

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> participant
- 2010 Presented at NADCP Conf. in Boston
- 2011 Added 50<sup>th</sup> Participant; 25<sup>th</sup> 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

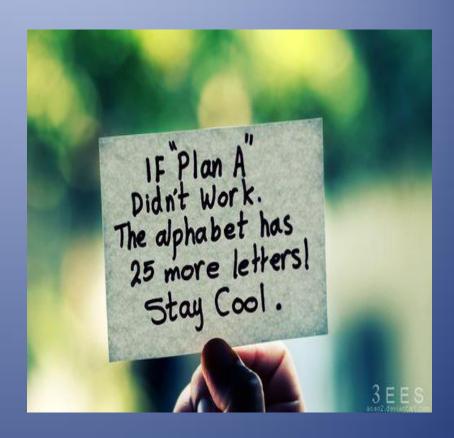


### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- 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**

- <sup>o</sup> Criteria for selection
- <sup>⁰</sup> Length of program
- <sup>⁰</sup> Incentives
- <sup>⁰</sup> 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



