The 10 Key Components: The Foundation, Framework & Fuel For Healing to Wellness Courts

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Overview & Initial Considerations

• A Facilitation to:
  • Familiarize & Fuel
  • Inspire & Ignite  (your imagination of a healing to wellness journey)
  • Educate & Encourage
  • Describe & Discuss

  Tribal Court Power to Promote Healing, Recovery & Reconciliation

  Even More Powerful Healing to Wellness Courts

  Planning, Design & Operational Considerations

• The 10 Key Components as Foundation – Frame - Fuel
THE 10 KEY COMPONENTS
(IN KEY WORDS)

- Sustained
  Team, Community & Nation Building
- Entry
- Eligibility
- Healing & Treatment
- Support & Supervision
- Discipline & Encouragement
- Respectful Communication
- Keeping & Telling Stories
- Enduring Knowledge & Experience

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THE WELLNESS COURT ROLE
RELATED TO EACH KEY

ADVISORY BOARD - - - COMMUNITY

Team Member

Team, Community & Nation Builder
(Communicator)

Protector of Rights

Sentry & Gate Keeper

Champion for
Health & Wellness

Life-long Teacher & Learner

Story Teller & Evaluator

Team, Community & Nation Builder
(Co-Convener)

Enforcer & Encourager
(co-case manager)

Encourager & Enforcer
(co-case manager)
Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts brings together alcohol and drug treatment, community healing resources, and the tribal justice process by using a team approach to achieve the physical and spiritual healing of the individual participant and to promote Native nation building and the well-being of the community.
Participants enter the Tribal Wellness Court through various referral points and legal processes that promote tribal sovereignty and the participant’s due (fair) process rights.
Eligible court-involved substance-abusing parents, guardians, juveniles, and adults are identified early through legal and clinical screening for eligibility and are promptly placed into the Tribal Wellness Court.
Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Who are the TX Providers (provider)?

*Phased (journey like)* Treatment Process

Assessments & Treatment/Wellness Plans

**TRADITIONAL HEALING ALTERNATIVES**

**CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS**

**AFTERCARE**

Healing & Treatment

(Champion for Health & Wellness)

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Key Component # 4
*Treatment & Rehabilitation*

Tribal Wellness Court provide access to holistic, structured, and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate culture and tradition.
Encouragement + Discipline = Effective Case Management

Monitoring Mechanisms (Drug Tests, Home Visits, Check-ins, TX visits)

Staffing

Forms (who/what)

Key Component # 5
Intensive Supervision (Case Management and Alcohol/Drug Testing)

While participants and their families benefit from effective team-based case management, participants are monitored through intensive supervision that includes frequent and random testing for alcohol and drug use.
Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Behavior Modification
Individualized Incentives
Specialized Sanctions
Consistent-Fair (clear expectations)
Ultimate Sanction (termination): When?

Discipline & Encouragement
(Enforcer & Encourager/Co-Case Manager)

Key Component # 6
Sanctions & Incentives

Progressive rewards (or incentives) and consequences (or sanctions) are used to encourage participant compliance with Tribal Wellness Court requirements.
Key Component # 7
Judicial Interaction

Ongoing involvement of a Tribal Wellness Court judge with Tribal Wellness Court team and staffing and ongoing Tribal Wellness Court judge interaction with each participant are essential.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Constructive Contact/Communication (as Captain or Coach)

Formal/Familiar Communication (Rev Hrg.)

Airing/Hearing Team Conflict

Team Ethics (Community Confidence)

Respectful Communication (Team Member)
Process Evaluation, performance measurement, and evaluation tools are used to monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals, identify needed improvements to the Tribal Wellness Court and to the tribal court process, determine participant progress, and provide information for governing bodies, community groups, and funding sources.
Enduring Knowledge & Experience (Life-Long Teacher & Learner)

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Teacher = Learner

Interdisciplinary Knowledge

Community Education

Healing the Healers

Key Component # 9
Continuing Interdisciplinary & Continuing Education

Continuing interdisciplinary and community education promote effective Tribal Wellness Court planning, implementation, and operation.
The development and maintenance of ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Tribal Wellness Court team members, service providers and payers, the community and relevant organizations, including the use of formal written procedures and agreements, are critical for Tribal Wellness Court success.
Tribal Right to Institution Building

Alternative-A-A Legal Processes & Procedures

Creative Opportunity

Utilize/Use (exercise) Tribal Sovereignty

Respect Tribal Sovereignty
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