

Tribal Youth Resource Center

# Newsletter

Indigenizing programs for Native youth



## Together We Grow:

Launching a New Chapter at the Tribal Youth  
Resource Center



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# Welcome from the Tribal Youth Resource

## Greetings Relatives,

Everywhere, there are signs that the earth is renewing herself, as are Native communities across Turtle Island....

Ceremonies, social events, feasts, the return of children outside laughing and playing childhood games. As we welcome spring, the staff and consultants of the Tribal Youth Resource Center would like to send our voices in gratitude that we have been selected by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to continue to serve as the training and technical center for the 36 OJJDP-funded Youth Healing to Wellness Court (YHWC) grantees and the 76 OJJDP-funded Tribal Youth Program (TYP) grantees. The Tribal Youth Resource Center and its partners, the National Native Children's Resource Center and Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice, will continue to strive to provide our YHWC and TYP grantees relevant, meaningful, and Indigenous-rooted training and technical assistance supports now and through the seasons yet to unfold.

It is an honor to walk and work alongside you as you endeavor to provide support, resources, opportunities, and love for the youth and families in your communities, villages, Pueblos, and Nations. Let us always remember to speak gratitude for the beauty of our people and lifeways and for the profound gift of being part of something greater together.

Respectfully,  
The Tribal Youth Resource Center



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The happiest people I've ever met, regardless of their profession, their social standing, or their economic status, are people that are fully engaged in the world around them.

The most fulfilled people are the ones who get up every morning and stand for something larger than themselves. They are the people who care about others, who will extend a helping hand to someone in need or will speak up about an injustice when they see it.”

~ Wilma Mankiller

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# To the Incoming Grantees of the Tribal Youth Resource Center

By: Anagali Shace Duncan, Emerging Leader, Tribal Youth Resource Center

To the incoming grantees of the Tribal Youth Resource Center: welcome.

The work you are stepping into is beyond important — it is transformative. What you do in your communities plants seeds for the next generation of changemakers, culture keepers, and future Tribal leaders. This work is not just service; it is a cultural tradition, rooted in a long legacy of Indigenous resistance, survival, and vision. By stepping into this space, you are continuing to protect, uplift, and reimagine the futures of our people.



How you choose to use these grants will have ripple effects that extend far beyond what you see now — they will touch lives and build strength for the next seven generations. That power is sacred. And while this journey will not come without its hardships, remember that our communities are made of patience, kindness, and resilience. Hardships are not forever — but our responsibility to each other is. Remain rooted in the knowledge that your work matters deeply and that you are not alone in this path.

I personally look up to each and every one of you. Your dedication reminds me of the Keetoowah word **SGLCB4oA** — “we cling to one another, and hold each other close.” As community organizers, protectors, and builders, we know that we cannot do this alone. TYRC and I are here to walk beside you, uplift you, and support your vision however we can. I am honored to be in community with you, and I can’t wait to see the future you help shape.



