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# HOW TO IMPLEMENT YOUR VERY OWN

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## VETERAN WELLNESS COURT

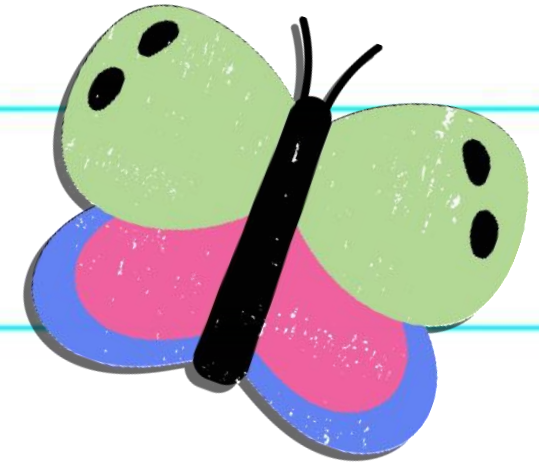
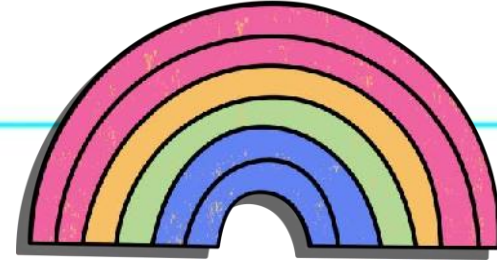
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YUOK VETERAN WELLNESS COURT

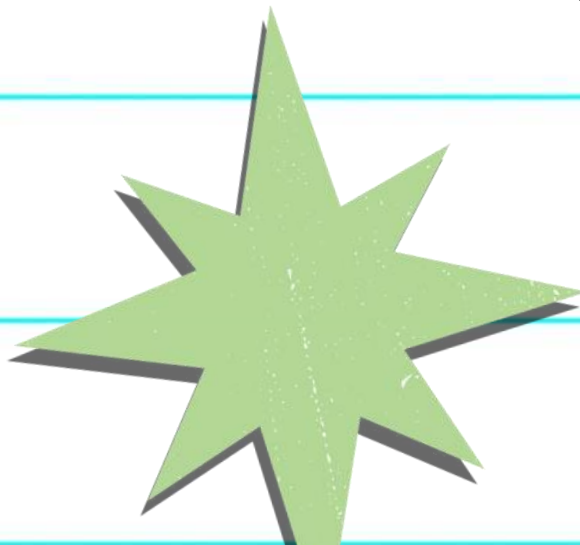


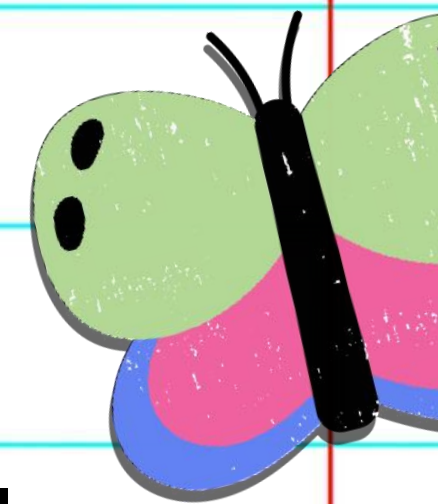
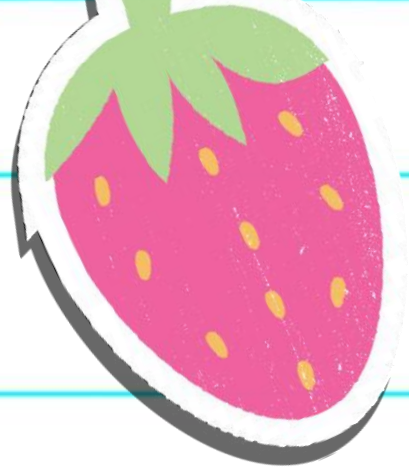
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**Hello and welcome  
to my Class!**

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# Requirements for Class



**Be respectful**



**Ask questions**

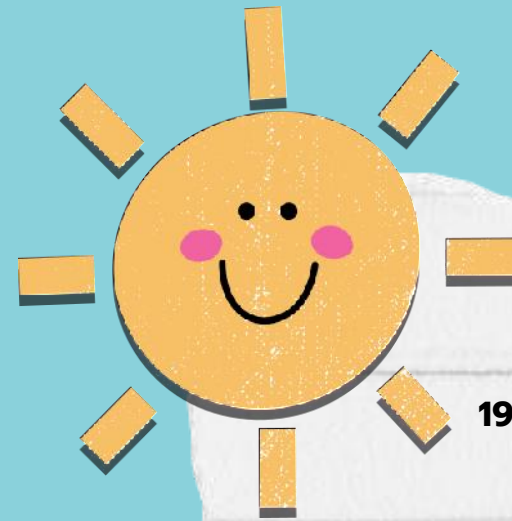


**Have  
fun**

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# LET'S GO OVER SOME HISTORY



