



# Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop

*Building Success Through Collaboration*

## ***TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REENTRY WORKSHOP***

For individuals returning from incarceration, successful reentry depends on intergovernmental collaboration that is responsive to both community and returnees' needs, so that chances for recidivism are minimized and public health and safety are maximized. That's especially true in Indian country, where the complex nature of jurisdiction makes coordination among Tribal, Federal, state and local justice systems particularly challenging.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys' National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with the American Probation and Parole Association, will host two *Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshops*.<sup>1</sup> These two interactive workshops will provide participants with the tools they need to develop effective reentry plans based on the sharing of operational, organizational, and culture-based concepts and processes that result in the identification of critical services and interventions needed to reduce recidivism and victimization.

Each *Workshop* will be offered twice and delivered in the following locations: **Columbia, South Carolina, January 16-19, 2019** and **Phoenix, Arizona, February 19-21, 2019**.<sup>2</sup>

### ***TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REENTRY WORKSHOP OVERVIEW***

Each *Workshop* will provide participant teams with a set of guidelines, principles and tools to assist in the development of reentry strategies for Tribal members returning to their communities after a period of secure confinement in Federal, Tribal, state or local facilities. To address the issue of jurisdiction, workshops will focus on coordination among Federal, Tribal, state, and local justice systems to identify when and where community members return from a correctional facility and under what supervision conditions, to understand the risks and needs of tribal reentrants as they return to the community, and to identify critical services and interventions needed to reduce recidivism and victimization.

The U.S. Department of Justice (Department) is committed to preventing and controlling crime, violence, and substance abuse, and to improving the functioning of criminal justice systems. Similarly, the Department recognizes the critical role of establishing effective reentry programs to achieve that end, and it is confident that each *Workshop* will provide participants with valuable tools to enhance their reentry planning and implementation process.

---

<sup>1</sup> The focus of the *Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop* is on higher risk reentrants having served longer sentences in State and Federal Prisons. It may also apply to higher risk reentrants serving longer sentences under enhanced sentencing authorities, but the training does not focus on those reentrants returning to tribal communities from tribal facilities for non-major crimes. Applicants seeking assistance solely for reentry of tribal members from tribal facilities should look for opportunities for assistance and resources available at <http://www.justice.gov/tribal>.

<sup>2</sup> **Please note that conference approval for the Phoenix, AZ Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop location is pending.**

### *TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REENTRY WORKSHOP GOALS*

- Provide participants with an overview of the reentry process and a set of guidelines, principles and tools that will assist team members in developing reentry strategies that address the needs of offenders from the point of commitment through reintegration into the community.
- Create an opportunity for participants (Federal, Tribal, state, and local) to define their individual roles in the reentry process and develop as a team on interagency and intergovernmental levels.
- Introduce team members to operational, organizational, and culture-based concepts and processes that are effective in reentry planning; and review tools, model agreements, and examples of model reentry programs that are successfully operating in Indian Country.
- Provide team members with the opportunity to engage on the topics presented and to begin the process of developing strategic community action plans.

### *BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION*

Selected teams will receive training from a team of experts. Funding will be available to defray the costs of travel, meals, and lodging for up to five Tribal participants per team. Teams selected to participate will be expected to complete pre-course assignments in an effort to maximize use of in-person training time. Additional post-workshop technical assistance opportunities will be available to participating teams, which may include: follow-up webinars; research and resources targeted to specific issues; identification of potential funding resources; and follow-up meetings with team partners. Each *Workshop* will also provide an opportunity for intergovernmental team building and ongoing collaboration among Federal, Tribal, state, and local team members following the workshop itself.

In 2015, the Department hosted three *Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshops*: Albuquerque, NM (April 28-30), Portland, OR (May 18-21), and Columbia, SC (May 26-29). Tribes that participated in those workshops are *not* precluded from applying for the 2019 workshops. However, applications from different tribes that did not participate in the 2015 workshops will receive priority consideration for the 2019 workshops.

### *REENTRY PLANNING TEAM*

To apply for the *Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop*, tribes must:

1. Assemble a team of at least five Tribal representatives to attend the workshop (see criteria below);
2. Identify and reach out to Federal, state and/or local partners with whom the tribe would like to collaborate on this project; and
3. Complete and submit the ***Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop Application*** (see information below).

### *APPLICATION*

Please submit an application for the *Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop* by clicking on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TIRW>. Applications are due by **8:00 PM EST on November 9, 2018**. For questions regarding the application process, please contact Nan Benally at 859-244-8056 or [nbenally@csg.org](mailto:nbenally@csg.org). Please understand that space in the program is limited and that not all applicants may be accommodated in this series of workshops.