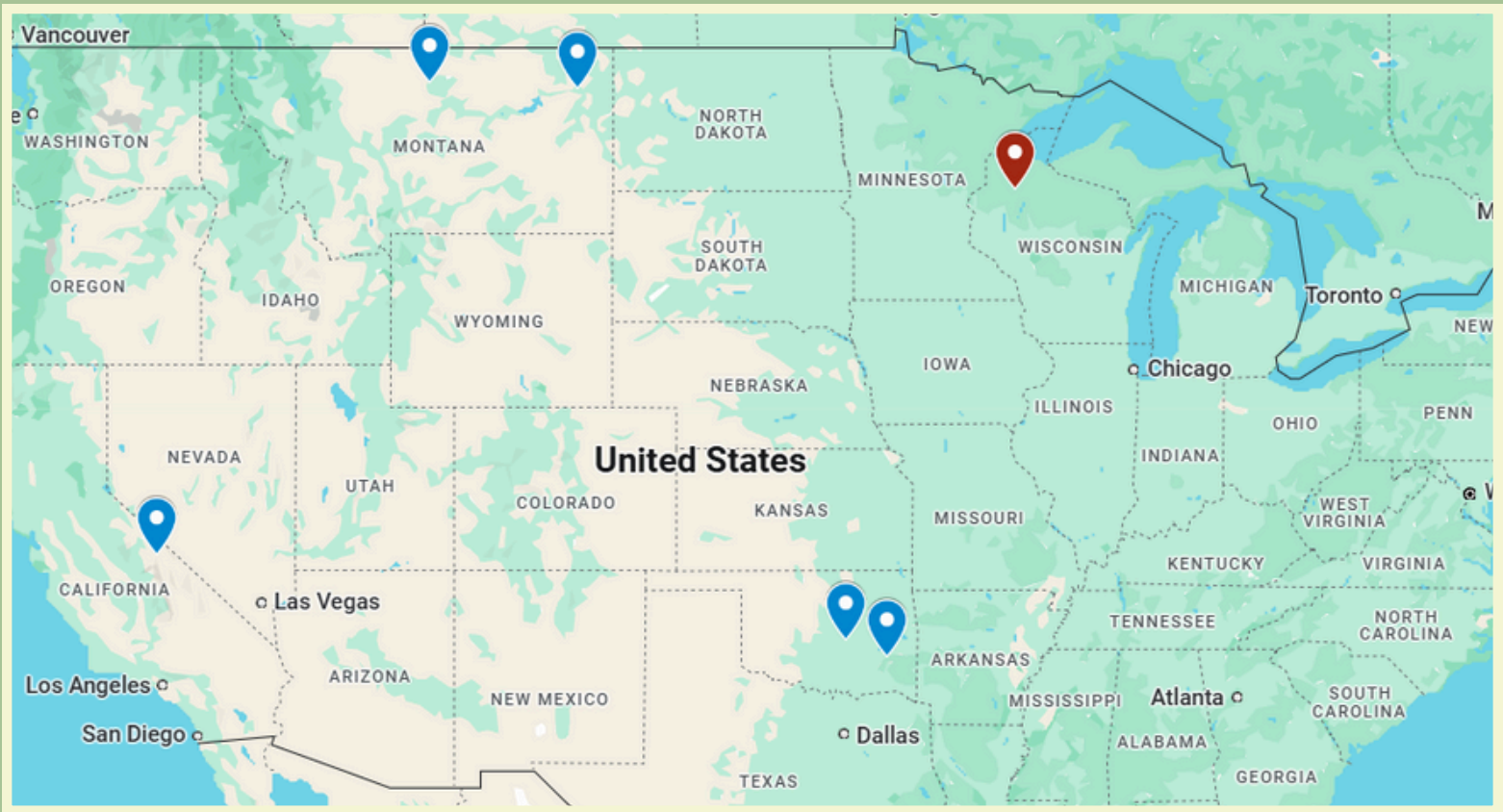


# Celebrating the FY24 OJJDP Youth Healing to Wellness Court and Tribal Youth Program Grantees

The Tribal Youth Resource Center is honored to recognize the six FY24 OJJDP Youth Healing to Wellness Court (YHWC) and fourteen FY24 OJJDP Tribal Youth Program (TYP) grantees!

We invite you to share in celebrating these incredible YHWCs and TYPs and their staff as they establish, grow, enhance, or sustain their programs. Continue reading to learn more about their work and goals.

# FY24 OJJDP Youth Healing to Wellness Court Awardees



## Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation

Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation was awarded a five-year, Youth Healing to Wellness Court enhancement grant to continue their work in addressing substance use (particularly opioid use) and related offenses. Building on the work of their existing Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and informed by data collection processes, the team aims to update their strategic plan, incorporate a special emphasis on trauma-informed care, and enhance current partnerships in a community-wide effort to reduce recidivism and effectively support youth needs.

## Bishop Paiute Tribal Council

Bishop Paiute Tribal Council was awarded a five-year, Youth Healing to Wellness Court enhancement grant to continue their work in addressing youth justice involvement and substance abuse. Bishop Paiute has previously enacted a Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Code to provide early intervention and support through a cross-jurisdictional approach, culturally-grounded treatment, and collaborative efforts across the Probation Department, schools, and health services. Building on these efforts, Bishop Paiute aims to enhance their program through a focus on sustainable staffing, strengthened connections and new partnerships, and an increased emphasis on strengths-based, traditional activities.



# FY24 OJJDP Youth Healing to Wellness Court Awardees Continued

## Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin (LCO) was awarded a five-year, Youth Healing to Wellness Court grant to address a substance use crisis and resulting mental health challenges facing the community, particularly among youth. Building on previous efforts, including the implementation of an Adult Healing to Wellness Court, LCO aims to establish a YHWC to provide culturally appropriate, individualized support to youth involved in substance use or alcohol-related offenses, with a focus on connection, accountability, and collaboration.

## Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes

Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes was awarded a five-year, Youth Healing to Wellness Court enhancement grant to reduce drug and alcohol use among Fort Peck youth, by expanding on the work of their prior Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, building on previously established partnerships and learnings. They aim to establish a sustainable team, develop and integrate meaningful connections and culturally appropriate interventions, and implement a case management system that ensures progress tracking.

## Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

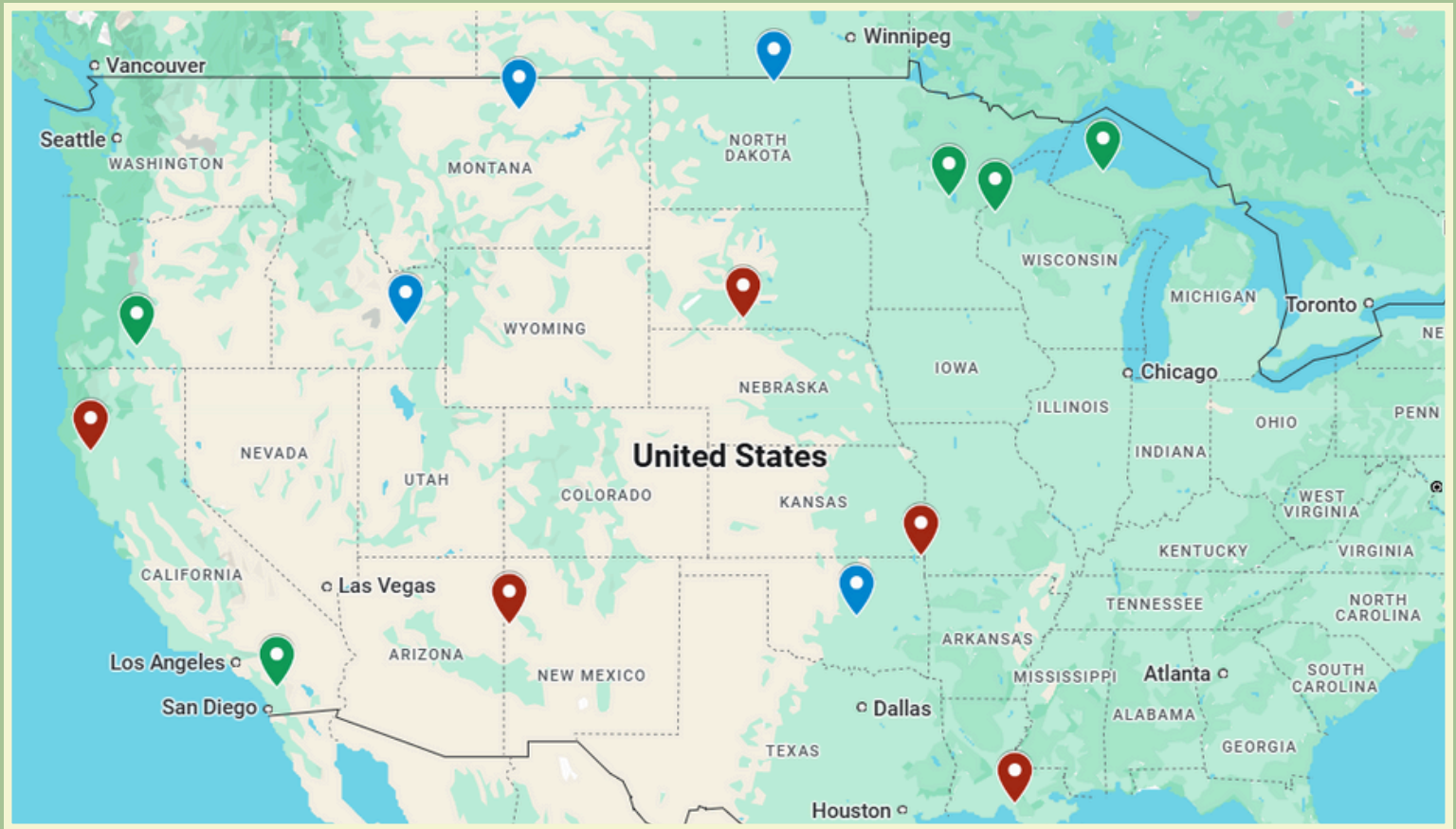
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was awarded a five-year, Youth Healing to Wellness Court enhancement grant to build on the work of their previous Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court grant. Choctaw has implemented relevant, preventative-based programs rooted in Choctaw values with the goal of decreasing the number of justice-involved youth in the Choctaw Nation.

Choctaw Nation will be expanding their service area to Pittsburg County while enhancing partnerships with High School Student Services, local law enforcement, and youth mentorship programs. Choctaw Nation has had 48 graduates with 3 soon to graduate. With the expansion of their service area and growth in partnership, they hope to support more youth with their sobriety, school attendance, and participation in community activities.





# FY24 OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Awardees



## Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was awarded a two-year, Seeding Change grant to support a comprehensive planning process for a new Tribal Youth Program aimed at addressing juvenile delinquency. Throughout the grant period, the team will engage key stakeholders, explore potential non-tribal partnerships, and identify evidence-based strategies to create collaborative youth programs that enhance and expand existing efforts to meet the unique needs of Chitimacha youth.

## Pueblo of Zuni

The Pueblo of Zuni was awarded a two-year, Seeding Change grant to develop a comprehensive approach to address the challenges faced by Zuni youth, focusing on juvenile delinquency, substance use, and the need for cultural and educational support services. The team seeks to create an integrated support system that actively engages youth, families, educators, and community leaders to address immediate risks and needs while promoting long-term resilience and positive development for Zuni youth.

# FY24 OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Awardees Continued

## Rosebud Sioux Tribe

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe was awarded a two-year, Seeding Change grant to create a community space for collaboration among youth, Tribal programs, and community members to address substance misuse, truancy, and juvenile delinquency. The project will focus on prevention by increasing protective factors through evidence-based and culturally appropriate practices, building a youth program that fosters healthier community outcomes.

## Round Valley Indian Tribes

Round Valley Indian Tribes (RVIT) was awarded a five-year, Cultivating Change grant to support a youth prevention program and address the root causes of juvenile delinquency within the Tribal community. The team plans to expand upon the existing Path to Wellness prevention program by identifying key risk factors and enhancing protective factors to better support RVIT and address the challenges they face.



## La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians

The La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians was awarded a five-year, Cultivating Change grant to develop and implement Tribal Best Practices and traditional healing methods to support their youth. The team will begin with a planning phase to engage community members and will then enhance existing youth services by integrating five traditional practices aimed at fostering community healing, strength, and wellness.

## Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (MLBO) was awarded a five-year, Cultivating Change grant to develop targeted interventions for MLBO Tribal youth facing academic or disciplinary challenges that require individualized case management and support. Their dual-pronged intervention approach will include Youth Facilitation Programming and the MLBO Cultural Apprentice program, enhancing existing youth services by integrating both academic support and culturally appropriate practices.

# FY24 OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Awardees Continued

## Quapaw Nation

The Quapaw Nation was awarded a five-year, Cultivating Change grant to establish a comprehensive program addressing juvenile delinquency through youth mental health support, a new Truancy and Drug Court program, and diversionary options. In addition, the team will launch innovative outreach initiatives and provide internship opportunities to help youth develop valuable skills, fostering long-term success and positive outcomes.

