth truancy prevention strategic plan
- Reduction youth truancy by 50 percent on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation by the end of the five years of the project period

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Poplar Schools
- Brockton Schools
- Wolf Point High School
- Northside School
- Frazer School
- Frontier School
- Culbertson Public Schools
- FPT Education Department
- Fort Peck Tribal Courts
- Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board
- Fort Peck Law Enforcement
- Spotted Bull Recovery Resource Center
- Red Bird Woman Center

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2020

Hoopla Valley Tribe

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: California

County: Humboldt

Total Population of Tribe: 2,500
(2020)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 150 youth over 5 years

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The overall aim of this project is formally establishing a Truancy Court diversion program in partnership with Humboldt County Superior Court to prevent and reduce risky behaviors associated with juvenile delinquency, truancy, and absenteeism.

Vision:

To increase the Tribe's overall capacity to provide community-centered resources for youth resilience.

Goals:

- Establish a Truancy Court diversion program in partnership with Humboldt County Superior Court.
- Increase the Tribe's overall capacity to provide community-centered resources for youth ages 12–17 that increase their resilience.
- Create wraparound care for Tribal youth to avoid delinquency.
- Data review and evaluate the existing juvenile justice framework.
- Identify all programmatic interventions available in the target region and determine their individual effectiveness.
- Identify and implement evidence-based interventions that meet the need, utilize available resources for the focus population, and detour youth from truancy court and the juvenile justice system.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Wellness services
- Community education
- Cultural-based outreach services
- Wellness Court
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Wellness Team interventions
- Family cultural events
- Restorative and judicial case management
- Educational partnerships with higher education

TYP Program Staff

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Tribal Department Director: Judge Wendy Ferris

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs on the Hoopa Valley Reservation.
- Increased student and family access to services within the Hoopa Tribal Community for resilience building.
- Introduction of an Education Navigator/Advocate who will support students and families at risk of truancy to increase attendance and bolster academic success pre- and post-adjudication.
- Utilize a hub-and-spoke model for efficiency and introduce standardized criminogenic risk needs assessments within the youth population.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Humboldt County Superior Court
- Hoopa Valley Law Enforcement
- Hoopa Valley Tribal Council
- Tribal Education Department
- Humboldt County Schools
- Judicial Project Advisory Team
- Health and Family Services
- Family Wellness Court
- Hoopa Cultural Center

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2019

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Idaho

County: Bingham, Power, Bannock, and Caribou

Total Population of Tribe: 6,014 (2022)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 100-150 youth at each of the five district hangouts, including trainings for 100 community families per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 10-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Shoshone-Bannock JUSTICE Team exists to provide healing, education, and opportunities to our diverse community through respect, responsibility, and inspiration. JUSTICE is an acronym developed by the Justice Team Advisory Committee: Justice United Supporting Traditionally Inspired Community Excellence.

Vision:

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes is a community inspiring productive, healthy citizens holistically through culture and education.

Goals:

- The Shoshone-Bannock Tribal justice system and its partners will develop a welcoming, culture-based, financially sustainable youth sober hangout setting, serving recovering populations of youth ages 10-17, other at-risk youth, and youth entering the court system. The Tribal Youth Shoshone-Bannock program will serve 20-30 youth from the five Tribal districts.
- Provide Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) or similar training and trauma mitigation to 100 families in community.
- Implement temporary and permanent sober hangouts.

Major TYP Program Components:

- Creating a community of life-long learners
- Creating confidence, pride, and self-esteem in Shoshone-Bannock Youth
- Access to internet and how to utilize for learning
- Finding a balance between scientific thinking and the arts and humanities
- Promoting art, music, and physical activity with all youth programs
- Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)/Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) careers for Shoshone-Bannock Youth
- Utilizing technology to advance education and career planning
- Instill culture, traditions, and language within all youth programs

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- The Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Youth Program's anticipated impacts include the creation of Tribal Youth Shoshone-Bannock sober hangouts.
- Tribal Youth Program trainings will contribute to improved mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Four Direction Treatment Center
- Native Boys & Girls Club
- Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA) Native Services
- Language and Culture
- Family and Counseling Center
- Police Department, Probation
- Sho-Ban Schools
- Volunteers
- Social Services
- 477 Program (Elder-Youth Program)
- Construction Services
- Planning Department
- Adverse Childhood Experience & Emotional Intelligence Trainers

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Passages
Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Idaho

County: Benewah County and
Kootenai County

Total Population of Tribe:

Approximately 2,000 (2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 120 youth over the life of
the grant

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Coeur d'Alene (CDA) Tribe works diligently to keep its youth involved in extracurricular activities to prevent drug and alcohol use, delinquency, and youth violence. However, the data shows that Tribal youth continue to succumb to these challenges, resulting in arrests, depression, and suicidal thoughts, especially among Native youth ages 12-17. The Passages Program (TYP) proposes to capture the momentum of cultural activities implemented in various other programs into the development of a permanent CDA Rites of Passage – Coming of Age curriculum, which will help to strengthen protective factors while reducing risk factors.

Vision:

The efforts of the Passages program will strengthen youth programming services, foster resilience, strengthen family networks, and increase opportunities for culture and tradition to lower drug and alcohol abuse.

Goals:

- Decrease youth substance abuse and delinquency through increasing culturally-based educational and skill-building practices that are known by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to build resiliency, resulting in a decrease of offenses through court services by youth.
- Development of a permanent CDA Rites of Passage – Coming of Age curriculum which will help to strengthen protective factors while reducing risk factors.
- Partner with the Tribal Police, Courts, Juvenile Probation Program, Social Services, and the Suicide Prevention Program to identify and engage “at-risk” youth.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Monthly enrichment opportunities throughout the school year
- Development of a permanent CDA Rites of Passage – Coming of Age Curriculum
- Effective identification of “at-risk” youth and referral into programs
- Youth Rites of Passage Survey
- White Bison’s Daughters of Tradition and Understanding the Purpose of Life Trainings
- Sporting activities, arts and crafts, drumming, singing, and dancing
- Equine therapy

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Youth will have safer and more reliable guidance to support healthier lifestyle choices
- “At-risk” youth will be more effectively identified and referred into the Tribal Youth Program
- Improved collaboration with local school districts and other Tribal programs that work with youth
- Decreased rate of youth substance abuse and court involvement

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Cultural Preservation Department
- Tribal Social Services
- Benewah Juvenile Probation Department



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Siletz Youth Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Oregon

County: Lincoln County

Total Population of Tribe: 5,600
(2021)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 100 youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11 – 18

(11-15: 80 percent; 16–18: 20
percent)

GRANTEE PROFILE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Siletz Youth Program’s mission is to help improve the overall social, emotional, and mental health for our Siletz Tribal youth by increasing pro-social and resiliency skills through curricula and experiential programming, as well as increasing access to crisis services and Alcohol and Drug (A&D) and Mental Health counseling.

Vision:

Creating a safe and inspired environment where youth can dream, learn, and thrive.

Goals:

- Increase the capabilities for Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) Behavioral Health to provide crisis intervention for at-risk youth and families by developing case management protocols to ensure that youth and families in crisis are receiving immediate care and follow up that will increase access to mental health or A&D services by 10 percent each grant year.
- Establish an inter-departmental referral system for high-risk youth and families and training for local providers (e.g. mental health first aid, suicide response & prevention and trauma-informed care) for Tribal youth serving departments (Culture, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Housing, Education, Self-Sufficiency, Community Health), which will increase referrals by at least 10 percent each grant year.
- Collaborate with Behavioral Health Staff and Siletz Valley School to implement support groups and prevention curricula to the Siletz Valley Middle and High School students to increase youth knowledge and resistance skills by at least 10 percent per school year.
- Collaborate with Behavioral Health and youth-serving departments and agencies to develop cultural and experiential programming to promote protective factors for at-risk youth and develop connectedness to family, Tribal culture, Tribal land and Tribal community by 10 percent per grant year.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Botvin Life-Skills Curriculum at Siletz Valley School
- After-school programming: Games Night and Native Stand
- Youth Council
- Culture Camp
- Ropes course
- Rafting and wilderness treks
- Youth Conference
- Youth Talking Circles
- Community Honoring Ceremonies
- Round Dance & Youth Summits

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased suicide prevention programming for youth and youth-serving programs.
- Increased competency with in-school and after-school curriculum.
- Increased collaboration with all youth-serving programs in the Tribe.
- Increased integration of experiential and cultural activities across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- CTSI Community Health
- CTSI Diabetes Program
- CTSI Education Program
- CTSI Self Sufficiency Program
- CTSI Housing Department
- CTSI ICWA Department
- PAADA-Nuu da’ ye program
- Lincoln County Indian Education programs
- CTSI Natural Resources
- CTSI Healthy Traditions
- Siletz Valley School

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Fort Belknap Indian Community

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Community Demographics

State: Montana

Counties: Blaine & Phillips

Total Population of Tribe: 3,627

(2021, U.S. Census)

Total Youth to be Served

by Grant

A range of 9–60 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11 – 17

GRANTEE PROFILE

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

Fort Belknap Social Services seeks to provide comprehensive, home-based, wraparound services to families struggling with substance abuse, domestic violence, and trauma, by integrating culture and Tribal family values.

Vision:

Envisioning stronger, healthy families who are capable and self-sufficient with tools to address intergenerational trauma, which will not only decrease the number of children entering the foster care system, but also prevent re-entering the system.

Goals:

- Establish a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of key Tribal administrators to guide and monitor the TYP Project, which will include a culture-based, team-building process (ceremonial sweat and discussion to identify primary cultural strengths) to promote cross-agency collaboration in support of the project and families it serves.
- Develop and implement appropriate trauma-informed intake procedures and screening/assessment processes for each referral within 24-48 hours.
- Establish an organizational trauma training plan (available to other Tribal departments) which incorporates the principles of trauma-informed care.
- Since it is difficult to determine whether or not families have achieved a safe home environment that supports healthy parenting for their children, the project will collaboratively develop and implement a random home safety check with Child Welfare Investigators on at least a monthly basis.
- Develop a comprehensive case management system which utilizes a culture-based case planning process guided by the families and supported by monthly wraparound team meetings, meeting Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirements and providing a consistent one-year follow-up process.
- The TYP Family intervention project will reduce the number of Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals by 15 percent each service delivery year (three years), effectively reducing the current CPS rate of 200 families annually.
- As a result of developing mini community projects, increase Community Readiness to take action on reducing juvenile crime due to substance use/abuse by 15 percent.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Trauma-informed programming and staff education
- Risk assessment
- Wraparound services
- College and career support
- Mental health treatment

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements

- Utilize collaboration and culture in comprehensive case management.
- Promote community involvement and readiness to take action on reducing juvenile crime due to substance use/abuse.
- Reduce the number of families in the CPS system.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Fort Belknap Reduce Recidivism Initiative
- Fort Belknap Tiwahe Initiative
- Fort Belknap Tribal Health Department
- Fort Belknap Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/477 Program
- Montana Youth Challenge
- Youth Dynamics Inc.
- Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
- Native American Recovery Academy
- Harlem Public Schools
- Hays-Lodge Pole Public Schools

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Pierce

Total Population of Tribe: 6,700 (2021)

Total Youth to be Served By Grant

Youth: 300 youth during the 3 years of the program

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 8–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The overall goal of this project is to address the problem of untreated mental health and substance abuse issues that put our youth at risk for mental health illnesses, particularly suicide. To do this, we will build on to the existing organized, intentional, and integrated system of substance abuse prevention programming on the Puyallup Reservation including Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)/Healing of the Canoe (HOC) by conducting additional training in trauma-informed practices and targeting HOC/GONA to youth at risk of or in contact with the juvenile justice system and implementing service plans directly with each of the justice-involved youth.