**SUPER**

**1974 - NEW YORK CITY. THE FIRST JURISDICTION TO IMPLEMENT A DRUG COURT. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DRACONIAN ROCKEFELLER DRUG LAWS.**

**1989 - THE FIRST TREATMENT DRUG COURT IS ESTABLISHED IN MIAMI, FL**

**1997 - NADCP (NOW ALL RISE) DEVELOPS A GUIDE FOR STATE DRUG COURTS, *DEFINING DRUG COURTS: THE KEY COMPONENTS.***

**1997 - FIRST FOUR TRIBAL HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS ESTABLISHED.**

**2008 - FIRST TREATMENT DRUG COURT SPECIFICALLY DEVELOPED FOR VETERANS WAS STARTED BY JUDGE ROBERT RUSSELL.**

**2013 - DOJ BEGAN RECEIVING A SEPARATE APPROPRIATION FOR VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS.**

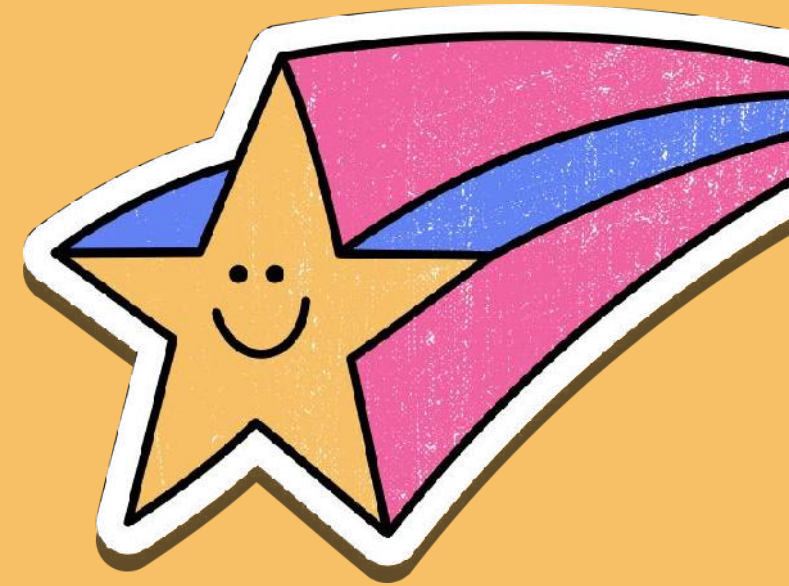
**2020 - CONGRESS PASSES THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT COORDINATION ACT OF 2019, ESTABLISHING THE VETERAN TREATMENT COURT GRANT PROGRAM.**

**2020 - YUOK TRIBAL COURT RECEIVES A GRANT TO IMPLEMENT A VETERAN WELLNESS COURT.**

**2022 - AFTER A COUPLE YEARS OF HARD WORK BY MULTIPLE PEOPLE, THE NATIONS FIRST TRIBAL VETERAN WELLNESS COURT (YVWC) IS OFFICIALLY IN OPERATION WITH ITS FIRST CLIENT.**



# Lessons to be Covered



**What will it  
stand on?**

**Does this look  
right?**

**Did I do  
it right?**

**Where are we  
going now?**



# What will it stand on?

Who will be your community partners?

What about your court team members?

Can't do a treatment court without a treatment provider right?

Don't we all love crunching numbers and trying to figure out if we are missing something?

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# Trying to keep it together!

## Commitment is key!!

Collaboration, cause we can't do  
everything ourselves!

