

2021 OJJDP Tribal Youth Virtual National Conference

Shaping Brighter Futures with American Indian, Alaska Native Youth, and Tribal Communities *Strengthening Resilience, Promoting Healing, Restoring Culture*

Agenda

All times listed in Central Time

Monday, March 29, 2021

11:30am – 11:40am Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Youth Resource Center and Traditional Opening

11:40am – 11:45am Welcome Remarks from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Acting Administrator Chyrl Jones

11:45am – 1:00pm Panel: Youth Voice

Session A1

- *Facilitator: Tasha Fridia, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Youth Panelists: Brannon Cousin, Devin Hernandez, Kennedy Fridia, Daryle Conquering Bear Crow, and Rebekah Sawers*

Workshop Description: Tribal youth panelists will share their thoughts, experiences and perspectives on issues their generation is currently facing. This dynamic group of young people will discuss their priorities in creating wellness for their communities and recommend solutions for the most pressing concerns and challenges related to safety, empowering youth, and juvenile justice.

1:00pm – 1:15pm Break

1:15pm – 2:45pm Building an Indigenous Resilience-Focused Lens Pt. 1

Session A2

- *Laura Guay, National Native Children's Trauma Center*
- *Ashley Trautman, National Native Children's Trauma Center*

Workshop Description: It is important to understand the risk factors for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth at risk or involved in the juvenile justice system in order to support safety and empower youth who may suffer from Childhood Traumatic Stress (CTS). CTS is the result of unaddressed exposure to trauma and contributes to increasing the negative impacts of risk factors. This session will provide critical information about the impact of CTS on

the risk factors that can lead to juvenile delinquency and negative involvement in the juvenile justice system and build a foundation for participants to understand and utilize best practices and Indigenous knowledge to be able to address the impacts of CTS. Understanding risk factors will develop the skills needed to promote protective factors that support AI/AN youth empowerment and enhance family and community safety.

2:45pm – 3:00pm **Break**

3:00pm – 4:15pm **Restorative Approaches and Cultural Integration in the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court**
Session A3

- *Amy Modig*, Resource Basket, RurAL CAP
- *Doug Modig*, Tsimshian Elder
- *Joie Millet*, Resource Basket, RurAL CAP
- *Anna Clough*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute (*session moderator*)

Workshop Description: Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts have an opportunity to empower youth and promote accountability and restorative justice by implementing a range of approaches to support youth engagement and activities that promote healing, understanding, and support. The Restorative Circle Approach has been implemented within wellness court frameworks to support trust-building, open dialogue, and peer engagement.

4:15pm – 4:30pm **Tribal Youth Resource Center Daily Recap and Traditional Closing**

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

11:30am – 11:40am **Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Youth Resource Center and Traditional Opening**

11:40am – 1:00pm **Digital Smoke Signals: Using Technology as a Tool for Engagement**
Session B1

- *Tasha Fridia*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Angye Rideout and Nicole Hewitt*, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Workshop Description: Connection with youth is integral to enhancing both safety and accountability for individual youth and communities as a whole. There is a growing need for digital engagement to enhance Tribal Youth Program and Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court efforts, especially in times that require social distancing. This session will focus on engaging with youth through a variety of digital channels to ensure that tribal youth programs have the capacity to provide avenues for innovative programming. The session will include grantee community examples that exhibit ways in which digital engagement broadens access to services. A variety of digital platforms and strategies for virtual interactions that allow for prevention and intervention to transcend challenges of space and time will be explored.

1:00pm – 1:15pm **Break**

1:15pm – 2:45pm **Building an Indigenous Resilience-Focused Lens Pt. 2**
Session B2

- *Marilyn Zimmerman*, National Native Children's Trauma Center
- *Debra Klemann*, National Native Children's Trauma Center

Workshop Description: Protective factors can greatly decrease the potential harmful impacts of risk factors for AI/AN youth. This session will provide an understanding of protective factors and promote best practices among participants who will construct programming that can reduce the impact of risk factors. The focus on protective factors will build resilience through cultural connection and tribal identity to promote and support the safety of AI/AN youth, families, and communities and encourage AI/AN youth to live productive lives that contribute to their community's well-being.