Vision:

The vision of the Tribal Youth Program is to empower our Tribal youth and give them a safe space to grow and thrive in order to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and to promote the health and well-being of the youth, family, and community members, thereby preserving the strength, cultural connection, and integrity of the community for future generations.

Goals:

- Refresh GONA/HOC to include training and activities informed by current trauma-informed best practices, including research regarding Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- Leverage well-established community-based, culturally-specific assets to sustain those implementations beyond the period of federal funding, particularly the Canoe Journey and a new Puyallup Tribal Children of the River Child Advocacy Center.
- Link updated HOC/GONA implementations and community assets to revised juvenile justice procedures and protocols to build the following systems improvements.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Provide early mental health screening for justice system-involved youth and referral to mental health/substance abuse treatment via partnership Memoranda of Agreement.
- Healing of the Canoe (HOC)
- After-school and monthly cultural activities
- Community service-learning projects (Youth serving Elders)
- Cultural-based social and ceremonial activities
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Summer Culture Camps and Gatherings

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Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Provide early mental health screening for justice system-involved youth and referral to mental health/substance abuse treatment via partnership Memoranda of Agreement.
- Update Case Plan Protocols with life skill-building activities.
- Align case plans with counseling goals and traditional healing.
- Increase diversion options for those youth potentially entering the juvenile justice system.
- Generate formative and summative data to update codes and protocols. In general, Puyallup will use a multidisciplinary process to provide a coordinated systems response to create sustainable improvements that promote the youths' community attachment, sense of security and competency, and healing.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Tribal Cultural Program
- Puyallup Tribal Youth Center
- University of Washington
- Puyallup Tribal Workforce Development
- Chief Leschi Schools
- Puyallup Tribal Council
- Puyallup Tribal Law Enforcement
- Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority
- Puyallup Health Authority
- Puyallup Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Quileute Tribe

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Clallum

Total Population of Tribe: 706

(2023)

Total Youth to be Served by

Grant

Youth: 74 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

QUILEUTE TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Quileute Tribal Youth Program provides after-school support and activities and is responsible for the operations of the Quileute Teen Center, which provides a safe space for our youth to work on their homework, receive tutoring, interact with friends, and participate in a variety of drug- and alcohol-free activities. Some of these activities include: basketball, air hockey, ping pong, video games, movie nights, board games, art, cultural learning, and youth council meetings. The Tribal Youth Program also encourages participation in community events and activities by promoting and providing transportation. Trips and activities are offered as incentives to encourage youth to do well in school and life, including opportunities for youth to attend college tours, a service that was previously provided by the Youth and Family Intervention program. The Tribal Youth Program works with community partners and volunteers to offer regular educational, cultural, and recreational activities to our youth. As the primary program responsible for providing youth with after-school services, the Tribal Youth Program is integral to the success and well-being of Quileute youth.

Vision:

The Tribal Youth Program aims to provide Tribal youth with opportunities to engage in healthy cultural activities, and collaborating with community partners and volunteers to offer youth regular educational, cultural, and recreational activities. As the primary program responsible for providing youth with after-school services, the Tribal Youth Program is integral to the success and well-being of Quileute youth.

Goals:

- Strengthen and emphasize our tutoring services to help our youth succeed academically.
- Partner with schools, youth, and families to better communicate and share information to ensure that youth are completing their homework, understanding what they are learning, and passing their classes, so they can graduate.
- Provide awareness of higher education opportunities, as there is not currently a designated higher education counselor.
- Provide direction and counseling to fill the gap between career aspirations and the education and training needed to achieve them.
- Provide opportunities for exploration of a variety of interests through coordinated activities.

Major TYP Program Components:

- Tutoring Services
- Access to and participation in Tribal Youth Center activities
- After-school and monthly cultural activities
- Hunting and fishing safety classes
- Cultural-based activities
- Elder-Youth relationship building
- Career development activities
- Summer recreation activities

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increase developmental assets and resiliency factors to impact risk factors and create opportunities for positive youth development through youth empowerment and leadership opportunities, building healthy relationships between youth and peers as well as youth and adults, and community engagement.
- Reduce juvenile delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse among the Quileute Tribal youth.
- Reduce school dropout and truancy rates and increase on track graduation rates among Quileute Tribal Youth.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Tribal Youth Advisory Board
- Quileute Road to Wellness Committee
- Tribal Human Services Program
- Quileute New Beginnings Program
- Quileute Tribal Council
- Quileute Tribal Law Enforcement
- Forks Prevention Coalition
- Readiness to Learn Consortium

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2017

Spokane Tribe of Indians Tribal
Youth Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Stevens County

Total Population of Tribe: 2,220
(2021, U.S. Census)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 30 youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 6–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Tribal Youth Program implemented by the Spokane Tribe of Indians, in partnership with the Wellpinit Boys and Girls Club, will address some of the more pressing challenges and risk factors that currently limit the success of our Tribal youth. Our initiative will focus on children, ages 6-17, and provide increased out-of-school youth development programming, along with crucial increased positive adult mentoring opportunities. At least 30 Tribal youth per year will be engaged in the SMART Moves (Skills Mastery & Resistance Training) program. By implementing these youth development programs, the Club will provide a variety of needed, interest-based youth development activities that will attract and retain the growing population of at-risk youth within the Wellpinit community.

Vision:

Our vision is that the youth ages 6–17 will embrace healthy life decisions and cultural traditions of the Spokane Tribe.

Goals:

- Develop a strategic plan for addressing Spokane Tribal and community youth ages 6–17 substance abuse through the Boys and Girls Club Activities and the SMART Moves program. A 10-20 percent decrease in reported substance use by the end of year four.
- Implement the Boys and Girls Club SMART (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) Moves program for Wellpinit youth. We anticipate a graduation rate of 60 percent from the Wellpinit Boys and Girls Club SMART Moves Program.
- Increase parent/guardian involvement in the SMART Moves Program. We will measure involvement through sign-in sheets, and we hope to see a 100 percent increase by the end of year four for parent involvement.
- Engaging youth and community voice in their own prevention and solutions.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Daily after-school programming utilizing Boys and Girls Club's SMART Moves Curriculum
- Cultural building activities
- Family activities and dinners

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Decreased youth involvement in illegal activity and substance use
- Enhanced partnerships with other Tribal youth and family programs
- Community service opportunities for Tribal youth
- Increased educational achievement among Tribal youth

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Wellpinit Boys and Girls Club
- Spokane Tribe
- Children of the Sun Prevention Coalition
- Wellpinit Area Schools (K–12)
- Spokane Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program
- Tribal Health and Human Services

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

The Confederated Tribes of the
Colville Reservation

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Washington
County: Ferry County
Total population of Tribe: 9,525
(2020)

Total Youth to be served by Grant

Youth: 196 Youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 6–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation has partnered with the Inchelium Branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Snohomish County in a Tribal Youth Program that provides local youth ages 6–18 with a safe space for recreational, cultural, and educational services that promote healthy lifestyles and positive life choices.

Vision:

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Inchelium Boys & Girls Club will collaborate to provide activities for youth so that they may reach their full potential as substance-free, productive, caring, and responsible community members.

Goals:

- Implement the Native American version of the SMART (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) Moves Program (nationally validated curriculum which is designed to improve decision making and critical thinking) with at least 30 Colville youth per year, ages 8–18.
- Establish a joint community advisory committee of key Tribal and Boys & Girls Club Administrators, community representatives, youth representatives, and cultural leaders to guide the implementation of the SMART Moves curriculum and to assist with the provision of youth events and activities.
- Host Youth Forums for youth from all districts of the Colville reservation to expand drug prevention lessons learned at the Inchelium Club to other districts.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Culturally-based social/ceremonial activities
- Regalia making
- Culture camps
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Monthly family nights

TYP Program Staff

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs on the Colville Reservation.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth actively participating in programs centered on healing and self-esteem.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Colville Tribal Business Council
- Inchelium Community Center
- Inchelium School District
- Tribal Drug Prevention
- Rural Resources Victims Services
- Tribal Police Department
- Inchelium Language Immersion House
- Boys & Girls Club of Snohomish County
- Lake Roosevelt Health Clinic
- Inchelium adult community members

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Chehalis Tribal Youth Engagement
Program

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Grays Harbor

Total Population of Tribe: 72,697
(2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 10 rotating youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11 – 15 (80 percent); 16 – 18
(20 percent)

GRANTEE PROFILE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Chehalis Tribal Youth Engagement Program will provide a safe and healthy environment that encourages boundless, life-long learning opportunities to help at-risk youth achieve their potential through trauma-informed care and support.

Vision:

Fostering Success for Chehalis Youth.

Goals:

The Chehalis Tribal Youth Engagement Program will work with 7 – 12 grade Chehalis students that are displaying bullying behaviors or are bullied, have low grades, excessive truancy, or excessive office referrals. The program's goal is to help these students through weekly interaction, both in and out of the classroom, to reach the level of their peers.

- Seek to improve students' grades through in-class and out-of-classroom tutoring.
- Reduce the occurrence of bullying at the youth center by implementing an anti-bullying program, "Positive Action." Staff will be trained in the Positive Action Program and implement the lessons taught through the program with the students at the youth center.
- Reduce the occurrence of bullying at school through frequent interaction with the students, in which positive behavior is modeled and the students receive positive attention that they might not get elsewhere (e.g., asking how their day went, how they are doing, etc.).
- To increase school attendance, the Chehalis Tribal Youth Engagement Program will work with the school, parents, and, if need be, the court system and the Becca Bill.
- Reduce the frequency of office referrals by modeling positive behavior and being present in the classroom.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school homework help and tutoring supports
- In-school tutoring
- Summer Youth Worker Program
- Individual Education Plan 504 Support
- Positive Action Program
- Guiding Good Choices Program
- Facilitating conversation between school and family

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Improved grades and attendance
- Decreased disciplinary referrals
- Greater communication between schools and families
- More students engaged in the summer youth worker program
- More varied opportunities for the summer youth worker program

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Oakville School District
- Rochester School District
- Chehalis Public Safety
- Chehalis Behavioral Health
- Chehalis Youth Center
- Chehalis Elders Center
- Marriott Hotel
- Chehalis Clinic

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

The Confederated Tribes of Grand
Ronde Youth Prevention Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Oregon
Counties: Yamhill and Polk
Total Population of Tribe: 5,400
(Updated 2023, CTGR Website)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

25 youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 11-18
(11-15: 40 percent; 16-18: 60
percent)

GRANTEE PROFILE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) Youth Prevention Program provides education, training, and advocacy to our community. We do this through culturally appropriate practices and programs that help strengthen our youth, families, and community. The efforts of the Youth Prevention Program serve to promote the health and well-being of the youth, family, and community members, thereby preserving the strength, cultural connection, and integrity of the community for future generations.