## St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

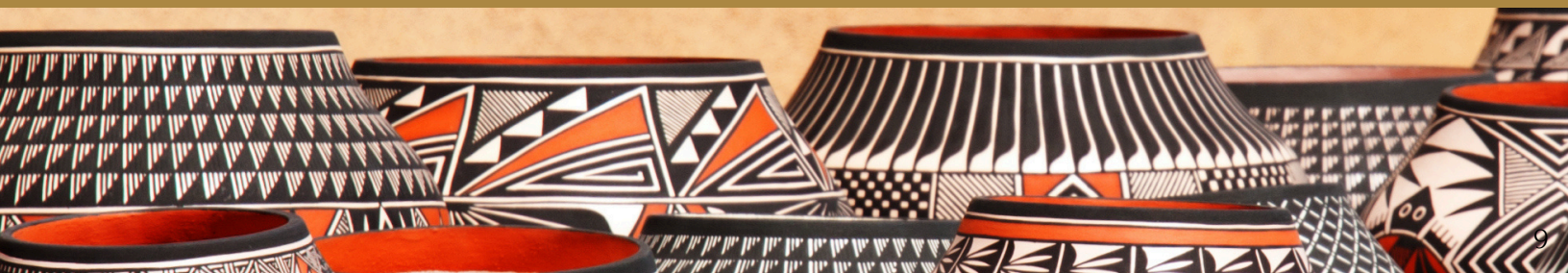
The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin was awarded a five-year Cultivating Change grant to enhance services for youth facing truancy and disengagement, building on the efforts of the St. Croix Tribal Education Department. The team aims to address these challenges through a multi-faceted approach, including improving communication, developing culturally appropriate, family-centered programs, and introducing attendance incentives to encourage greater youth participation and success.

## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded a five-year Cultivating Change grant to expand upon their previous successful youth programs. With input from the community, the team will focus on diverting youth from the justice system and preventing substance use by offering more intentional, holistic, culturally appropriate activities alongside other effective prevention services.

## Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes were awarded a 5-year, Harvesting Change grant to strengthen their Tribal Youth Education Program. The team plans to enhance their sober youth hangout space by providing two staff members to mentor Tribal youth through cultural, technological, and educational after-school programs, with a focus on fostering positive, community-driven, and holistic education.





# FY24 OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Awardees Continued

## Klamath Tribes

The Klamath Tribes were awarded a five-year, Cultivating Change grant to enhance youth engagement and address service gaps in preventing school dropouts, substance abuse, and at-risk behavior. With the Tribal Youth Program planning phase complete and in partnership with the Klamath School District, Tribal departments, and community partners, the team aims to expand opportunities for Tribal youth through healthy, pro-social engagement both within their local community and the broader American Indian community in the Pacific Northwest.

## Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma was awarded a 5-year, Harvesting Change grant to address service gaps identified through research, parent surveys, group discussions, and feedback from community organizations. Over the course of this grant period, the team will build on their efforts to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency through seven key service areas, including a Diversion Program for middle and high school students, support for Indian Clubs at local schools, and youth leadership camps.

## Fort Belknap Indian Community

Aaniiih Nakoda Family Healing Center (ANFHC), formerly known as Fort Belknap Social Services, was awarded a 5-year, Harvesting Change grant to sustain and expand their Tribal Youth Family Intervention Program. The team aims to reduce the number of Aaniiih and Nakoda youth who are involved in the justice system or placed in foster care by continuing to provide trauma-informed, wraparound, and family-centered care.

## Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians was awarded a 5-year, Harvesting Change grant to enhance and expand their juvenile probation program. The team plans to implement a structured program offering diversion for first-time offenders, with an emphasis on restorative justice, aimed at improving community safety while fostering personal growth, positive behavior changes, and long-term success for youth at risk of justice system involvement.

# Building Trust and Strengthening Community: The Grand Traverse Band's Commitment to Cultural and Academic Growth

By: Jordan Gibson, Tribal Youth  
Training and Technical Assistance  
Specialist

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians are Anishinaabe peoples and have inhabited the Great Lakes region for centuries. The Great Lakes have always been central to their way of life and their cultural practices. They played a critical role in the fur trade, which grew their economic power in the region. However, as European settlers arrived, the Tribe faced numerous challenges, including land dispossession and forced assimilation. Despite these struggles, the Tribe has maintained a deep connection to its ancestral heritage, working tirelessly to revitalize and preserve tradition. The closure of the last federally funded Indian boarding school in Michigan in 1984 marked a significant moment of cultural reclamation for the Tribe.

In 1980, The Grand Traverse Band gained federal recognition and were able to establish much-needed infrastructure in the community. The opening of the casino in the early 1990s brought in a new era of

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economic development, enabling the Tribe to invest in education and community health services. The Tribe established a community giving program through which a portion of casino proceeds are directed towards non-profit organizations and local schools through cultural workshops and events, such as the largest round dance in the Midwest. These cultural activities help to strengthen the Tribe's identity and connect future generations.

The Grand Traverse Band Youth Program supports and guides Tribal members as they navigate life's challenges. The program provides educational and developmental resources to help youth succeed. One of the key goals of the program is to reduce truancy and support academic success. By offering academic



Kaylie Hutcheon, Program Coordinator,  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa  
Indians Tribal Youth Program

assistance, funding for school-related expenses, and interventions for at-risk youth, the program works to address the specific needs of the Tribe's younger generation. Kaylie Hutcheon, the Program Coordinator, emphasizes the importance of building long-term relationships within the community to support youth and their families. With buy-in from families in the community approach, Kaylie can name a number of students who were on probation for truancy and misconduct and had their cases dismissed early due to being a part of the program.