2:45pm – 3:15pm **Break**

3:15pm – 4:00pm

Session B3

Profile in Youth Resiliency

- *Jamie Crow*, Pueblo of Tesuque
- *Tasha Fridia*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Workshop Description: This session presents a digital storytelling event highlighting Pueblo of Tesuque youth, Jamie Crow. In this session participants will learn about one youth's desire to stay on a positive path and overcome the vast impacts of the year 2020. Ms. Crow shares her story and the desire to continue positive relationships, increase her education, and continue to adaptively engage within the local community and surroundings. Ms. Crow's story demonstrates youth resiliency to overcome challenging circumstances through personal accountability, individual goal-setting, and family support.

4:00pm – 4:15pm

Tribal Youth Resource Center Daily Recap and Traditional Closing

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

11:30am – 11:40am **Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Youth Resource Center and Traditional Opening**

11:40am – 1:00pm **Panel: Tribal State Relations to Support Juvenile Justice Improvements**

Session C1

Moderators: Anna Clough and Jacob Metoxen, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

- *Alisha Edelen and Amber Loftis, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Team*
- *Kheri Smith, Office of Juvenile Affairs, Oklahoma*
- *Debra Gee, Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma*
- *Tasha Fridia, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Bridget Coppersmith, State of South Dakota*

Workshop Description: The dialogue will focus on establishing and strengthening Tribal and State partnerships, discuss the cultivation of collaborative relationships between Tribal and State juvenile justice stakeholders and provide insight into the experiences of several community members and their work toward solution-focused responses to support Tribal youth. The session will highlight some practical steps taken by Tribal community juvenile justice and prevention stakeholders to establish and engage in a Tribal task force to support the identification of processes and protocols to coordinate with local State juvenile justice leaders. These efforts have led to improved communication regarding Tribal youth resources and diversion opportunities, the shared review of local Tribal juvenile justice data, and development of strategies to support coordinated referral processes for Tribal youth who make contact with the State juvenile justice system

1:00pm – 1:15pm **Break**

1:15pm – 2:30pm **Creativity & Innovation in the Face of COVID-19: Maskiizibii Oshki Gabeshiwin 2020 Virtual Youth Conference**

Session C2

- *Lynn Bigboy, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Youth Program*
- *Jeri Brunoe, Jeri Brunoe Training and Consulting, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*
- *Daryl Jay, Jeri Brunoe Training and Consulting*

Workshop Description: This session will present the journey undertaken in 2020 to develop, plan, and implement a virtual peer to peer mentoring and experiential youth leadership conference that encompassed poetry, photography, music and art for middle and high school students during a pandemic. The session will also explore peer to peer mentoring and cultural arts approaches that promote healing, resilience, and prevent or reduce delinquent behavior.

2:30pm – 3:00pm Break

3:00pm – 4:15pm Innovative Strategies- Tribal Youth Courts and Peer-Led Processes

Session C3

- *Anna Clough*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Angela Noah*, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) Peer Guides
- *Elise Hocking*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Workshop Description: Youth/Peer courts provide strategies for diversion, peer engagement, and youth led-processes. Learn how Tribal youth and peer courts offer a unique opportunity for communities to support youth accountability and develop proactive and prosocial solutions by engaging youth who have minor or first-time infractions.

4:15pm – 4:30pm Tribal Youth Resource Center Daily Recap and Traditional Closing

Thursday, April 1, 2021

11:30am – 11:40am **Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Youth Resource Center and Traditional Opening**

11:40am – 1:00pm **Telling Our Story Through Evaluation**

Session D1

- *Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Marneena Evans*, Westat

Workshop Description: Participants will be provided with an example of an evaluation process from data collection through data analysis and an example of how to present the evaluation findings to the community.

1:00pm – 1:15pm **Break**

1:15pm – 2:30pm ***Sessions D2 and D3 are held concurrently from 2:15pm – 3:30pm ET. Please note that session D3 is limited to 35 participants and requires pre-registration.***

Session D2

Probation and Supervision in the Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

- *Kristina Pacheco*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Anna Clough*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Dave McArthur*, White Earth Nation Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Workshop Description: The Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court emphasizes ongoing support, supervision and accountability. This session will provide an overview of the methods by which supervision may occur and will provide participants with an overview of data collection and management processes that can support effective team communication.

Session D3

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Intervention

- *Nona Main*, National Native Children's Trauma Center

Workshop Description: This presentation provides a foundational training in the Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) method to support service providers in the field to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

2:30pm – 3:00pm **Break**

3:00pm – 4:20pm
Session D4

A Continuum of Connectedness: Strategies and Considerations for Implementing Youth Substance Use Reduction Initiatives

- *Kristina Pacheco*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Gerry RainingBird*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Leon Leader Charge*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- *Anna Clough*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Workshop Description: This session will focus on current substance abuse trends in Indian Country, efforts to address substance use among Tribal youth, and the examination of strength-based processes to support Tribal youth substance use/reduction in Tribal prevention and youth wellness programs. Speakers will share community-driven processes for initiatives that lead to youth connectedness and resiliency.