Vision:

We want our community to be safe, live in wellness, have a sense of belonging, make positive contributions, and live in a community embodied by healing.

Goals:

- To strengthen and increase protective factors that will reduce youth involvement in alcohol, drugs, and ultimately reduce juvenile crime through an annual implementation of the Healing of the Canoe (HOC) curriculum, a strengths-based, skill-building prevention curriculum, culturally-specific to Pacific Northwest Indigenous coastal peoples.
- To reduce underage drinking by 3 percent by 2020 through the provision of culturally relevant underage drinking education and skill-building services to Tribal youth, parents, caregivers, and community members, aimed at 1) helping adults talk to youth about making the choice to not use/abuse alcohol and 2) providing youth with refusal skills to say “no” when pressured to drink alcohol.
- Increase and strengthen youth and family connectedness to Grand Ronde’s Tribal culture, history, language, and knowledge of traditional resources as assessed by satisfaction surveys and retrospective post-surveys.
- Provide outreach and awareness information about gang prevention, juvenile crime prevention, alcohol and drug prevention, and healthy lifestyles for the broader community through articles, social media, and prevention education events in the community. As a result, our Community Readiness Re-Assessment in 2019-2020 will show a 1-point increase in community climate.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Implement Healing of the Canoe (HOC) curriculum
- Implement White Bison curriculum
- Adolescent brain development presentations
- Traditional resource gathering and craft activities
- Wellness Camp
- Newspaper/Facebook facts, resources, articles
- Develop/adapt messages for yard signs
- Honor families who put signs in their yards
- Poster-making contest

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs on the CTGR Reservation.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- CTGR Youth Education Department
- CTGR Culture Department
- CTGR Early Education Department
- CTGR Child and Family Services Department
- Willamina Middle School and High School
- CTGR Tribal Council
- CTGR Immersion Language Program
- CTGR Community members
- Sheridan Middle and High School
- CTGR Tribal Police Department
- CTGR Housing Department

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
Project Venture Program

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Community Demographics

State: Washington
County: Kitsap
Total Population of Tribe: 5,873
(2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: Average of 20-50 per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–18 (6th-12th Grade)

GRANTEE PROFILE

PORT GAMBLE S’KLALLAM TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe’s (PGST) Youth Services Program, Project Venture, has the focus of providing comprehensive programming for all Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Community youth, to guide them into becoming healthy adults who make positive contributions to the community. Youth Services does this by providing a variety of opportunities to community youth, emphasizing S’Klallam culture and traditions, healthy lifestyles, positive decision-making, mentorship, and life skills that build leadership.

Vision:

The Project Venture Program provides an evidence-based youth prevention and leadership project that offers activities that increase protective factors related to youth substance use and bullying by implementing the curriculum to youth, aged 12–18, over a two-year period.

Goals:

- Have staff and community resources become trained in the Project Venture Curriculum.
- Integrate the Project Venture Curriculum into the community and local schools.
- A community Advisory Council oversees the Project Venture Program for evaluation and sustainability.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Staff training and team building
- Classroom-based problem solving and skill-building activities in weekly support groups (monthly in the middle school).
- Summer 4-day overnight camp for youth in 6th-12th grade.
- Weekend and summer outdoor adventure-based activities
- Community-oriented service projects
- Community “family fun days”

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Delay onset of substance use and decrease use by 20 percent.
- 50 percent reduction of peer perceptions of drug use.
- Decrease depression and suicidal thoughts.
- Improve school attendance.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- North Kitsap School District
- PGST Education, Behavioral Health, & Culture Programs
- NIYLP (National Indian Youth Leadership Project)



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Round Valley Indian Tribes' Horizons Expanded Project (RVIT HEP)

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: California
County: Mendocino County
Total Population of Tribe: 322
(2021, U.S. Census)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 162 youth

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 0-25; Data tracked mostly
for ages 0-18

GRANTEE PROFILE

ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Round Valley Indian Tribes' (RVIT) Horizons Expanded Project (HEP) constructs a safety net of protective factors for Tribal youth in the child welfare system (foster youth) and supports family reunification efforts where safe and appropriate. Many HEP strategies and activities extend to the larger youth population in the Tribal community.

Vision:

Provide a safe atmosphere for our community, children and youth to learn about Native culture and education, and to have a substance-free, healthy, and educated community.

Goals:

- Construct a safety net of protective factors for Tribal foster youth and support family reunification efforts.
- Reduce juvenile crime and substance abuse among all Tribal youth.
- Increase engagement in school for all Tribal youth.
- Increasing knowledge of and pride in cultural heritage, and recruit youth to take action to change cultural norms in the community.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Culturally-based social/ceremonial activities
- Winter awareness activity
- Regalia making, beading
- Rite of Passage: Youth campout
- Family movie nights
- Family Bingo nights

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Tribal Department Director: Louis Whipple

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for Tribal foster youth to support clean and sober lifestyle choices.
- Increase school attendance and graduation rates.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Increase integration of youth-centered services to reduce substance use and juvenile crime.
- Increase support of foster youth through interagency family reunification efforts.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Tribal Housing Authority
- Health Center
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program
- National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)
- Round Valley Indians Tribal Council
- Mendocino County Child Protection Services
- Local schools

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Squaxin Island Tribe

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Washington

County: Mason

Total Population of Tribe: 382
(2021, U.S. Census, Reservation &
Off-Reservation Trust Land)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 60 youth per year

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The overall goal of this project is to address the problem of untreated mental health and substance abuse issues that put our youth at risk for mental health illness, particularly suicide.

Vision:

To provide strong protective factors for teens through the Education Department by supporting activities that develop social competence, cultural pride, and leadership skills.

Goals:

- Increase from 0 to 1 the administrative and programmatic infrastructure for teen social competence, cultural pride, and a leadership development program.
- Increase consistent participation of Squaxin teens in the Tribal Youth Program by 20 percent each year.
- Increase the number of teen-planned-and-implemented activities from 0 to 8 per year.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school tutoring and monthly cultural activities
- Community service-learning projects
- Cultural-based social and educational activities
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Summer Cultural Gatherings

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs on the Squaxin Island Reservation.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth.
- Increase of youth and adults actively participating in programs centered on healing and family connectedness.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Shelton High School
- Community Garden Program
- Squaxin Island Tribal Youth Council
- Tribal Elders
- Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department
- Family Services
- Squaxin adult community members
- Squaxin Island Tribal Council

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2016

Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of
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Community Demographics

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County: Snohomish
Total Population of Tribe: 361
(2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 125

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 6-17

GRANTEE PROFILE

STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WASHINGTON

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The purpose of this TYP project is to deliver programs that provide prevention services to reduce risk factors for delinquency and illegal substance/alcohol abuse. These programs will ensure that our youth are provided opportunities to interact with great role models and get in touch with the culture that ties them to a past of perseverance. This will bring them confidence in who they are in this modern-day world and allow them to share that pride with their classmates and friends.

Our mission is to provide comprehensive and innovative programs that serve at-risk youth and their families through education, cultural, environmental, and other community activities.

Vision:

Our vision is to provide a brighter tomorrow for our youth, our Tribe, and our community that is free from drugs, alcohol, and violence.

Goals:

The Stillaguamish culture provides an inherent opportunity to engage youth and families in taking the Sacred Journey to reconnect to their culture through the provision of canoe journey, cultural education, and traditional hunting and fishing activities implemented by the end of year one, which will be measured by the engagement of at least 20 youth out of a population of 86 that are 6–17 years of age, with progressive increases of 10 percent engagement each year of the program.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school Activities
- Cultural Protocols
- Canoe Journey
- Carving
- Language
- Regalia Making
- Culture Camps
- Cultural Gardening taught by Elders
- Hunting/Fishing/Crabbing/Clamming

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Youth will reconnect to the canoe journey and all that entails, including kinship and crew responsibility, which will provide them with a sense of who they are as a people and help them turn away from the use of alcohol, drugs, and participating in other criminal activities.
- Youth will reconnect to nature through cultural education and traditional plants along with spending time with Elders, which will provide a foundation to resist broken paths that may cause themselves or others harm.
- Youth will reconnect with traditional hunting/fishing/crabbing/clamming practices while building solid relationships with law enforcement. Through Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE)-type training, they will learn how to keep themselves and others safe.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Arlington and Stanwood School Districts
- Stillaguamish Behavioral Health
- Stillaguamish Natural Resources
- Stillaguamish Police Department
- Stillaguamish Indian Child Welfare
- Stillaguamish Elders Program
- The Learn and Serve Environmental Anthropology Field (LEAF) School

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Tribal Youth Program

FY 2015

Kalispel Tribe Juvenile Justice Tribal
Youth Program

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Washington
County: Pend Oreille
Total Population of Tribe: 470
(2017)

Total Youth to be Served by Grant

Youth: 150 youth over 3 years

Ages of Youth Served in Program

Ages 8–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

KALISPEL TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Overview

The Kalispel Tribe's Juvenile Justice Tribal Youth Program provides services to frequently absent students or students at risk of dropping out of school. These programs are aimed at increasing school engagement, school attachment, and the academic performance of students with the main objective of increasing graduation rates. The defined success is reducing rates of school dropouts and improving academic progress, graduation rates, and attendance. The Tribal Youth program also provides a wide range of youth juvenile delinquency interventions that are designed to change family patterns that contribute to the onset and maintenance of adolescent delinquency and other problem behaviors.

Vision:

To empower our youth now, so that they can become Tribal leaders with cultural wisdom, integrity, strength and wellness for their future.

Goals:

- Sustain and strengthen a fair and constructive juvenile justice system through Tribal Youth programs for at-risk youth.
- Implement a mentorship program for all youth who are at risk in the community.
- Plan and implement truancy reduction strategies.
- Reduce recidivism, antisocial behaviors and substance use, and improve psychological functioning and school performance.
- Build and strengthen partnerships with students, parents, community, and other programs to determine culturally responsive interventions.

Major TYP Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- After-school and weekend activities
- Equine Therapy
- Individual and group mentoring activities
- Tutoring
- Substance abuse prevention through education, programs, and activities
- Culture Camps
- Mentoring

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- A reduction of premature involvement into the juvenile delinquency system.
- Reduction in out-of-home placements, especially in younger children.
- Maintain youth connectedness and engagement in the community by keeping youth in his/her environment.
- Reduction in cost compared to court processing and/or secure placement.

