Team

Mark Dyea, Probation Manager/ Coordinator
Bruce Fox, Judge
Carlos Pacheco, Prosecutor
John Bezzeg, Public Defender
Nelda Martinez & Karol Kuruc, Counselors
Thomasina Leon, Probation Officer
Maria Galvan, Police Officer
Marie Alrid, Director- Social Services
Michele Lucero, Chief Court Clerk
Laguna Wellness Court History

• 2005-Team participated BJA trainings
• 2006-developed policies and procedures
• 2007-accepted first two participants
• 2008-Added to Tribal Law and Order Code as alternative sentencing option
• 2009 – Graduated 15th participant
• 2010 – Presented at NADCP Conf. in Boston
• 2011 – Added 50th Participant; 25th Graduate
• 2012 – Received funding for full – time coordinator
Issues

• Staffing
  – Lack of funding
  – Full-time coordinator
  – Additional staff for monitoring participants
  – Staff turn over
Team Dynamics

- **Understanding Roles**
  - Working within your role

- **Decision Making**
  - Democracy, not Dictatorship

- **Program Changes**
  - Intended outcomes

- **Clients admission**
  - High Risk, High Need
Juvenile Healing-to-wellness
HOW DID THE PROGRAM BEGIN?

- CTAS!

- Development of an Advisory Board

- Identified need for addressing increasing rates of juvenile delinquency

- Grant application written by the Chief Prosecutor to start a youth diversion program, to amend the tribe’s Children’s Code, and to develop graduated sanctions

- Funds were awarded!!
Funded, now what?

- Change in personnel
- Re-assessing the needs
- Strat Pak
- Program development
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Phase based (orientation, phases 1-4, aftercare)
- Juvenile MRT 12 Steps
- Culturally driven
- Designed to be completed within four months, and should not exceed six months
- Free
- Admission based on team decision (clinical recommendation and ability to be supervised)
- Parent accountability & involvement
- Weekly team staffing meetings
MODIFICATIONS

º Criteria for selection
º Length of program
º Incentives
º Budget
º Court agreements/Detention
HAVE THE RIGHT TEAM MEMBERS!

It takes a village to raise a child, and a team of professionals to understand a juvenile.