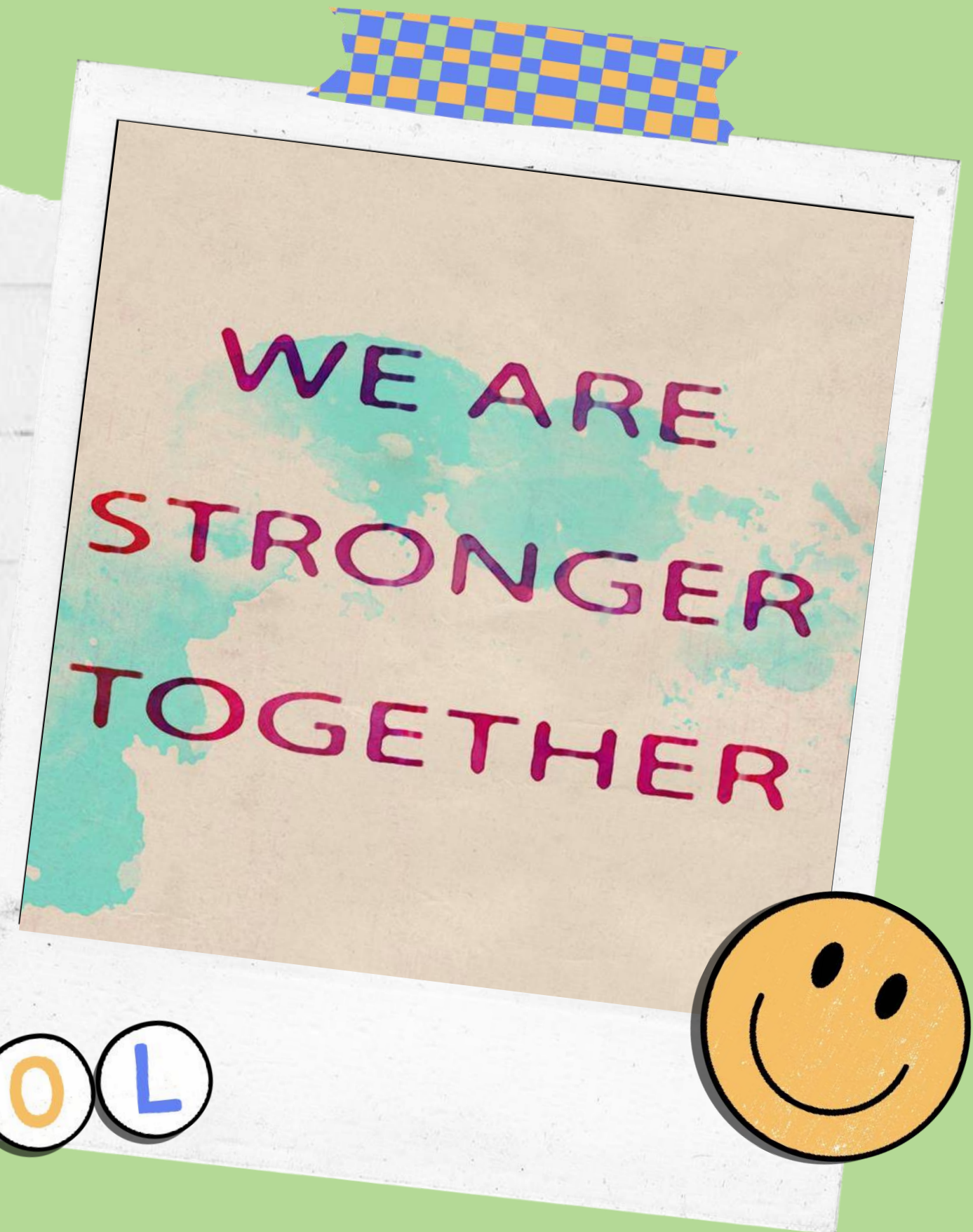
Do we have a problem?

Well, DUH!

Why else would we be here!

What else is there besides  
treatment?

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# Does this look right?

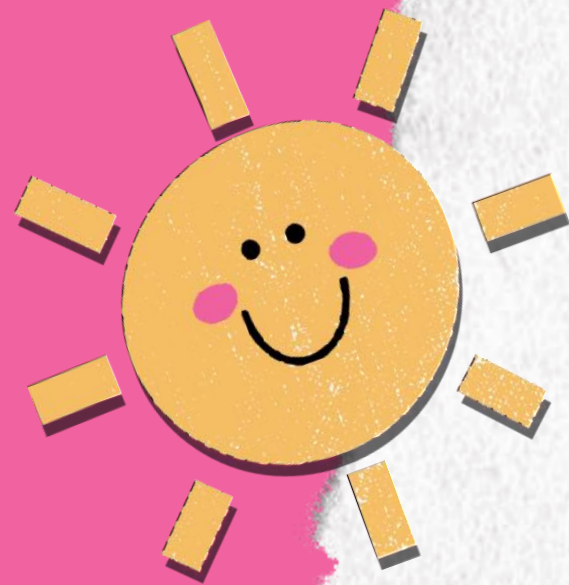


Mission Statement

Goals, goals, goals!!