This success highlights the importance of individualized support and the program's ability to create positive outcomes for youth in the community. Additionally, the program helps youth develop confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of cultural pride, which are crucial for their overall well-being and success.

Many families in the community still grapple with the trauma and mistrust that boarding schools caused. As a result, establishing trust with youth and their families has become a cornerstone of the program's work. Kaylie's role as a liaison between schools and families has been instrumental in creating stronger, more supportive relationships that benefit the youth and the community. Kaylie believes that collaboration among families, schools, and community members is essential to creating an environment where youth can thrive.





# Why a Youth Healing to Wellness Court?

By: Pat Sekaquaptewa, TYRC Youth Healing to Wellness Court Training and Technical Assistance Team Lead

In 2006, my baby brother went missing and was found weeks later after committing suicide. He was twenty-one years old. He had come to live with me in Los Angeles after graduating from high school. My mom hoped that he could come work with me until he figured out what direction to take in life. However, after a few weeks, although we did not know it then, he started to show symptoms of schizophrenia. He was later formally diagnosed. I would eventually come to learn that he had started to use drugs in high school and that early experiments with ecstasy evolved into multiple drug use, including methamphetamines. Indeed, it is likely that the ecstasy use launched the schizophrenia. Years later, at a Tribal Law and Policy Institute event, we put up a Remembrance Tree. I found myself taking a dozen pieces of paper to list his name and the names of other family members lost to alcohol and drugs. Sadly, my family's experience is not at all unusual for Indian country. My father said this before me years ago: THIS HAS TO STOP. But how?

Last month, many Tribes completed their proposals for OJJDP's CTAS Purpose Area 8 – Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (YHWCs). They are proposing to set up or enhance innovative new types of therapeutic and cultural Tribal court dockets that focus on youth with dual substance use/abuse and delinquency.



Dallas Numkena, Pat's Brother

The hope is that earlier, formal, collaborative, therapeutic and cultural interventions will head off youth from developing a substance use disorder and deeper involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. More importantly, the hope is that this will start them on a path to wellness and belonging and a future of promising possibilities.

After over twenty-five years of being a part of the Drug Court and Tribal Healing to Wellness Court movements, I can attest to both the lives saved and the success of these approaches in the lives of our people who have participated in these special courts. The YHWC approach is guided by the Tribal Key Components. The Key Components are the standards for what makes a YHWC effective, including commitments to

building collaborative Tribal Court-Tribal department-treatment/services-school-community teams that establish/re-work the governmental/treatment/school/community interfaces (including with the Tribal court). These teams work together to identify and assess the needs of youth and their families and to individualize a responsive plan that includes goal setting, accountability to those goals, and a plan developing a substance use disorder and deeper involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. More importantly, the hope is that this will start them on a path to wellness and belonging and a future of promising possibilities to reduce use/build abstinence from alcohol and drugs. These plans also address other identified needs of youth and their families, including Tribally tailored needs. The YHWC process includes team-based, judicially-led monitoring which reinforces a youth's progress with incentives while addressing a lack of progress with accountability to their previously set goals. Incentives and acknowledgements in YHWCs are often Tribally tailored. When we spend time with our youth, understand where they are, and help them get the help and mentoring they need, we encourage them to mature in a healthy way and to take their rightful places among us and as our future leaders.

If your community is experiencing the combination of alcohol, drug, and delinquency challenges, it is my hope that your Tribe/Tribal Court will consider applying for a CTAS Purpose Area 8 grant or OJJDP Juvenile Drug Treatment Court grant, or even using general Tribal funds to consider and plan for a Youth Healing to Wellness Court in the future.

## YHWC Fast Facts

1. The YHWC model is designed for youth who are at a moderate-to-high risk of repeat court involvement (recidivism) AND who misuse alcohol or drugs.
2. YHWCs create a new therapeutic/Tribally-tailored court docket as part of the overall Tribal Court.
3. YHWCs may take youth who are reported, referred, transferred, and/or diverted by court order from Tribal and/or county probation and/or juvenile courts (reports or referrals may come from law enforcement Tribal/county agencies, from the youth, parents, or other community members), depending on how a Tribe sets this up.
4. YHWCs may have dual tracks serving youth cohorts with varying levels of risk and need.
5. YHWCs are funded by OJJDP through the CTAS Purpose Area 8 and OJJDP Juvenile Drug Treatment Court solicitations.
6. Tribes may request a readiness assessment to determine both readiness and the stepping stones for planning a YHWC.

