



**Interdepartmental Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness, Government-to-Government
Consultation, Training & Technical Assistance – Session 9**

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Dear Tribal Leaders and Tribal Colleagues:

You are invited to participate in the next Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness session scheduled for August 10–14, 2009, at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, in Tulsa, OK. The ninth session will continue to emphasize justice, safety, and wellness issues. We look forward to reporting our progress on past consultation topics and providing you with the latest information about our respective activities.

Since 2006, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Native American Issues Subcommittee (NAIS) in the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA), Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ), and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH) in the Office of the Secretary; U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs (ONAP); the Small Business Administration (SBA), National Native Affairs Office (NNAO); and our newest federal partner, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), have worked steadily to respond to your stated needs.

Session topics include panel discussions and workshops on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; health care reform; tribal data systems, reporting and information sharing; Inspector General audit compliance; and the Indian Country Methamphetamine Initiative, among others. We will bring together elected tribal leaders and key policy decision-makers, tribal administrators, executive directors, finance and grant administration officers, tribal planners, grant writers, justice and law enforcement personnel, and tribal program project coordinators and grantee officers. These individuals will share their expertise and engage participants in dialogue about the best practices for tribal community capacity building. In addition to grant and policy training workshops, DOJ will hold a pre-conference session on the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act and an evaluation session on the Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness sessions. The conference will also feature a full-day pre-conference grant writing skills enhancement workshop.

Current DOJ/OJP grantees are eligible to use funds to attend and participate in these sessions. Please visit the Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness Web site at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov to register for upcoming sessions and find agenda updates and hotel information.

If you have any questions regarding the sessions, please contact the conference toll-free information line at 1-866-581-2292 or at 703-556-4831 (TDY/TDD) or send an e-mail to tribalconference@circlesolutions.com.

We look forward to continuing to work together to build and enhance tribal justice, safety, public health, safe housing, and economic development in tribal communities.

Sincerely,

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