Tribal Youth Program Partner Agencies

- Public schools on and off the reservation
- Kalispel Behavioral Health Program
- Tribal Courts
- Tribal Elders
- Tribal Recreation Department
- The Panther Country
- Community Coalition
- Washington State Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021

Klamath Tribes Juvenile Healing to
Wellness Court Program

Status: Active

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Oregon

County: Klamath

Total Population of Tribe: ~5,700
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Klamath Reservation, 13th Judicial
District for the State of Oregon
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 30

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

KLAMATH TRIBES

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Klamath Tribes are located in southern Oregon in the Klamath Basin. The Klamath Tribes include three Tribes in their membership: the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Bands of Snake Indians. The Klamath Tribes were one of the Tribes terminated from federal recognition in the 1950s and later restored to federal recognition in 1986. After thirty-two years of persistent lobbying, Tribal leaders were finally able to have the termination revoked through passage of Public Law 99-398, the Klamath Indian Tribe Restoration Act. In the restoration agreement, the Klamath Tribes' service area was designated as all of Klamath County. The Tribes retained hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering rights which extend, at a minimum, to some 1.1 million acres of former reservation land. The Tribes are primarily responsible for enforcing its laws over Tribal members as they exercise those rights. The Tribes currently have 5,058 (per Klamath Tribal Grant Narrative) enrolled Tribal members, of whom 4,066 are over age seventeen. According to the Enrollment Office, 1,980 members live in the Tribes' Service Area. The Klamath Tribes Service Area Indian Population was 5,743 as of 2015. The Klamath Tribes provide services either directly or through contract to Tribal members and other Indians in Klamath County which encompasses 6,135 square miles of rural country dominated by timbered mountainous and high desert country. According to the US Census' Quick Facts, the population estimate of Klamath County (July 1, 2022), was 70,212. The median household income (2017-2021) was \$50,790 and the persons in poverty was 19.1 percent.

The Klamath Tribes are organized under the Constitution of the Klamath Tribes, which established a General Council as the Tribes' governing body, and which is comprised of all enrolled Tribal members over age eighteen. The Constitution also establishes the Klamath Tribes Judiciary as an independent branch of Tribal Government. The General Council elects the Chief Judge, who must be Native American and have a Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited school of law or have served as a Judge for at least one year. The Klamath Tribes Judiciary consists of the Klamath Tribes Supreme Court, Klamath Tribal Court, Klamath Juvenile Court and the Klamath Peacemaker Court.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Klamath Tribes had a fully operational Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court. On December 14, 2009, the Klamath Tribes Judiciary, in collaboration with the Klamath County Juvenile Department and the Klamath Circuit Court (State Court), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Circuit Court for Klamath County, 13th Judicial District for the State of Oregon and Klamath County Juvenile Department and the Klamath Tribes of Oregon, Klamath Tribes Judiciary and the Tribes' Social Services Department. This Agreement provided a novel collaborative approach between the State and Tribal Justice systems. Under it, the Tribal Court accepted responsibility for oversight of a given youth's probation, developing culturally appropriate and other relevant terms and conditions of probation. A revised/renewed MOU was signed in November 2015. This MOU has since expired. The Klamath Tribes' 2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area 8 grant funded the renegotiation of this MOU and a restart of a JHWC, given the impacts of COVID-19 on the size of the participant cohorts (there was a dramatic decline during the COVID-19 pandemic due to restrictions governing in-person meetings, etc.).

Vision:

Provide a comprehensive juvenile justice system to address substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, school failure, truancy, intra-family conflicts, and other contributing factors that contribute to an increased percentage of juveniles in the Klamath County Juvenile Department of Detention.

Goals:

- Improve court handling of Klamath County cases affecting youth and family functioning through development of a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court that incorporates the 10 Healing to Wellness Court key components.
- Develop Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Policies and Procedures, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Handbook, & Judicial Bench Book.
- Monthly Stakeholder meetings that result in a comprehensive needs analysis.
- Identify screening and assessment tools.
- Perform cross-training for stakeholders.
- Increase program support and service coordination across programs servicing youth and families.
- Increase use of cultural elements in Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, treatment, and services.
- Increase alternatives to incarceration through intensive community-based supervision and monitoring, and linkages to re-entry and/or relapse support.
- Increase comprehensive problem-solving strategies through implementation of youth leadership/skill-based curricula.
- Conduct a formative and process evaluation of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

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GRANTEE PROFILE
KLAMATH TRIBES, CONTINUED

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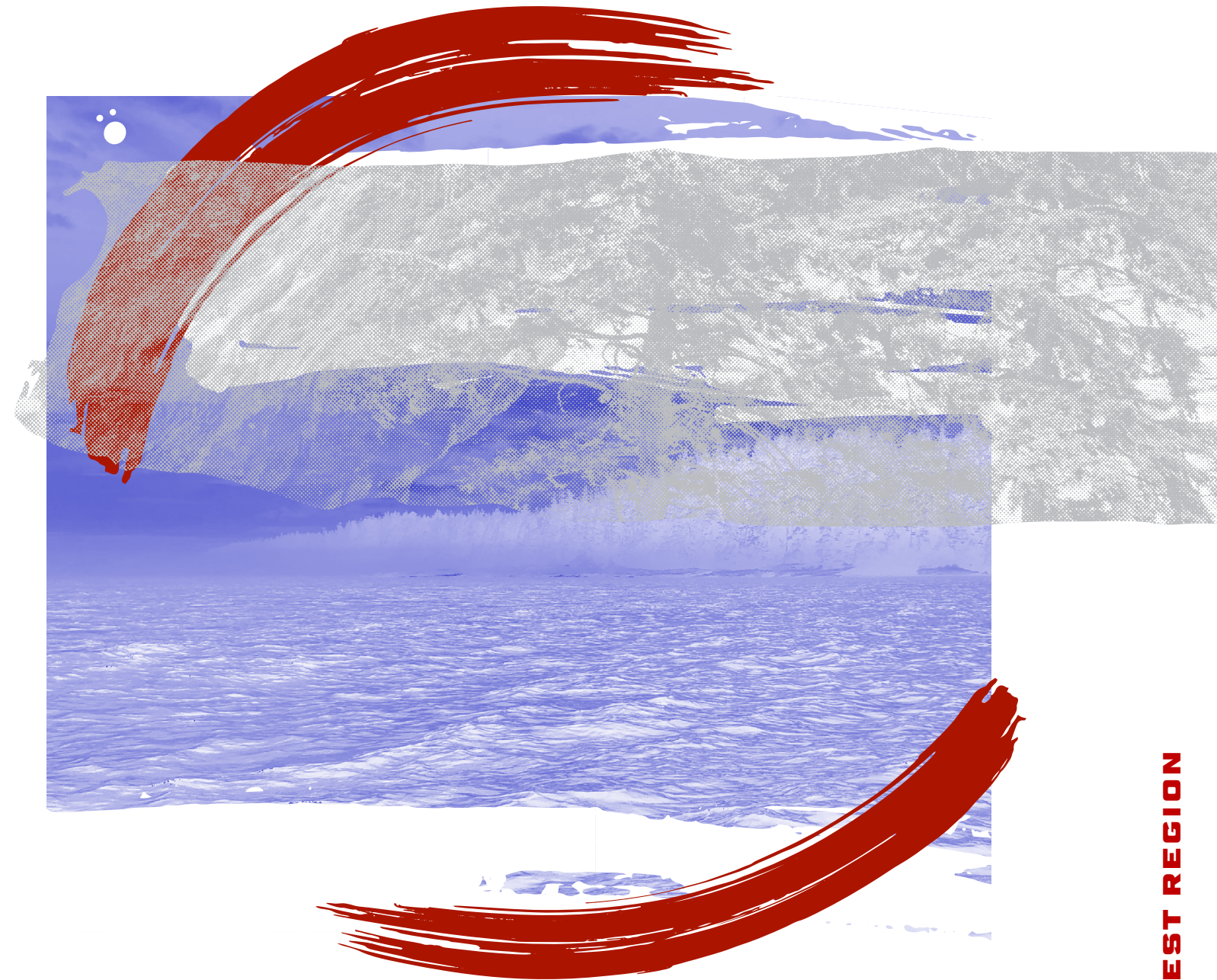
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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Draft standing court orders and/or Tribal codes/resolutions to support the Klamath Tribes Juvenile Wellness Court Program
- All of the above positively impacts the lives of youth by providing a pathway to services and cultural education and activities

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Klamath Tribal Council
- Klamath Tribal Court
- Klamath Tribal Health, Behavioral Health Department, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program
- Klamath Youth & Family Guidance Center
- Klamath County Court (Oregon's Circuit Court for the 13th Judicial District)
- Klamath County Juvenile Department
- Oregon Youth Authority
- Wellness Center
- Tribal Youth Initiative
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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2021
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Juvenile
Wellness Court
Status:
Partially Implemented

Juvenile Healing to Wellness
Coordinator
Tara Lopez
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Community Demographics
State/ County: California- Del
Norte & Humboldt
State/ County: Oregon- Curry,
Josephine & Coos
Total Population of Tribe:
1,962 (2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Lands, Smith
River, CA 95567
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: No specified limit

Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program
Ages 11-21

GRANTEE PROFILE
TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Nuu-da'-ye' Ghes-na' (Our Family Wellness) Juvenile Wellness Court program aims to enhance the capacity and services of the Tribal court to respond to the alcohol and other substance-related issues of youth under the age of 21.

Vision:
The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Juvenile Wellness Court program aims to enhance the capacity and services of the Tribal Court to respond to the alcohol and other substance-related issues of youth under the age of 21.

- Goals:**
- Establish a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court rooted in traditional values that can support youth with substance use issues
 - Increase opportunities for Tribal youth to address their substance use issues and problems associated with their substance use
 - Increase youth participation in social and cultural activities in the community

Major JHWC Program Components:

- Services and Activities Provided for Youth**
- Engage in strategic planning to design a comprehensive Juvenile Wellness Court
 - Implement a comprehensive Juvenile Wellness Court
 - Enhance the coordination of efforts among community resources

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: K'ii-daa-naa-dvn
(Tribal Judicial System), Tribal Court
Phone: (707) 487-9255 ext. 1161
Email: tara.lopez@tolowa.com

JHWC Core Team
Name: Judge Richard Blake
Title: Tribal Court Judge

Name: Elsie Petrie
Title: Tribal Court Administrator

Name: Tara Lopez
Title: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Implement a screening and eligibility process to engage youth.
- Intensive supervision: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court participants will be monitored through intensive supervision that includes frequent and random testing for alcohol and drug use.
- Incentives and sanctions: Progressive rewards (or incentives) and consequences (or sanctions) will be used to encourage participant compliance with the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court requirements.
- Monitoring and evaluation: the wellness team will use performance measurement and evaluation tools to monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals and identify needed improvements to the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court.
- Continuing interdisciplinary and community education: The Wellness Court team will conduct continuing interdisciplinary and community education.
- Team interaction: Developing and maintaining ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court team members, Judge, service providers and payers, the community, and relevant organizations.
- Provide Clinical Assessment and draft Individualized Treatment Plans with youth for acceptance by the wellness court team.
- Monitor and respond to participants' compliance with their phased treatment program and their Individual Treatment Plan.

