

EVOLUTION OF HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS



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▶ THE BEGINNING OF HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS (HTWCs)

- The Drug Court Movement
- Adopting Drug Courts Within Indian Country
- Four initial Tribal Healing to Wellness Court
- The birth of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
 - Creation of Tribal Key Components



▶ THE UNIQUE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND TRIBAL COURTS

- Tribal courts and justice systems are critical components of the tribal government. They are empowered to resolve conflict and controversy.
- Today, tribal justice systems are diverse in concept and character and are at various stages of development.
- Effective tribal courts support economic growth, empower the legislative and executive branches, promote peace and community health, and advance tribal sovereignty.
- Not only are HTWCs a leader for restorative justice systems in the U.S., but they are an active practice of tribal sovereignty.



▶ LATEST UPDATES IN HTWCs

- Harm Reduction
- Recovery Capital
- Screenings and Assessments
- Trauma-Informed Practices
- Circles and Peacemaking
- Gender and Cultural Considerations
- Variations of HTWCs (Veteran, Juvenile, Family, etc.)



THE FUTURE OF HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS

- Intergovernmental Collaborations
- Joint Jurisdiction Courts
 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court and Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District-Cass County District Court (2007)
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 - Ten Operational Joint Jurisdiction Courts





QUESTIONS?

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