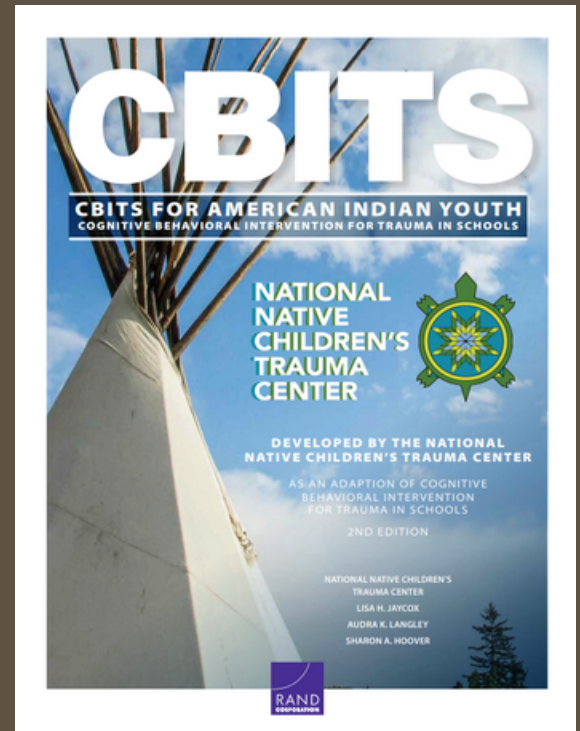
Email us at [TribalYouth@TLPI.org](mailto:TribalYouth@TLPI.org) if you have any questions or want to learn more.

# Resources from the National Native Children's Trauma Center (NNCTC).



## Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools for American Indian Youth (CBITS-AI).

Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS; Jaycox, Langley, & Hoover, 2018) is a clinical group intervention based on components of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and intended for middle and high school students exposed to trauma. CBITS-AI is the National Native Children's Trauma Center's cultural adaptation of CBITS, approved by the developers and written by a committee of cultural experts. CBITS-AI offers revisions responsive to American Indian students. Both CBITS and CBITS-AI can be further adapted to be locally responsive. There are 10 group sessions and 1 to 3 individual sessions.



Group facilitators need to be school counselors or other mental health professionals. This resource can be downloaded at the following link: [Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools \(CBITS\) for American Indian Youth | RAND](#) Please submit a TTA request through the TYRC website if you are interested in training and implementation of this group treatment.

## Practice Brief 13—Multidisciplinary Teams and Child Protection Teams: What is the Difference?

This practice brief outlines commonalities and distinctions between Child Protection Teams (common in many Tribal communities) and Multidisciplinary Teams as defined by the National Children's Alliance. The National Child Advocacy Resource Center (a division of the National Native Children's Trauma Center) has developed this resource and it can be accessed online.



# New and Continued Opportunities from the Tribal Youth Resource Center

## The Tribal Youth Resource Center Youth of the Month



Tribal Youth Resource Center (TYRC) is now accepting nominees for Youth of the Month!

Each month, the TYRC will celebrate a young person as the TYRC Youth of the Month in our e-weekly newsletter! If you would like to nominate a young person in your community, we encourage you to fill out the survey below.

There will be a small gift for selected youth. We will follow up with any questions and reach out via email if the young person you nominated will be highlighted in an upcoming e-weekly!

[Submit a Nomination](#)



# JOIN THE 2025 TRIBAL YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (TYRC) YOUNG LEADERS (YL) PROGRAM

We are looking for Young Leaders who have demonstrated commitment to bettering their communities and their lives. This can be done through school, or in a program, on your reservation, or in urban community.

## Opportunities:

As a Young Leader, you will have the opportunity to participate, engage, and share in Tribal Youth Resource Center-hosted events and contribute to the development of resources, such as:

- Participating and/or engaging in a variety of ways at TYRC meetings and trainings
- Contributing to TYRC podcasts as a guest speaker
- Serving on panels, conference sessions, or TYRC Online Learning Event to share youth perspective
- Writing posts for the TYRC blog, TYRC Quarterly Newsletter, and/or E-bi-weekly Update
- Other activities and opportunities relevant and aligned with your experience, insights, and expanding leadership skills

**APPLICATION PERIOD HAS BEEN  
EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025**



**APPLY TODAY!**



# NATIVE YOUTH JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM



The **Tribal Youth Resource Center** is launching an opportunity in **Spring 2025** for justice-impacted Native young adults through the **Native Youth Justice Fellows Program**. This program will select **two Native individuals from across the country** for a **two-year immersive and bi-directional learning experience** focused on Native justice. Fellows will deepen their understanding of the **systemic root causes** affecting the health, wellness, and safety of Native youth, families, and communities—both locally and nationally.

## Essential elements of the Fellows Program comprise:

- ✓ Meaningful Projects
- ✓ Comprehensive Training
- ✓ Flexible Schedules
- ✓ Ongoing Support
- ✓ Social Engagement
- ✓ Inclusive Environment
- ✓ Diverse Opportunities
- ✓ Community Impact