- JHWC Partner Agencies**
- Del Norte County Domestic Violence Taskforce
 - Courts
 - Juvenile Probation
 - Law enforcement
 - Domestic violence shelters
 - Child Advocacy Centers
 - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
 - Batterer intervention programs
 - Juvenile Treatment Services
 - Child Welfare Social Services
 - Substance Abuse Treatment services
 - Cultural Advisory Team
 - Schools
 - School Attendance Review Board (SARB)



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NORTHWEST

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2020
Confederated Salish and Kootenai
Tribes JHWC
Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Director
Michelle Mitchell
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Community Demographics
Historic Lands: Western Montana
into Idaho, British Columbia, and
Montana
State: Montana
County: Lake
Total Population of Tribe:
Approximately 7,753 (2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Flathead Reservation, Pablo,
MT 59855
Public Law 280 State
(for felonies only)

Program Capacity
Juveniles: TBD

Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program
Ages: TBD

GRANTEE PROFILE
CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview
The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes’ (CSKT) Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) seeks to address youth drug use through the implementation of team-based case management and referral to treatment and correlating services. The CSKT JHWC is grounded in restorative principles and centered in CSKT values and tradition. Under the Project Coordinator and Mentoring Team, the program provides services through a network of Tribal providers. Program participants have the opportunity to receive treatment, needed therapy, inclusion in cultural learning opportunities and programs such as culture camps, or participation in the restorative youth court.

Vision:
The efforts of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' JHWC serve to promote the health and well-being of the Tribal members, thereby preserving the strength, cultural connection, and integrity of the Tribes for future generations.

Goals:

- Provision of services to CSKT youth through a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court that promotes culture, integrates constructive sentencing, and promotes youth empowerment.
- Implementation of restorative approach utilizing a youth court pilot project to resolve disputes and address disciplinary issues at school.
- Development and implementation of wellness court policies and practices that are in alignment with CSKT values, practices and culture.

Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Youth diversion and re-entry services
- Restorative and culturally-based case management
- Referral to treatment and crisis intervention services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing services and supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Tribal Education Department
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JHWC Core Team
Name: Michelle Mitchell
Title: CSKT Tribal Education Department Head

Name: Selina Kenmille
Title: JHWC Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Confederated Salish and Kootenai youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Constructive sentencing that integrates intergenerational interaction between adults and youth.
- Community-based projects that reflect local needs.
- Promotion of family bonds, the natural world, and traditional practices.
- Supervision and referral to services based on local team decision and guidance.
- Implementation of wellness court policies and procedures that create diversion from the juvenile justice system and provide for a restorative pathway to healing and reduced recidivism.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- CSKT Public Defenders Office
- CSKT Prosecutors Office
- CSKT Probation Office
- CSKT Tribal Health
- Flathead Reservation Boys and Girls Club
- Tribal Education Department
- Tribal Social Services



PACIFIC
NORTHWEST

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2020
Confederated Tribes of the Warm
Springs Reservation’s Juvenile
Wellbriety
Program Status:
Pre-Implementation

Program Director
Nancy Seyler
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Community Demographics
State: Oregon
Lands: Warm Springs, Wasco,
and Paiute Native Tribes, Cascade
Mountains, Deschutes River
(Central OR)
Total Population of Tribe: 5,000+;
3,300 residing on reservation
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Confederated Tribes of the Warm
Springs Reservation, Warm
Springs, OR 97761
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 1 – 10

Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program
Ages 12 – 17

GRANTEE PROFILE
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS
RESERVATION

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview
The goal of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS) Reservation’s Juvenile Wellbriety Program is to reduce juvenile delinquency and recidivism, limit juvenile substance use, and increase cultural and community youth participation by providing support, treatment, and access to evidence-based services to substance-abusing youth and their families. The program will implement partner-developed assessment tools, treatment, and healing programs to include a traditional and cultural approach.

The Tribal Court serves as an essential governmental function, seeking always to protect the Tribes’ sovereignty and to effectuate the Treaty and Constitution.

Vision:
From the “Ground Up,” reach out and help our children to be respectful, caring, loving alcohol and drug-free children in our community, as it should.

- Goals:**
- Lead our people and our community to a safe, healthy, alcohol, and drug-free lifestyle
 - Develop appropriate assessment tools, referrals, treatment, and healing programs for youth in a team-based service approach
 - Increase coordination between Public Safety departments, court, and counseling services
 - Integrate tradition and cultural learning opportunities

- Major JHWC Program Components:**
Services and Activities Provided for Youth
- Court diversion through pre-adjudication diversion
 - Enhanced monitoring through juvenile probation
 - Referral to youth counseling services
 - Integration of cultural and traditional teachings
 - Supportive resources through Tribal health and human services
 - Increased support for youth accountability and public safety

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Department of Public Safety
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JHWC Core Team
Name: Nancy Seyler
Title: Chief Tribal Prosecutor

Name: Martha Stewart
Title: Parole & Probation Supervisor

Name: LaDonna Squiemphen
Title: Juvenile Prosecutor

Name: Lisa Lomas
Title: Tribal Court Chief Judge

Name: Elizabeth Orozco
Title: Juvenile Probation Officer

- Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth**
- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs youth that supports youth wellbriety.
 - Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
 - Implement a restorative approach that engages youth and supports youth accountability.
 - Provide early engagement with parents and caregivers through a youth orientation to the wellbriety program.

- JHWC Partner Agencies**
- CTWS Tribal Court
 - CTWS Juvenile Prosecutor
 - CTWS Juvenile Probation Officer
 - CTWS Behavioral Health Center
 - School Resource Officer
 - CTWS Tribal Police Department
 - CTWS Cultural Programs



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NORTHWEST

Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2020
Yurok Youth Wellness Court
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
Jessica Carter
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Community Demographics
State: California
Counties: Humboldt and Del Norte
Total Population of Tribe: 6,500
(2020)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Yurok Tribal Nation (All of Hum-
boldt and Del Norte counties)
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 15 per year

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Enrolled Yurok Tribal Member
or eligible for enrollment who is
under the age of 21

GRANTEE PROFILE
YUROK TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Yurok Youth Wellness Court (YYWC) was established in 2015 and has had a total of 45 youth participants enrolled in the program since its inception. All 45 participants were identi- fied as being impacted by abuse, neglect, or other trauma; a significant number of clients have conditions that needed to be addressed in trauma-informed case planning. Youth are referred and identified as potential YYWC program participants from multiple sources. Most of the participants come into YYWC after serious problems at school or in the community. Truancy and behavior problems in school are common indicators for a referral. The YYWC has been effective by having individualized support and encouragement for Yurok youth.

Mission:
To provide a path to healing utilizing alternative responses to crimes and disruptive behaviors for non-violent Yurok Youth involved in or at-risk of involvement in the juvenile delinquency system.

Goal:
To reduce criminal behavior among Yurok Youth by providing case planning and management, referrals to treatment service, and court monitoring in order to improve family, community, and cultural involvement.

Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Referrals to Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Referrals to Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Referrals for Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Yurok Tribal Court
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JHWC Core Team

Name: Judge Bowers	Name: Angie Cavaliere
Title: Yurok Tribal Court Associate Judge	Title: Supervising Attorney
Name: Jessica Carter	Name: Eleonor Beall
Title: Court Director	Title: Youth Wellness Case Manager III
Name: Joanne Carter	
Title: Staff Attorney	

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Modification of Wellness Manual to include specific resources available within the community to share with clients and direct caseworkers.
- Commence solicitation of input from Yurok Youth regarding appropriate and meaningful incentives for program.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Social Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Intensive Services
- Tribal Education Department
- Public Defender’s Office
- Protective Services Attorney Office (County Counsel)
- Tribal Probation/Supervision
- United Indian Health Services
- Inpatient Residential Treatment Programs

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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2019

Status: Early Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator

Orlonda Gray Hawk

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Community Demographics

State: Montana

Counties: Poplar and Roosevelt

Total Population of Tribe: 10,366

(2021, U.S. Census)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux

Tribes Reservation, Poplar, MT

59255

Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 10–20

Ages of Youth to be Served

in Program

Ages 12–17

GRANTEE PROFILE

FORT PECK ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes' Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court is a juvenile treatment court on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, created to provide substance abuse treatment and behavioral health treatment to juveniles involved in the criminal justice system. The Fort Peck Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court takes a holistic approach to healing in a non-adversarial forum to help prevent Fort Peck children from becoming institutionalized in the adult corrections system.

Vision:

Our vision is to bring all entities together to contribute our collective strengths to work toward the same goal of helping to bring health, prosperity, and education to our families through friendships, relatives, and relationships, and to bring balance to our Tribes and communities by reconnecting youth and families with healthy lifestyles.

Goals:

- Enhance services within the Fort Peck Tribal judicial system through the creation and implementation of a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) that addresses and reduces drug and alcohol use amongst Tribal youth.
- Promote an alcohol and drug free lifestyle amongst Fort Peck Tribal Youth.
- Design and implement a JHWC that integrates wraparound services, solidified through memoranda of understanding and effective program policies and procedures.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Advisory Committee
- Court and Administrative Services
- Prosecutorial and Public Defense
- Family and Social Service Resources
- Treatment and Behavioral Health Services
- Education Planning and Support
- Physical Health Services
- Cultural Resources and Mentorship

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes

Tribal Court

Phone: (406) 768-2400

Website: <https://fptc.org/>

JHWC Core Team

- Chief Judge
- Project Coordinator
- Court Administrator
- Compliance Officer
- Tribal Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Tribal Guardian ad Litem (GAL)

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Creation of a comprehensive and therapeutic diversion program and support youth access to treatment, rehabilitative services, mentorship and support.
- Provision of legal and clinical screening protocols that identify and refer youth to appropriate levels of service.
- Implementation of a phased case management process that encompasses treatment, vocational, education, and culturally-grounded components.
- Application of graduated sanctions and incentives to promote and encourage long-term, sustained behavior change.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Health Prevention and Disease Prevention
- Popular School District
- Fort Peck Tribal Law Enforcement
- Indian Health Service
- Fort Peck Tribal Education Department
- Tribal Community Stakeholders and Volunteers
- Cultural/Spiritual Elders and Guides

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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2018

Blackfeet Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Fully Implemented (Closed Out)

Program Director/Coordinator

Chaniel Grant

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Community Demographics

State: Montana

County: Glacier County

Total Population: 10,706 (2021, on reservation and trust land)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Browning, Heart Butte, East Glacier

Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 20 youth per year

Age of Youth

Age: 12–25 years old

GRANTEE PROFILE

BLACKFEET TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

Blackfeet Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (BTJHWC) proposes to address the needs of high-risk youth affected by the devastation of trauma and substance abuse on the Blackfeet Reservation by providing holistic healing opportunities through exposure to elders, physical experiences with Blackfoot traditional homelands, and access to mental health and chemical dependency treatment methods, framed by the Healing to Wellness model.