I'm just not that in  
to you!

New phone.  
who dis?



How did we meet  
again?



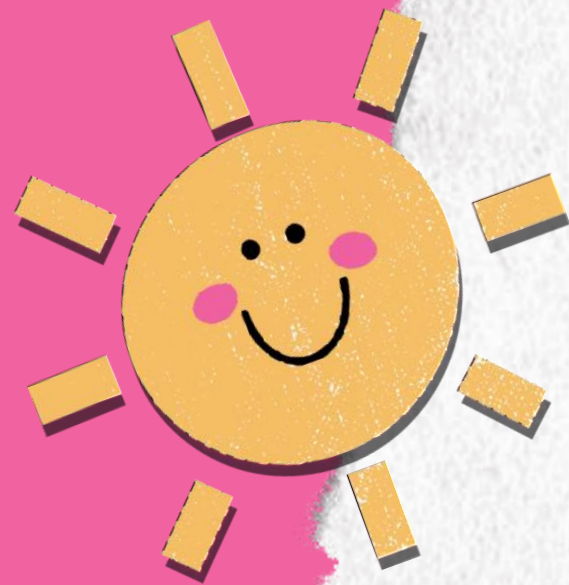
# Does this look right?



What do you need  
help with?

You want to know  
why I'm asking?

For your efforts!



Bet you won't do  
that again!

Feel better  
soon!

I SEE YOU!!

WHO SAID THAT  
AGAIN?



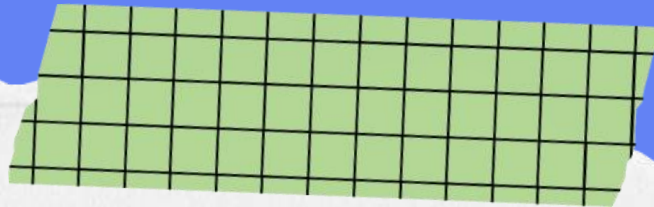


# So much to do!



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- Meetings
  - Reports
  - Outreach
  - Media Coverage

How do I pay for this?

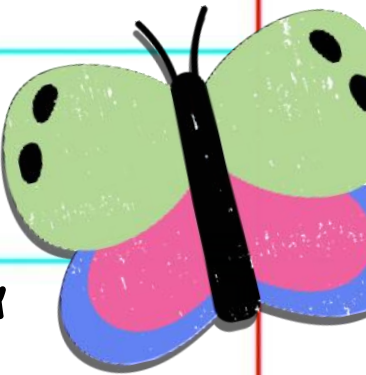
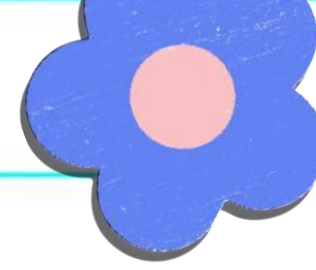


I've done so much work,  
why is no one showing up?





# Goals of this Class



**1** Know what you want to do.

**2** Figure out what you need to get it done

**3** ASK FOR HELP!

**4** Look back, assess your work and adjust as necessary.

# Resources for Class

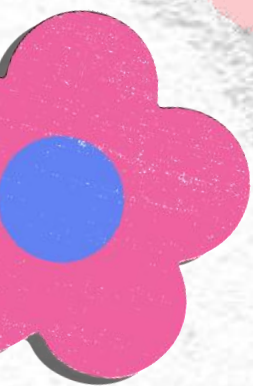
Things to help you learn lessons better



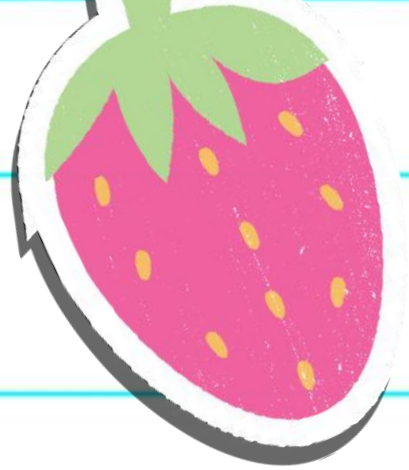
- Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Department of Justice

- National Drug Court Resource Center
- All Rise

- Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- National American Indian Court Judges Association







# What now?!?

# Dream

Tribal Veteran Services Officer

"Honor Our Heros"

Mentorship

Military Community Outreach

Native American Direct Loan Program







# Thank you!

Do you have any questions  
for me before we go?

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