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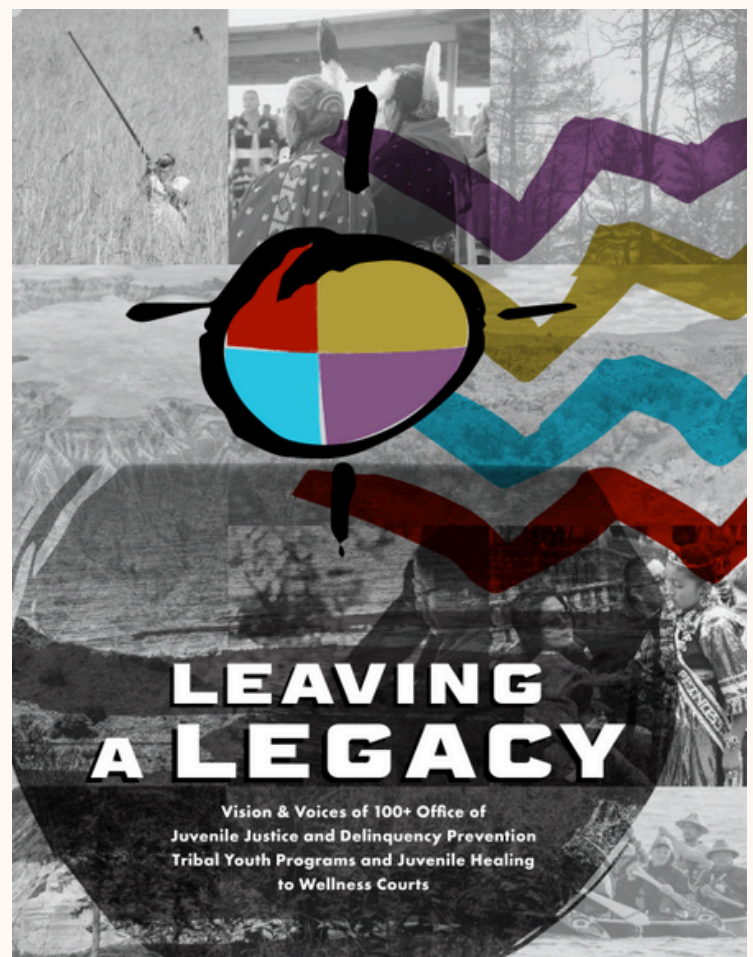


# Resource Guide

## from the Tribal Youth Resource Center

### New Tribal Youth Resource Center Publication Release: Leaving a Legacy: Vision and Voices of 100+ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Tribal Youth Programs and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts

The Tribal Youth Resource Center (TYRC) at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute is honored to introduce the first TYRC Grantee Profile Resource Guide, “Leaving a Legacy: Vision and Voices of 100+ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Tribal Youth Programs and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts.” 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

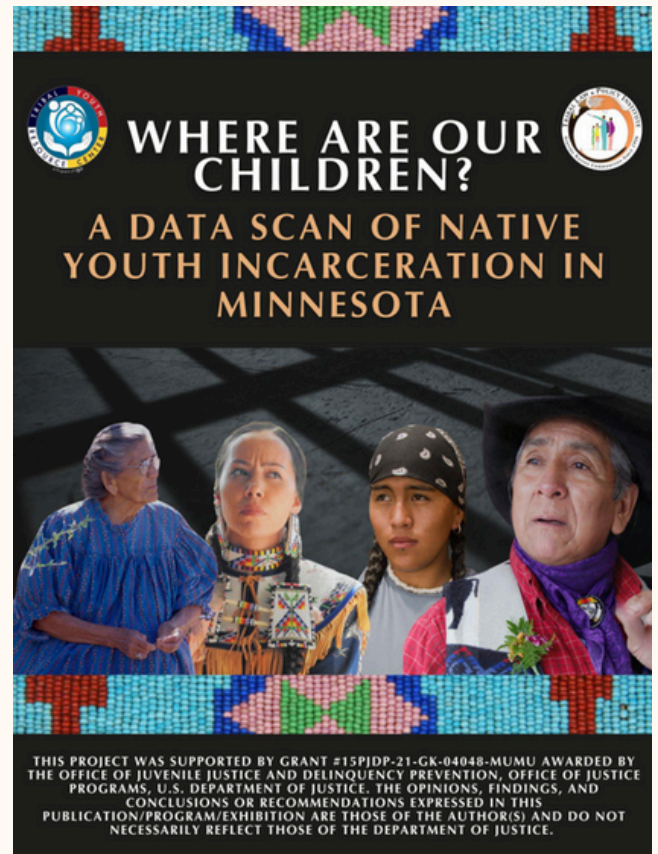


growth of youth in their community. Our vision is that this resource guide serves dual purposes: to honor the work of these communities/Nations through documenting their vision, intentions, and impacts, and to provide a living resource that inspires future programs, provides ideas for developing a Tribal Youth Program or a Youth Healing to Wellness Court, and builds connection across regions.

[View the resource and share!](#)

# Where are Our Children? A Data Scan of Native Youth Incarceration in Minnesota

Published by the Tribal Youth Resource Center in December 2024, this publication examines the current state of data collection and reporting related to Tribal youth involvement in Minnesota's juvenile justice system. Despite the growing recognition of the need for targeted interventions, there is a significant gap in the availability of comprehensive, accurate, and consistent data on Native youth in the justice system. The absence of this data impedes effective policymaking, program design, and the ability to track the outcomes and needs of this vulnerable population. We adopted a case study approach to conduct a data scan on incarcerated Native youth, focusing on a single state to develop a manageable and replicable search strategy. This approach allowed for a deeper examination of data pathways and the refinement of a methodology that could be adapted for broader national studies.



Minnesota was chosen based on several factors: its high population of Native youth; the state juvenile justice system's problematic history of engagement with Tribal communities, which offers a meaningful context for studying existing data gaps; and the jurisdictional complexity which involves federal, state and Tribal justice systems, allowing us to study intersecting systems. Additionally, Minnesota's recent efforts at criminal justice reform and addressing racial and ethnic disparities created a supportive environment that facilitated this inquiry. Key data scan questions guided the process, including the number of incarcerated Native youth, types of offenses, age ranges, length of detention, and tracking of Tribal affiliation by juvenile detention centers (JDCs). The research focused on secure and non-secure detention facilities, including regional and county JDCs, as well as the state-operated Minnesota Correctional Facility—Red Wing. The data scan process included extensive outreach to JDCs via phone and email to obtain de-identified data, with an emphasis on collaboration with facility staff to gather accurate information. However, challenges included delays in response and difficulty locating the appropriate contacts at some JDCs. Ultimately, data was collected from four out of ten targeted JDCs, which was used to perform composite descriptive analyses.