Vision:

The vision of the Blackfeet Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court is to help guide Native American youth on the Blackfeet Reservation toward wellness—mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually—through Blackfeet cultural healing methods combined with evidence-based western treatment concepts, and through effective collaboration between community resources.

Goals:

- To provide an alternative to juvenile detention, family court removals, or school disciplinary proceedings (suspension, expulsion, and/or removal from extracurricular activities) to juveniles age 12–25, through the full implementation of the BTJHWC, which will increase referrals to culturally-relevant, evidence-based mental health and/or chemical dependency treatment and support services.
- Project staff will provide cross-training to all team members, community advisory circle members, and court staff prior to first hearing and as needed on an ongoing basis. Team, Community Advisory Circle (CAC) members, and court staff agree to participate in training as needed.
- Project Staff and CAC will work in tandem with Blackfeet Cultural leaders for implementation of the 12 Blackfeet Youth Identity Modules. These will be provided to participants to increase Blackfeet Cultural Connectedness for 15 participants, as measured by a pre- & post-survey in Years 2 and 3.
- The project will provide training and orientation to community stakeholders, team members, community adolescent service providers, and community members in the areas of trauma, culture, crisis management, Healing to Wellness, and other training in collaboration with community partners, as needed.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Prevention and Intervention Support Services

- Identification of mental health and substance abuse needs, referral to cultural interventions/activities and evidence-based practice services.
- Training of all Community Action Committee agencies on trauma, culture, crisis management, Healing to Wellness, diversion, and other to-be-identified training needs.
- Increase cultural connectedness of youth 12–25 by referring them to male and female Blackfeet elders to introduce and teach Blackfeet cultural ways.

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Blackfeet Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Chaniel Grant

Title: JHWC Coordinator

Name: Dustin Pepion

Title: Data Specialist

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increase efficiency and utilization of community resources.
- Enhanced data collection efforts.
- Strengthen Tribal JHWC ability to secure community safety.
- Reduce recidivism rates and juvenile substance-related offences.
- Increase individuals receiving behavioral health treatment.
- Decrease high-risk behaviors in youth that have participated in JHWC services.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.
- Increase Tribe's knowledge and ability to heal Tribal youth and families utilizing Blackfeet healing methods.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Northern Winds Recovery Center
- Southern Peigan Health Center & School-Based Health Clinic
- Blackfeet Community Hospital Behavioral Health
- Browning High School Mental Health
- Blackfeet Manpower
- Native Connections: Culture and Hope, Youth Cultural Identity Building
- Blackfeet JHWCs
- Crystal Creek Lodge Adolescent Program
- Browning Middle School
- Buffalo Hide Academy
- Heart Butte Public Schools
- Blackfeet Honor Your Life, Meth/Suicide Prevention
- Blackfeet Housing
- Blackfeet Law Enforcement
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services

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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2017

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator

Michelle Michael
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Community Demographics

State: Idaho
County (or Counties): Benewah
and Kootenai
Total Population of Tribe: 2,190
(2021)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Coeur d'Alene Tribe Reservation
including Kootenai and Benewah
Counties within the reservation
boundaries
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: No Limit

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages: 12–20

GRANTEE PROFILE

COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, known to us as Hnkhukhwits'n (A Healing Place for Youth), applies focused judicial responsiveness with a family-centered approach to treatment, mentorship, cultural connectivity, and community engagement to support youth sobriety, wellness, and future autonomy.

Hnkhukhwits'n (A Healing Place for Youth)

Vision:

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court will support Tribal youth to live their best possible quality life as individuals within healthy family and community.

Goals:

- Continue communication and collaboration with service providers.
- Establish enhanced data tracking to assess progress and areas of improvement.
- Engage youth and their families in Hnkhukhwits'n services.
- Implement cultural components to the program and court structure.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Reentry Supports
- Healing Lodge of Seven Nations (Juvenile Treatment Center)
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Michele Michael

Title: Coordinator Juvenile Courts

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Coeur d'Alene youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.
- Develop a policy to improve the number of youth who enter the Coeur d'Alene Tribe JHWC.
- Develop a program to improve the engagement of parents.
- Have youth and family actively participate in cultural activities throughout the seasons.
- Create a broader change in the juvenile justice and treatment systems.
- Infuse cultural components into the JHWC phases, including renaming the phases.

JHWC Partner Agencies

Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health

- Behavioral Health Services
- Reentry Program

Other Community and Supportive Services

- Tribal Education Department
- Marimn Health (Clinic)
- Tribal Social Services

Parenting, Child and Family Services

- Career Renewal
- Behavioral Health Services

Attorneys, Other Courts and Criminal Justice/Legal System

- Public Defender
- Probation Department

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2017
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
Gilbert Adame
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Community Demographics
State: Washington
County: Auburn
Total Population of Tribe: 3,000
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Auburn,
Washington
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 6

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE
MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (MIT JHWC) seeks to reduce Muckleshoot youth’s involvement in the neighboring, non-Tribal juvenile judicial system. The Muckleshoot Tribe also seeks to establish jurisdiction over Muckleshoot youth and provide cultur-ally relevant and strength-based services through the MIT JHWC. The Muckleshoot Tribe JHWC will expand existing collaborations to create a support team to coordinate and collaborate on JHWC case plans. Service providers and the Muckleshoot Tribe JHWC team will receive training to better communicate, collaborate, and provide services to the youth.

Vision:
The Muckleshoot Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court vision is to empower and strengthen Muckleshoot youth to live sober lifestyles and enhance the overall quality of life for our community members.

- Goals:**
- Revise and enact the Muckleshoot Tribe’s Juvenile Code to include a JHWC.
 - Establish and engage in relationships with local Juvenile Probation Services to identify and refer eligible Muckleshoot youth to the JHWC program.
 - Establish a multidisciplinary care team to provide strength and culturally-based services to court-involved youth.

**Major JHWC Program Components:
Services and Activities Provided for Youth**

- Individual Outpatient Treatment Plans
- Mental Health Services if determined by an assessment
- Culturally appropriate services

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Muckleshoot Tribal Court
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JHWC Core Team
Name: Bobbie Jo Norton
Title: Court Administrator

Name: Gilbert Adame
Title: JHWC Coordinator

**Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated
Impacts in the Lives of Youth**

- Create a pre-adjudication and post-adjudication diversion program for Muckleshoot Indian Tribal youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Revise and enact Juvenile Code to include JHWC, in order to have jurisdiction over Muckleshoot Tribal youth and respond to court-involved youth through restorative justice and culturally appropriate methods.
- Collect community data to identify juvenile issues and assess gaps in services to youth and families.
- Provide strength and culturally-based programming to court-involved youth and families through community programs and collaborations.

- JHWC Partner Agencies**
- Muckleshoot Tribal Child and Family Services
 - Muckleshoot Tribal Behavioral Health Services
 - Muckleshoot Tribal Council
 - Muckleshoot Tribal Elders and Community Members
 - Defense Services Office
 - Muckleshoot Tribal Prosecutors Office
 - Muckleshoot Tribal Law Enforcement
 - Muckleshoot Tribal Probation Department

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016

Chippewa Cree Juvenile Healing
to Wellness Court

Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator

Elinor Nault

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Community Demographics

State: Montana

County: Hill and Chouteau

Counties

Total Population of Tribe: 5,656
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Rocky Boy Reservation

Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 3–20 per year

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 13–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Chippewa Cree Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) will successfully implement a therapeutic judicial process by integrating cultural values and collaborative partnerships to effectively address substance abuse, currently threatening the Tribe's greatest resource: our Youth. The primary emphasis of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Courts is to provide intervention and treatment supports for juvenile offenders who want to make positive changes and break the cycle of addiction.

Vision:

The Chippewa Cree Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court will serve to promote a focused and culturally empowered community that ensures the future of our most valuable assets: our Youth.

Goals:

- Reduce the recidivism rate of juvenile drug/alcohol-related offenses by at least 25 percent by providing substance prevention and treatment services.
- Enhance and strengthen our Tribal Justice System's ability to secure community safety as it relates to Tribal courts and alcohol and substance abuse among juveniles.
- Develop and enhance a set of Juvenile Healing to Wellness policies & procedures, including roles and responsibilities for each team member.
- Identify and select a survey for the purpose of collecting data to support the JHWC's sustainability.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Related Support Services

- Screening and assessment, treatment monitoring, case management, and aftercare services.
- Develop and change the juvenile section in the Law & Order Code to be stronger and adhere to it, as approved by the judicial commissioners & Chippewa Cree Business Committee.
- Review and approve current policies and procedures that have been developed for the project.
- The team will select an instrument/tool that they believe will show data that will be useful to the project.

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Chippewa Cree Tribal Courts

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Elinor Nault

Title: Court Administrator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Develop holistic, structured, and phased treatment and rehabilitation plans for project participants. The individualized treatment plans will incorporate the Chippewa Cree culture and tradition and will be determined by the participant and our Healing to Wellness team.
- Develop and maintain commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation between the Healing to Wellness team members, service providers, the community, and relevant organizations.
- Incorporate the 10 Key Components of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts through four phases.
- Reduction in number of youth who offend or reoffend.
- Increased percentage of program youth/families who exhibit desired change in targeted behaviors (e.g., substance use, antisocial behavior, truancy, gang involvement).

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Local school districts (Box Elder and Rocky Boy Schools)
- Chippewa Cree Business Committee
- Rocky Boy Health Center
- Tribal Health and Human Services
- Chippewa Cree Tribe Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- White Sky Hope Center
- Chippewa Cree Tribal Law Enforcement
- Rocky Boy Senior Citizen Department
- Wellness Center
- Stone Child College and Chippewa Cree Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016

Fort Belknap Juvenile Healing to
Wellness Court

Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator

Sarah Gone
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Community Demographics

State: Montana
County (or Counties): Blaine
Total Population of Tribe:
3,627 (2021, U.S. Census)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Fort Belknap Indian Community,
Harlem, Montana 59526
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity:

Juveniles: 3–20 per year

Ages of Youth to be Served in

Program:
Ages 8–21

GRANTEE PROFILE

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Fort Belknap Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) seeks to provide a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court system which will promote healthy decision-making and connections to the Aaniiih and Nakoda traditions to resolve the high rates of adolescent substance abuse on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

Vision:

After completion of the two-phased Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court treatment process, youth will become healthy and productive, upstanding citizens who contribute to the community and are members of healthy families supported by Fort Belknap Aaniiih and Nakoda culture and traditions.