4:20pm – 4:30pm

Tribal Youth Resource Center Daily Recap

4:30pm – 4:45pm

Break

4:45pm – 5:30pm

Four Talking Circles will be held concurrently: Tribal Youth Resource Center Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, Tribal Youth Resource Center Tribal Youth Program, an Alaska Native Talking Circle, and a Talking Circle for Native Youth.

- ***Tribal Youth Resource Center Tribal Youth Program Circle Keeper:*** *Gerry RainingBird*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- ***Tribal Youth Resource Center Juvenile Healing to Wellness Circle Keeper:*** *Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- ***RurAL CAP Alaska Native Circle Keeper:*** *Eva Gregg*, Resource Basket, RurAL CAP
- ***Native Youth Circle Keeper:*** *Tasha Fridia*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Description: The Talking Circles will provide a place and space for participants to dialogue about critical takeaways from the previous conference sessions and identify additional trainings and resources to support their continued work within their programs and communities.

Friday, April 2, 2021

11:30am – 11:40am **Welcome Remarks from the Tribal Youth Resource Center and Traditional Opening**

11:40am – 1:00pm **Building the Capacity of Tribal Youth Programs and Communities to Prevent and Reduce Juvenile Delinquency with Two Spirit and LGBTQ Youth**
Session E1

- *Lenny Hayes*, Tate Topa Consulting, LLC
- *Daryle Conquering Bear Crow*, Foster Youth Specialist, Native American Youth and Family Center
- *Elicia Goodsoldier*, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Workshop Description: This session will focus on building the capacity of Tribal Youth serving programs to meet the needs of youth with increased risk factors for juvenile justice system involvement. Research has shown that LGBTQ and Two Spirit youth have a higher likelihood of experiencing bullying, family rejection, homelessness, illicit drug use, and arrest for status offenses. By understanding historical and contemporary factors that influence risk and resiliency factors, programs can increase awareness of the complexities of juvenile justice involvement among LGBTQ and Two Spirit youth to reclaim, reinvent, and redefine their place as valued and contributing Tribal citizens.

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Session E3

A Deeper Dive into Restorative Approaches and Cultural Integration in the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court: Peer-to-Peer Sharing

- Amy Modig, Resource Basket, RurAL CAP
- Doug Modig, Tsimshian Elder
- Joie Millet, Resource Basket, RurAL CAP
- Anna Clough, Tribal Law and Policy Institute (*session moderator*)

Workshop Description: For those who would like to dive deeper into discussion around Restorative Approaches and Cultural Integration in the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, this session will build upon the principles and ideas shared in Monday's session and will open the floor for more extensive peer-to-peer discussion of restorative approaches to support youth within juvenile justice settings and prevention program frameworks. This session aims to allow grantees and others to continue to learn from each other about what is working in their communities to support trust-building, open dialogue, and peer engagement.

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Break

3:00pm – 4:15pm

Session E4

Enhancing Tribal Juvenile Justice with Trauma-Informed Systems Change Trauma Center Expert Panel

- Maegan Rides *At The Door*, National Native Children's Trauma Center
- Deb Klemann, National Native Children's Trauma Center
- Laura Guay, National Native Children's Trauma Center
- Marilyn Zimmerman, National Native Children's Trauma Center
- Ashley Trautman, National Native Children's Trauma Center

Workshop Description: Research suggests that Native American youth are at increased risk of trauma, depression, and PTSD as a result of grief and exposure to violence which can lead to relationship problems, drug and alcohol abuse, violent behavior, suicide and depression, problems in school, and bullying and victimization. National Native Children's Trauma Center provides training in evidence-based and promising practices as well as technical assistance in trauma-informed systems change across all tribal child-serving systems, including schools, behavioral health providers, child welfare agencies, and juvenile justice systems. NNTC The National Native Children's Trauma Center also assists in the cultural adaptation of evidence-based and promising practices and develop products and practices intended for use in Native communities. This panel provides an opportunity for attendees to hear more about their work and to ask questions that may have been generated throughout the conference.

4:15pm – 4:30pm

Tribal Youth Resource Center Daily Recap and Traditional Closing