



Team

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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

- Criteria for selection
- Length of program
- Incentives
- Budget
- 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