Goals:

- To enhance the capacity of Fort Belknap Juvenile Tribal Court with the Healing to Wellness principals, which will reduce juvenile recidivism rates by 20 percent at the end of year five for truancy, Minor in Possessions, Driving Under the Influences, Criminal Possession Of Dangerous Drugs, and Criminal Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia, while improving completion rates of Tribal youth in the JHWC system under the age of 21 by implementing the two-phased, holistic Healing to Wellness treatment approach.
- In recognition of the limitations of services currently available to youth, the Fort Belknap JHWC is invested in supporting cross-system collaboration and wraparound services to support quality services, focused data collection for effective sustainability planning, and consistent training for all Tribal staff working with youth.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Intensive outpatient support (i.e., life skills classes)
- Outpatient mental and behavioral health services
- Cultural component to alternative sentencing
- Financial assistance to secure housing
- Transportation

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Fort Belknap Tribal Court

Phone: (406) 353-8387

JHWC Core Team

Name: Sarah Gone

Title: Tiwahe Family Advocacy Coordinator

Name: Ray Cichosz

Title: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements

- Guidance and collaboration with the Community Advisory Committee and the Juvenile Multi-Disciplinary Team (JMDT) to address recidivism and juvenile substance use through community involvement and healing to wellness policies, procedures, and code.
- Improved treatment/contract recommendations and monitoring for each juvenile volunteering to participate in the JHWC.
- Trauma-informed, cross-system training & collaboration.
- A sustainability plan that includes transportation and data collection.

JHWC Partner Agencies

Child Welfare, Substance Use

Treatment and Mental Health

- Aaniiih Nakoda Family Healing Wellness Center
- Tribal Health Department
- Chemical Dependency Department

Other Community and

Supportive Services

- Fort Belknap Tiwahe

Parenting, Child and Family Services

- Child Support
- Soaring Eagle Juvenile Justice Program
- 477 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Attorneys, Other Courts and Criminal Justice/Legal System

- Child Welfare Judge
- Tribal Prosecutor
- Juvenile Probation Officer
- Other Court Personnel

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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016

Klamath Tribe Juvenile Healing to
Wellness Court

Status: Closed Out

Program Director/Coordinator

Danita Herrera

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Community Demographics

State: Oregon

County: Klamath

Total Population of Tribe: ~5,700
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Klamath Reservation, 13th Judicial
District for the State of Oregon
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: 30

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages: 12–18

GRANTEE PROFILE

KLAMATH TRIBES

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Klamath Tribes is made up of the Klamath and Modoc Tribes and Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians. The Klamath Tribe (Tribes) are organized under the Constitution of the Klamath Tribes, which establishes the Klamath Tribes' General Council as the ultimate governing body and includes all enrolled Tribal members over age eighteen. The Tribes currently has 5,058 (per Klamath Tribal Grant Narrative) enrolled Tribal members, of whom 4,066 are over age seventeen. According to the Enrollment Office, 1,980 members live in the Tribes' Service Area of Klamath County. The Klamath Tribes' Service Area Indian Population was 5,743 as of 2015.

The Klamath Tribes provides services either directly or through contract to Tribal members and other Indians in Klamath County, which encompasses 6,135 square miles of rural country dominated by timbered mountainous and high desert country. Finally, the Tribes' retained Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Gathering rights which extend, at a minimum, to some 1.1 million acres of former reservation land. The Tribes are primarily responsible for enforcing its laws over Tribal members as they exercise those rights.

The Klamath Tribes have a unique coordinated prevention and intervention initiative for youth that are already involved in the justice system. On December 14, 2009, the Klamath Tribes Judiciary, in collaboration with the Klamath County Juvenile Department and the Klamath Circuit Court (State Court), entered into a "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Circuit Court for Klamath County, 13th Judicial District for the State of Oregon and Klamath County Juvenile Department and the Klamath Tribes of Oregon, Klamath Tribes Judiciary and the Tribes Social Services Department." This Agreement provides a novel collaborative approach between the State and Tribal Justice systems. Under it, the Tribal Court may accept responsibility for oversight of the youth's probation, developing culturally appropriate and other relevant terms and conditions of probation. A revised/renewed MOU was signed in November 2015.

With close judiciary and Probation Officer oversight and guidance, if the youth are successful in the Tribal court program, the same is reported to the State Court and county Juvenile Probation Department, which may then "dismiss" the underlying proceeding.

Through this program, the Tribes' Juvenile court is able to provide the juvenile and their family with culturally-based services and greater frequency of contact between the Tribal Court, service providers, and the youth and family involved. Currently, the Tribes do not have a coordinated intervention initiative for adults at-risk of involvement or already involved in the justice system. The Tribes have limited resources to support prevention, mentoring and other services. The Tribes have a State/Tribal Agreement for child protective services and partner with each other.

Vision:

Provide a comprehensive juvenile justice system to address substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, school failure, truancy, intra-family conflicts, and other contributing factors that contribute to an increased percentage of juveniles in the Klamath County Juvenile Department of Detention.

Goals:

- Improve court handling of Klamath County cases affecting youth and family functioning through development of a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court that incorporates the 10 Healing to Wellness Court Key Components.
- Develop Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Policies and Procedures, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Handbook, & Judicial Bench Book.
- Monthly Stakeholder meetings that result in a comprehensive needs analysis.
- Identify screening and assessment tools.
- Perform cross-training for stakeholders.
- Increase program support and service coordination across programs servicing youth and families.
- Increase use of cultural elements in Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and treatment and services.
- Increase alternatives to incarceration through intensive community-based supervision and monitoring, and linkages to re-entry and/or relapse support.
- Increase comprehensive problem-solving strategies through implementation of youth leadership/skill-based curricula.
- Conduct a formative and process evaluation of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Program.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential/Inpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Aftercare/Continuing Care
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally appropriate services
- Housing Services and Supports
- Transportation

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KLAMATH TRIBES, CONTINUED

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Klamath Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

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Title: Judicial Court Coordinator

Name: Michele Lyon

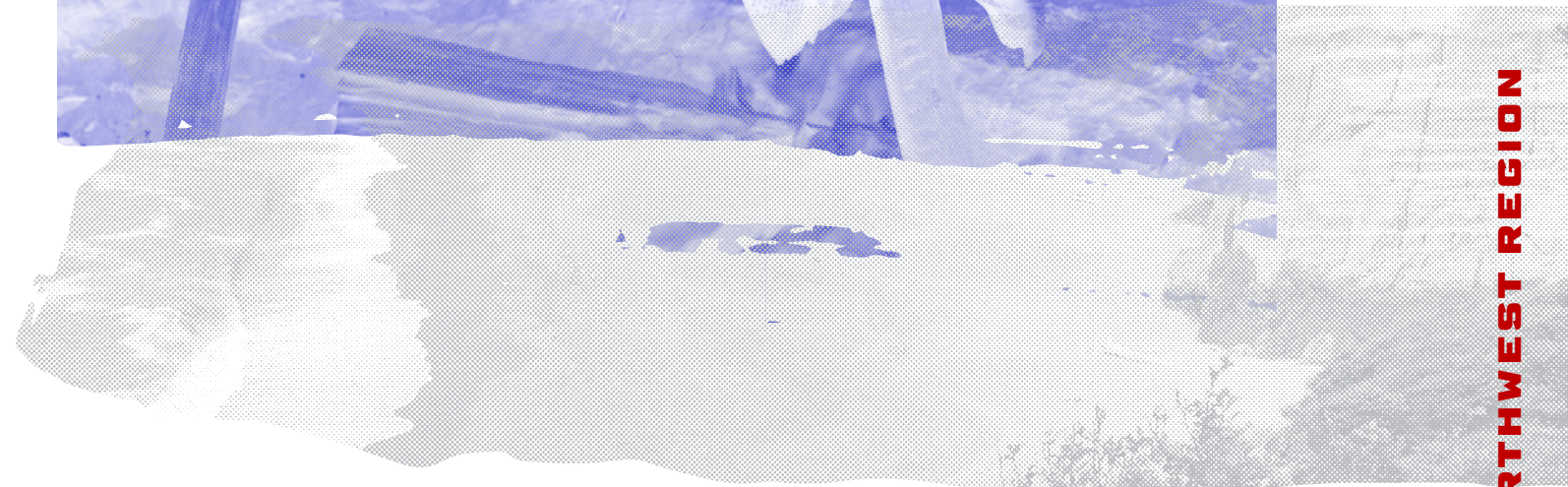
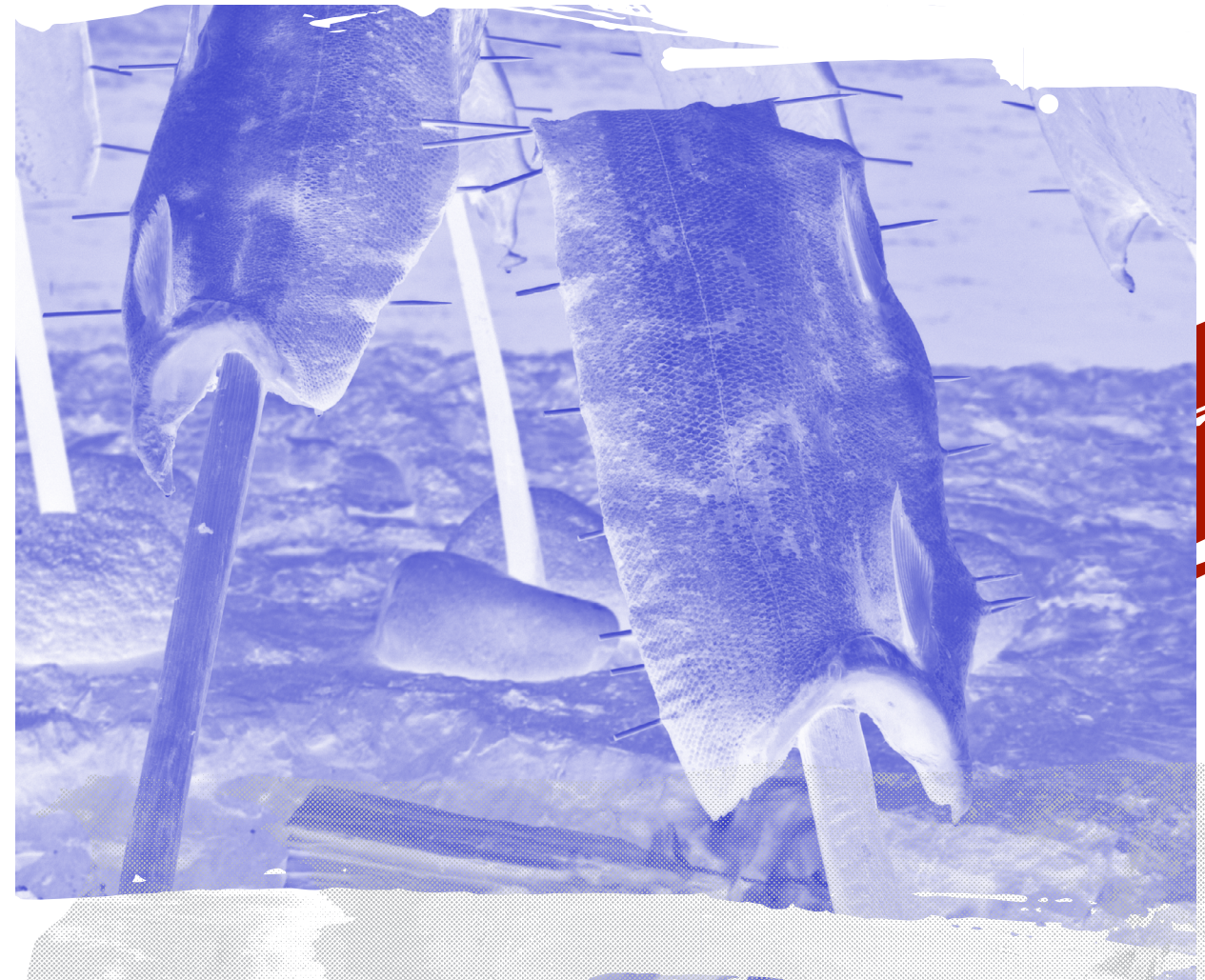
Title: Clerk of Court

