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TRIBAL YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAMS

- Learning Objectives:
 1. Distinguish key stakeholders as multidisciplinary team partners.
 2. Design a youth diversion or re-entry alternative justice model for your community by;
 3. Incorporating cultural values and practices.

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Think out-of-the box



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KNOW

- What is going on and what is happening



Combining/incorporating cultural components with other proven strategies.

- Best Practices
- Promising Practices
- Evidenced Based Models

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Cultural Components

- Are ‘protective factors’
- Passes on tribal history, values and beliefs
- Elders – “the Wisdom Keepers”
- Stories, songs, art, music, drumming, ceremonies, circles

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Diversion & Re-entry

- Are Alternative Justice Models which hold a juvenile accountable for their actions.
- Takes a multi-agency/team approach.
- Incorporates cultural values and practices into the proven strategy.

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ANJC Diversion

- TYDE – Tribal Youth Diversion Effort
- 97 youth & families assisted
- Reduced overall recidivism rate of 34%
- A service our community needed – it ‘fit’
- Has been duplicated in Sitka, Alaska

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ANJC Re-entry

- TYRE – Tribal Youth Re-entry
- Identifies and mobilizes teams of local community-based providers (*a multidisciplinary team approach*).
- Coordination of culturally relevant services for the re-entering youth and family.
- Provides on-going services and support linkages.
- Designed to create a web of support, linking the youth back to their community.

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WHY?

- Partners take a multi-disciplinary team approach
- Combined cultural components (Circle using the ‘peer cluster’ approach rather than focusing on the individual).

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Programs Evolve & Change

- Because of sustainability
- Communications (changes not relayed)
- Staff turn-over
- Community enhancements – similar programs are developed AND;
- Time

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Are These Models for Your Community?

- Identification of key stakeholders/multi-disciplinary teams
- Are support services available in your community?
- What are your community linkages?
- Networking with the Tribal Court and local juvenile justice authorities.

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DON'T BE LEFT IN THE FOG

