

Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Successes and Challenges

<p>Great collaboration</p>	<p>Could improve cultural competency (hetero-normative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hire several Natives on the team - Reach out to neighboring universities - Look for medicine men - Ask the Native participants - Tap into Denver Native/NARF community - White Bison
<p>Have doctor sit as team member</p>	<p>Methadone/Suboxone – some team members are against its use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NADCP board has resolution and training materials on MAT (limited to prescription by doctors who are addiction specialists) - Oklahoma has success working with MAT - Evidenced-based and by SAMHSA Guidelines
<p>We have Judge Eagle Eye Johnny on our staff, making significant changes</p>	<p>Concerned about Aftercare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open door policy after graduation (even if new charges) - Graduates can return as Mentors - Alumni Association - Ask graduates to return to present on the drug court model - Send graduates birthday/holiday cards
<p>Testifying in front of Congress Operational for 15 years!!! (amongst tribal politics)</p>	<p>Turnover of Team Members. Training is only once a year. Need an online/more accessible training for new staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Center for Court Innovation online resources (www.DrugCourtOnline.org) - www.WellnessCourts.org
<p>Patient Navigator Program – hired a social worker/nurse to work with pregnant clients</p>	<p>Reentry Planning – returning to same troubling housing/social circles/activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sober Living provided by tribe - Enablement Prevention
	<p>Insufficient focus on women participants (women being targeted for drug-running)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forced education on power and control
<p>Awesome Judge – former Asst. District Attorney personable, attentive</p>	<p>Closed door policy -- Terminated and Graduated clients are not allowed to return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraise to support Alumni Association - Have Judge make targeted phone calls - Community education - Partner with local nonprofits/active sober groups
<p>Graduates started the first local AA meetings</p>	<p>Need to work more effectively with juveniles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informal structure - Elder judges that rely on cultural teachings - Mandate that guardian/parent participate - Don't look down on juvenile - Offer simultaneous services to parents - Peer mentors - Significant judicial interaction - Safety, Security, and Love (attachment to a positive role model/leader)
<p>School lock-in (potluck with cultural teachings at the school aimed towards preventative care. Touched on sensitive issues in talking circles.) Strong Advisory Board</p>	<p>How to teach better parenting skills to apathetic parents?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide youth with independent living (worst case, rough answer) - STEP (evidenced-based program) - Positive Indian Parenting (treatment provider does this through outpatient program) - Parenting with Love and Limits (good for adolescents) (can incorporate with mentors if missing parent)
<p>Collaboration with local entities DOJ grant for alternatives to incarceration, able to provide successful criminal justice assessment</p>	<p>Need to take next step to modifying criminal justice system post assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set a date to plan - Reach out to mentor courts - Set up a "criminal court team"
<p>Working with law enforcement allows us to monitor our participants quickly</p>	<p>How to address revolving door of participants that just keep returning to their negative behavior, especially in very small community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We can't fix anyone, only provide tools - "What are your goals?" - Hired graduates, e.g. to drive participants to AA and on treatment team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Encourage participant to change their environment (banishment for their own good)- Keep them busy (inability to stay busy can be an indicator of using)- Safe homes – support each other's sobriety
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Community needs to understand that healing is a long process.
Wellness Court should be at a minimum one year.