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre- and post-adjudication diversion program for Klamath youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- Improve youth access to treatment and ongoing mentoring support through team interaction.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Tribal Social Services
- Tribal Wellness Center
- Behavioral Health Services
- Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Intensive Services
- Tribal Probation/Supervision
- Klamath Unified School District



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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016

Nez Perce Tribe Juvenile Healing
to Wellness Court

Status: Pre-Implementation

Program Director/Coordinator

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Community Demographics

State: Idaho
County: Nez Perce County
Total Population of Tribe:
Approximately 3,250 (2017)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID
(communities of Lapwai & Kamaih)
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: N/A

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 12–20

GRANTEE PROFILE

NEZ PERCE TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Nez Perce Tribe Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (NPT JHWC) seeks to reduce juvenile delinquency and recidivism by providing professional, targeted, and sustained support and encouragement for juvenile offenders with drug and alcohol-related problems. The NPT JHWC will offer young participants opportunities for involvement in cultural and traditional activities through a Peacemakers Circle, as recommended by the Tribal Elders and Leaders Panel on the JHWC Team. The NPT JHWC seeks to enhance treatment and access to evidence-based services to substance-abusing youth and their families. NPT JHWC will expand existing collaborations to create a support team including a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Case Manager, a Substance Abuse Clinician, and the creation of a Tribal Elder Panel.

Mission:

To support addiction recovery, continued sobriety, and lifelong self-sufficiency of participants in the JHTWC program, by providing a collaborative, structured, and individualized response for each participant.

Goals:

- Improve collaboration between the Nez Perce Tribal Juvenile Justice system and Tribal Behavioral Health Services for court-involved youth.
- Improve information sharing among service providers as they provide directed services for court-involved youth.
- Engage youth and their families in the JHWC as early as possible in their delinquency case.
- Implement integrated cultural components into the JHWC structure.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Residential treatment
- Substance Use Disorder individual counseling services
- Continuing aftercare
- Mental health services, if determined through an assessment
- Culturally appropriate services
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Peacemakers Circles
- Pro-social activities that incorporate the Nez Perce culture and traditions

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Nez Perce Tribal Court

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JHWC Core Team

Name: Kenton Beckstead

Title: Law and Order Executive Director

Name: Hazel Arthur

Title: JHWC Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Coordinate and manage treatment services for each participant, providing comprehensive and appropriate substance abuse and mental health treatment, educational and vocational services, and other public services.
- Development of a policy that will improve delivering services to the justice-involved youth who enter the Nez Perce Tribe JHWC.
- Improvement of policy and processes to increase the engagement of parents.
- Youth and family actively participate in programs centered on healing and family strengthening.
- Infusion of cultural components into the JHWC phases.
- Establish ways to effectively communicate and share information about the operation of the JHWC within the Nez Perce Reservation community.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Ni-Mii-Puu Health Behavioral Health Services
- Lapwai School District
- Health Care Center
- Nez Perce Tribal Social Services
- Prosecutors Office
- Law Enforcement
- Probation Department

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016
Northern Arapaho Tribe Juvenile
Healing to Wellness Court
Status: Fully Implemented

Program Director/Coordinator
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Community Demographics
State: Wyoming
County: Fremont County
Total Population of Tribe: 8,600
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Wind River Reservation, Lander,
WY
Not a Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: 3-20 per year

**Ages of Youth to be Served
in Program**
Ages 11 – 18

GRANTEE PROFILE
NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Northern Arapaho Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) program will expand youth substance abuse treatment services on the Wind River Reservation with proven, evidence-based therapeutic intervention.

Vision:

To be the resource for substance abuse treatment and education for youth and the community on the Wind River Reservation: Making Positive Progression Happen.

Goals:

- Collaborate with the Wind River Tribal Court to expand evidence-based intensive outpatient treatment services for court-ordered juvenile offenders
- Increase treatment services to a maximum of 52 weeks for at least twelve participants annually, ages 11 to 18 years, serving juveniles located in the Arapaho and Riverton areas who are currently unable to access services.
- Address access to treatment through a Telecommunication Video technology for juvenile offenders living in the Riverton/Arapaho communities, monitored by monthly client satisfaction surveys (completed by both the juvenile offenders and their families).
- Foster collaboration between Elders and White Buffalo Recovery Center staff to ensure that treatment is culturally based and relevant to Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone communities.
- Utilize the Cultural Connectedness survey during three points of treatment planning (beginning, halfway, and upon completion of treatment).
- Engage the voice of youth/community by introducing the new JHWC treatment approach in a series of three town hall meetings.
- Collaborate with youth participants to develop treatment resources (video, public service announcements, brochures) on substance abuse, trauma, treatment, prevention and behavioral health.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Town Hall Meetings
- Telecommunication/Video Conferencing
- Cultural Programming (informed by the input of Elders from the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes)

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Wind River Tribal Court

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Create a pre-adjudication diversion program for Northern Arapaho Tribe youth that supports rehabilitation and long-term treatment.
- A collaborative team that works together to provide treatment services to juveniles who qualify for the Healing to Wellness Court.
- Telecommunications will reduce the travel burden and potentially improve access to care and retention.
- Incorporation of the community and elders in providing traditional and cultural programming for treatment services.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Northern Arapaho Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Advisory Committee
- Wind River Tribal Court
- White Buffalo Recovery Center

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Program Type
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2016
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Juvenile
Wellness Court
Status: Partially Implemented

**Juvenile Healing to Wellness
Coordinator**
Tara Lopez
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Community Demographics
State/ County: California -
Del Norte & Humboldt
State/ County: Oregon -
Curry, Josephine & Coos
Total Population of Tribe:
1,962 (2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served
Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Lands, Smith
River, CA 95567
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity
Juveniles: No specified limit

**Ages of Youth to be Served in
Program**
Ages 11 – 21

GRANTEE PROFILE
TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Nuu-da'-ye' Ghes-na' (Our Family Wellness) Juvenile Wellness Court program aims to enhance the capacity and services of the Tribal court to respond to the alcohol and other substance-related issues of youth under the age of 21.

Vision:
The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Juvenile Wellness Court program aims to enhance the capacity and services of the Tribal Court to respond to the alcohol and other substance-related issues of youth under the age of 21.

- Goals:**
- Establish a Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court rooted in traditional values that can support youth with substance use issues
 - Increase opportunities for Tribal youth to address their substance use issues and problems associated with their substance use
 - Increase youth participation in social and cultural activities in the community

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Engage in strategic planning to design a comprehensive Juvenile Wellness Court
- Implement a comprehensive Juvenile Wellness court
- Enhance the coordination of efforts among community resources

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: K'ii-daa-naa-dvn
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JHWC Core Team

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Title: Tribal Court Judge Administrator

Name: Elsie Petrie
Title: Tribal Court

Name: Tara Lopez
Title: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Coordinator

Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Implement a screening and eligibility process to engage youth.
- Intensive supervision: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court participants will be monitored through intensive supervision that includes frequent and random testing for alcohol and drug use.
- Incentives and sanctions: Progressive rewards (or incentives) and consequences (or sanctions) will be used to encourage participant compliance with the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court requirements.
- Monitoring and evaluation: the wellness team will use performance measurement and evaluation tools to monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals and identify needed improvements to the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court.
- Continuing interdisciplinary and community education: The Wellness Court team will conduct continuing interdisciplinary and community education.
- Team interaction: Developing and maintaining ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court team members, Judge, service providers and payers, the community, and relevant organizations.
- Provide Clinical Assessment and draft Individualized Treatment Plans with youth for acceptance by the wellness court team.
- Monitor and respond to participants' compliance with their phased treatment program and their Individual Treatment Plan.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Del Norte County Domestic Violence Taskforce
- Courts
- Juvenile Probation
- Law enforcement
- Domestic violence shelters
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Batterer intervention programs
- Juvenile Treatment Services
- Child Welfare Social Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment services
- Cultural Advisory Team
- Schools
- School Attendance Review Board (SARB)

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Program Type

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

FY 2015

Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Program Director/Coordinator

Hon. Kristina Kalka

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Community Demographics

State: California

County: Mendocino County

Total Population of Tribe: 900
(2023)

Jurisdiction or Area(s) Served

Hopland Band, Cahto Tribe of
the Laytonville Rancheria, Coyote
Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Public Law 280 State

Program Capacity

Juveniles: Presently 0; can handle
up to 5 participants

Ages of Youth to be Served in Program

Ages 11 – 18; 1 Youth in 2019 and
they did not successfully complete
the program

GRANTEE PROFILE

HOPLAND BAND OF POMO INDIANS

Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court (JHWC) Overview

The Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court provides a range of services to meet the needs of the youth and to help them make deep changes in their lives and break patterns of dysfunction that lead to violence.

Vision:

To aid Tribal youth's journey to sobriety and wellness by providing a program that transforms thinking, understanding, and decision-making.

Goals:

- Establish a process within the Tribal court system to address juvenile cases to reduce recidivism among youth offenders.
- Increase the ability of the Tribal justice system to advocate for youth and to provide services to address delinquency, trauma and substance use issues.
- Improve the cultural appropriateness of services provided to Tribal members by outside agencies.

Major JHWC Program Components:

Services and Activities Provided for Youth

- Juvenile substance use counseling
- Community service-learning projects
- Culturally-based social activities
- Individual and group mentoring activities

Tribal Department where the JHWC is located: Northern California Intertribal
Court System

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JHWC Core Team

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Anticipated Practice and Systems Improvements and Anticipated Impacts in the Lives of Youth

- Increased collaboration between all youth-serving programs for Hopland Pomo, Cahto, and Coyote Valley Rancheria members.
- Increase of resources targeting prevention and intervention strategies for Tribal youth, including substance use treatment services.
- Link youth offenders and families with culturally appropriate resources.
- Increase of integration of cultural components across youth-serving programs.

JHWC Partner Agencies

- Hopland Pomo Education Department
- Hopland Pomo Youth Council
- Hopland Juvenile Substance Use Treatment Services
- Hopland Band of Pomo Tribe Justice System
- Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria Justice System
- Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians Justice System
- Mendocino County Court

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We are many, many people and yet we are one.

What we do today with our thinking, what we do tomorrow with our thoughts, what we do with our actions and our interactions with people determines the course of the universe itself.

You are not powerless.

You are not without power.

—Little Crow (Mdewakanton Dakota)

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With love & respect,

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