

OJP DRUG COURT CLEARINGHOUSE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

**Tribal Drug Court/Healing to Wellness Court Activity Update: Summary
Information¹
December 2000**

I. Drug Court Activity Underway			
No. of Programs Currently Operating:			30
No. of Programs Planned:			50
No. of Drug Courts with Alumni Groups:			1
No. of Operating/Planned Tribal Drug Courts with:			
Adult Drug Court Programs only			61
DUI only			1
Juvenile Programs Only			10
Family			1
Combined Juvenile and Adult Programs			7
II. Summary Program Information			
Estimated Total No. of Individuals Who Have Enrolled To Date			
Tribal Drug Court Programs:			350
Estimated No. of Graduates			40
III. Justice System Status of Participants			
		<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>
		<u>Programs</u>	<u>Programs</u>
–	Pretrial Diversion	29%	25%
–	Post Conviction	43%	50%
–	Probation Violators	29%	25%
IV. Source of Participant Referrals			
		<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>
		<u>Programs</u>	<u>Programs</u>
–	From the Local Tribal Court	All	All
–	From a State Court	A few	A Few
V. Summary Participant Information			
!	Age Range (years):		
	<u>Adult Programs:</u>		ver 55: 7%
	Teens: 35%		
	20B25: 9%	<u>Juvenile Programs</u>	
	26B35: 31%	Under 13	18%
	36B45: 2%	14-15	32%
	46B55: 13%	16-17	50%

¹ Based on information provided by 16 tribal/Healing to Wellness drug courts during the period May-December 2000.

!	Gender (Current Participants/Graduates)		
	Male:	Adult	Juvenile
	Female:	67%	48%
		33%	52%

!	Marital Status (Adult Programs):	
	Single:	51%
	Married:	12%
	Divorced:	7%
	Separated:	1%
	Widowed:	--
	Living with Significant Other:	29%

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Parental Status (Adult Programs):

46% of participants were parents of minor children

!	Educational Status at time of Program Entry	
X	Adult Programs:	
	No high school degree or GED	34%
	High school degree or GED	40%
	Some post-high school training	8%
	Some college	17%
	College degree	1%
	Post college degree	--
X	Juvenile Programs:	
	Grade 6 or below	16%
	Grade 7-8	42%
	Grade 9-10	40%
	Grade 11-12	2%

!	Employment Status at time of Program Entry	
	Employed fulltime	34%
	Employed part-time	5%
	Student	3%
	Unemployed/available to work	52%
	Unemployed/not seeking employment	6%

VI. Substance Abuse Characteristics at time of Program Entry:

!	No. of years of drug use at time of program entry	
	• Adult Programs:	n/a
	• Juvenile Programs:	1-3 years reported

!	Age at first use:	
	• Adult Programs:	n/a
	• Juvenile Programs:	
	10 years old	32%
	11 years old	10%
	12 Years old	29%
	13-14 Years old	29%

▪ Reported first drug used:	alcohol (all)	
	marijuana (a few)	
▪ Drug of Choice:	Adults	Juveniles
Alcohol	All	All
cocaine/crack	A Few	None
Heroin	A Few	None
Inhalants	A Few	Some
Marijuana	Some	A Few
Methamphetamine	A Few	None
Prescription medications	None	None

VII. Special Needs Presented by Juvenile Drug Court Participants

Special Needs of Participants Reported	Percentage of Reporting Programs Noting Special Needs
Severe substance involvement	100%
Desire of participant to develop personal strengths/skills/interests	100%
Immaturity in terms of thought processes/cognitive development	100%
History of abuse/trauma	100%
Fetal alcohol syndrome/effect or drug addicted birth	33%
Academic under-achievement	100%
Participant at below grade reading level	100%
Attention deficit disorder	33%
Other learning disabilities	33%
Physical health problems/allergies	66%
Deficiencies in physical faculties (e.g., eyesight, etc.)	33%
Low sense of personal identity/self esteem	66%
Depression or other mental health condition	66%
Unhealthy peer relationships	100%
Problems in family/living situation that need to be addressed	100%
Need for participant to develop meaningful community ties	100%

VIII. Incorporation of Custom and Tradition in Drug Court Program

	All	Some
Crafts		X
Respect for Elders		X
Language		X
Counseling		X
Art		X

IX. Issues Being Addressed

	<u>Significant</u>	<u>Somewhat Significant</u>	<u>Not Significant</u>
Addressing Alcohol and Drug Issues			
Prevalance of Alcohol Abuse	50%	50%	--
Alcohol Prohibition	16%	84%	--
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)	66%	33%	--
Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE)	33%	50%	17%
Abuse of Other Drugs	17%	84%	--
Inhalant Abuse	40%	60%	--
Addressing Jurisdiction and Resource Issues			
Lack of criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians	20%	60%	20%
Public Law 280	--	40%	60%
Sentencing Limitations in the Indian Civil Rights Act	--	80%	20%
Historically strained relationship with state courts and state agencies	40%	20%	40%
Tribal members charged with off-reservation crimes	--	60%	40%
Lack of funding for tribal justice system	80%	20%	--
Lack of staff, resources, and jail facilities	80%	20%	--
High juvenile population	20%	80%	--
Rural and small community issues	40%	40%	20%
Violent offender prohibition problems	--	80%	20%

X. Participant Enrollment and Retention Information Reported by Tribal Drug Courts

Note: Retention rates among reporting programs vary significantly as a result of the range of eligibility criteria used by drug court programs and the nature and extent of substance abuse, prior criminal justice system involvement, and other issues presented by participants. COMPARISONS AMONG PROGRAMS SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE WITH GREAT CAUTION.

State Location	Jurisdiction	Impl. Date	Enrollment To Date	No. Of Graduates	Retention Rate
AL	Poarch Creek Tribal Drug Court (Atmore)	August 1998	11	4	82%
AZ	Hualapai Tribal Court (Peach Springs)	January 1998	40!		88%!
AZ	Kaibab - Paiute Tribal and Juvenile (Pipe Springs)	February 1999	9!		100%!
AZ	Pascua Yaqui Tribal Ct (Tucson)	August 1998	10!		80%!
AZ	Yavapai-Apache (juv)	March 1998	73!	16	54%
ID	Shoshone Bannock Tribes (juv) (Fort Hall)	October 1997	24!		87%!
MT	Blackfeet Tribal Ct. (Browning)	January 1998	33!		97%!
MT	Ft. Belknap Tribal Ct. (Ad/Family) (Ft. Belknap)	March 1998	70!		71%!
MT	Ft. Peck Wellness Ct (Poplar) (juv)	May 1998	141		79%!
NV	Duckwater Tribal Ct (Ad) (Duckwater)	September 1997	12		79%
NV	Duckwater Tribal Ct (Juv) (Duckwater)	September 1997	4	4	100%
NC	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (juv)	April 1999	15		87%
OK	Muscogee Creek	June 1999	6		100%
SD	Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (Adult) (Agency Village)	November 1997	7	2	100%
SD	Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (Juv) (Agency Village)	November 1997	7!		100%!
WA	Makah Tribal Court (Makah)	March 1998	21!		95%!

! 1999 data

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