[Read the Data Scan](#)

# The TYRC Grantee Portal: Your Hub for Resources & Community Connection

Launched in 2024, the Grantee Portal offers a centralized, user-friendly platform designed to support Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grantees in their efforts to plan, implement, and sustain successful programs. Located on the top right corner of the TribalYouth.org homepage, the portal provides easy access to valuable resources and fosters connection among OJJDP-funded programs.

## Visit the portal to:

- Access a calendar of upcoming online learning events to stay informed about training and peer learning opportunities.
- Unlock resources that support your program's planning, implementation, and sustainability.
- View a map of all OJJDP-funded Tribal Youth Programs and Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Courts to learn about others in your field.
- Explore strategic planning materials to guide your program's growth and success.
- Access archived trainings for on-demand learning.
- Find information on connecting with grant management support when you need assistance.
- Connect & Collaborate on the community forum with fellow OJJDP-funded programs.

## Get Started Now!

OJJDP grantees can email us at [TribalYouth@TLPI.org](mailto:TribalYouth@TLPI.org) to activate your FREE account or to ask any questions. The portal is password protected and available to all OJJDP Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Court grantees.

## Explore the Grantee Portal Today!

*Your Hub for Resource & Community Connection*

**Unlock Resources** to support the planning, implementation, and sustainability of your program

**Connect & Collaborate** on the forum with fellow OJJDP-funded programs

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# The Tribal Youth Resource Center Resource Library

Explore wide-ranging resources in our public [Resource Library](#), conveniently located under the 'Resources' dropdown menu. Whether you are supporting a Tribal Youth Program, Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Court, or other program serving Native youth, this library is a go-to hub for learning and inspiration.

The screenshot shows the Tribal Youth Resource Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "Request Training and Technical Assistance", "Grantee Portal Log In", "Event Calendar", "Podcasts", "Blog", "Subscribe", and "Contact Us". Below this is a main navigation bar with links: "SUPPORT FOR TRIBES", "WHAT WE DO", "FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES", "RESOURCES" (highlighted with a red underline), "CONNECT AND LEARN", and "WHO WE ARE". A search icon is also present. The main heading is "Resource Library". Below this, there are four resource cards, each with a PDF icon in the top left corner. The first card is titled "Trauma ScreenTIME" and features a photo of four diverse children. The second card is titled "Essential Components of a Trauma Informed Juvenile Justice Organization" and features a stylized turtle graphic. The third card is titled "Where are Our Children? A Data Scan of Native Youth Incarceration in Minnesota" and features a graphic with the title. The fourth card is titled "I4 – Winnebago Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Cultural Integration" and features a photo of a woman and two children. Each card includes a brief description and a "read more" link.

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**Trauma ScreenTIME**

Facilitator: Debra Hallos, National Native Children's Trauma Center  
The purpose of this 2-part webinar is to equip child-serving professionals with the knowledge and skills to effectively screen children for traumatic stress. Part 1 covers the importance of early identification of traumatic...[read more](#)

**Essential Components of a Trauma Informed Juvenile Justice Organization**

Facilitators: Kara Pasqua and Kimee Wind-Hummingbird  
This presentation provides an overview and discuss the benefits of using SAMHSA's framework of Trauma informed care as well as the National Child Traumatic Stress Network essential elements for juvenile justice programs. The webinar discusses

**Where are Our Children? A Data Scan of Native Youth Incarceration in Minnesota**

Published by the Tribal Youth Resource Center in December 2024, this publication examines the current state of data collection and reporting related to Tribal youth involvement in Minnesota's juvenile justice system. Despite the growing recognition of the need for targeted...[read more](#)

**I4 – Winnebago Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Cultural Integration**

This session will provide an overview of the Winnebago Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Cultural Integration. Participants will gain knowledge on the evaluation, assessment, and cultural assessments at the Winnebago Youth Crisis Intervention Center. The presenters will also discuss...[read](#)

The library features both resources created by the Tribal Youth Resource Center, such as archived Online Learning Events, as well as valuable materials from other organizations dedicated to Native youth. Access downloadable documents, insightful videos, and more!

Use the easy-to-navigate search bar to quickly find resources on specific topics or browse through a list of pre-set issue areas to discover resources to enhance your work serving Native youth.

# We want to hear from you!

Looking for resources on a specific topic or theme?

Have suggestions for articles, trainings, or stories that the TYRC may want to highlight? Want to share other feedback with the TYRC?



Share Your Thoughts

The Tribal Youth Resource Center invites you to provide suggestions, questions, and ideas for upcoming newsletters, publications, and trainings! We invite you to provide feedback by scanning the QR code or clicking the link above to fill out the survey. We are grateful for your time and look forward to continuing to provide you with content, resources, and connections to support you and your community.



## Interested in providing programs and support for Native Youth?

The Tribal Youth Resource Center has a team of professionals that can assist with training, resources, and community partner identification that can support system change and improvement—just reach out to us at [TribalYouth@TLPI.org](mailto:TribalYouth@TLPI.org) or [fill out a training request on the Tribal Youth Resource Center website](#).

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