



Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Training and Technical Assistance Resources to Support Tribal Justice Plan Implementation

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) supports its grantees and the tribal justice field at large to help build and enhance capacity to prevent crime, fairly administer justice, develop infrastructure, and improve outcomes for justice-involved tribal members. A current list of BJA tribal justice training and technical assistance (TTA) providers can be accessed through the tribal justice and safety web site, available at: www.justice.gov/tribal.

In order to further assist tribes in their efforts to build tribal justice capacity in FY 2012, BJA made awards to and will partner with organizations in the delivery of TTA services to assist tribes in implementing the tribal justice priorities as expressed in the Tribal Justice Plan. These priorities include: alternatives to incarceration, coordinated infrastructure development and sustainment, and improving outcomes for tribal members returning home to communities from incarceration. These TTA services will be delivered in a way that encourages the development and implementation of strategies tailored to tribes' specific public safety needs and tribal history and culture.

Tribal Justice System Strategic Planning

Targeted technical assistance will be provided to new grantees funded under the Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Area 2—Comprehensive Planning and Demonstration Project. BJA will partner with **Fox Valley Technical College** in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation's Tribal Justice Exchange and the University of North Dakota School of Law Tribal Judicial Institute to assist the tribes funded under this new category to develop comprehensive tribal justice strategic plans with regard to crime prevention, law enforcement, courts, corrections, and reentry.

Healing to Wellness Courts

The **Tribal Law and Policy Institute** will deliver TTA to tribes interested in planning, implementing, and enhancing tribal healing to wellness courts. The goals of drug courts and tribal healing to wellness courts are to reduce recidivism and substance abuse among high-risk substance abusing offenders and to increase their likelihood of successful rehabilitation through the use of substance abuse treatment, judicial supervision and involvement, drug testing, community supervision, appropriate incentives and sanctions, and addiction recovery support services.

Tribal Community Corrections

BJA will partner with **Fox Valley Technical College and the American Probation and Parole Association** to deliver intensive training to tribal probation officers through an annual academy. This initiative will also seek to build the capacity of tribal jurisdictions to plan, develop, or enhance their community corrections programs by focusing on community supervision strategies including pretrial services, alternatives to incarceration, and reentry services through the development and delivery of training, provision of technical assistance, and development of a web-based template repository.

Sharing of Best Practices in Tribal Courts

BJA seeks to enhance the ability of tribal justice practitioners to access information about innovative, culturally-informed tribal court practices that are being used by other tribes across the country by launching a new initiative, the Tribal Access to Justice Innovation Project. The **Center for Court Innovation** will develop and operate this project geared to disseminate practical, practitioner-friendly information about promising practices in tribal justice systems.

Multidisciplinary Team Training to Assist Drug-Endangered Children

BJA will partner with the **National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children** in conjunction with Lamar Associates to deliver the National Tribal Drug Endangered Children Training Program. This training is designed to coordinate and promote collaborative relationships between tribal jurisdiction stakeholders—including tribal justice systems, child welfare workers, educators, and others—that will focus on appropriate investigation, prosecution, and responses for cases involving drug-endangered children.

Fostering Tribal/State Collaboration

The **Tribal Law and Policy Institute** will assist tribes with strengthening tribal governments' ability to plan, implement, and enhance tribal justice systems by fostering tribal and state collaboration to address jurisdictional and legal issues with regard to law enforcement, courts, corrections, and reentry within Indian country.

BJA will partner with the **Western Oregon University Community Policing Institute** to foster collaboration among tribal, state, federal, and local governments through the delivery of onsite trainings designed to assist tribes and/or state, federal, and local governments in: building collaborative partnerships; understanding and developing mutual aid agreements; protocols for inter-jurisdictional relationships; protocols for conducting community corrections-related activities; full faith, credit agreements; and other associated activities.

The **Center for Evidence-based Policy at Oregon Health and Science University** will develop a how-to manual, webinars, and presentations to assist tribes, state, and local governments with developing collaborative initiatives to improve client outcomes and make more effective use of jurisdictional resources.

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