



2009 OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference

July 29 – August 2, 2009

New Mexico State University; Las Cruces, New Mexico

Invitation to Nominate Tribal Youth

On behalf of the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program and OJJDP's Tribal Youth Programs; EDC's Tribal Youth T/TA Center is pleased to announce the "**OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference**" to be held on the campus of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico on July 29 – August 2, 2009.

OJJDP Tribal Youth Programs is inviting OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Coordinators to nominate (2) youth and identify (1) chaperone to accompany youth to participate in the OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference. OJJDP will provide sponsorships for fifty OJJDP Tribal Youth Program participants (at the local tribal level) to attend the OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference. OJJDP youth and chaperone sponsorships include all expenses paid related to travel, food, boarding and registration fees for the conference. EDC Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center will coordinate nominations, registration, and travel logistics for approved OJJDP Tribal Youth Program youth participants and their chaperones.

What is the OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference? The OJJDP sponsored National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference, in collaboration with the Southwest Youth Services, Inc., Tribal Youth Summit, is a five day positive youth development conference for 300 tribal youth participants from across Indian Country with athletic and cultural activities sessions and integrated relevant instruction; targeting leadership development, cultural healing practices to address historical trauma, positive youth development and resiliency, recovery practices, delinquency prevention, and suicide prevention as taught through core components of the Native H.O.P.E. curriculum. Individual sessions are led by skilled facilitators with years of experience in working with American Indian/Alaskan Native youth.

OJJDP Tribal Youth Participation Criteria: OJJDP is requesting that OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Coordinators nominate (2) youth and (1) chaperone to attend OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference. OJJDP nominated youth criterion is broad in order to be inclusive and promote a diverse range of tribal youth participants in the OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference.

Please fill out attached OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference Nomination form and email back to info@tribalyouthprogram.org or fax to Attn: TYTTAC at (617) 969-5951. For questions related to OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference you can contact Stephanie Autumn at (651) 291-2972, Anne Wang at (617) 618-2180 or Erin Tackney at (617) 618-2423.

OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference Participation Criteria

- Youth 11 – 17 years of age
- Youth who already participate in OJJDP funded Tribal Youth Programs
- Youth who have an interest in youth leadership and life skills training
- Youth who could benefit from youth leadership and life skills training
- Youth who are willing to participate in group sports/activities
- Youth who are interested in sharing and participating in tribal cultural exchange/activities
- Youth must demonstrate sobriety and no –tobacco use

OJJDP Tribal Youth Coordinator must provide (1) chaperone to accompany their youth to the OJJDP Tribal Youth Leadership Conference.

Chaperone(s) must have a cleared state/tribal Criminal Background Check in order to be an approved chaperone for this OJJDP sponsored event.

OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference Process for Nomination and Registration

Please note for the below information:

TYP Coordinators = local OJJDP funded Tribal Youth Program Coordinators

EDC TYTTAC = EDC Tribal Youth T/TA Center

July 10, 2009	Last day for OJJDP TYP Coordinators to submit tribal youth participant nomination forms and tribal youth chaperone form to EDC TYTTAC.
July 13, 2009	Last day tribal youth nomination forms will be reviewed and approved by OJJDP Tribal Youth Coordinator, Laura Ansera. EDC will email all TYP Program Coordinator's the complete registration packet by this date.
July 14, 2009	TYP Coordinators will fax to EDC TYTTAC the registration packet for each approved youth AND the chaperone. The youth participant packet includes: (1) signed medical release form, (2) liability release form, (3) code of conduct release form, (4) photo release form, and (5) survey release form. The chaperone registration packet will include (1) liability release form (2) code of conduct form (3) proof of criminal background check (4) copy of driver's license/state ID. No exceptions will be allowed.
July 15, 2009	Final date for EDC TYTTAC to submit all player and chaperone information to Southwest Youth Services Tribal Youth Summit
July 22, 2009	All travel for all participants to/from the OJJDP National Youth Leadership conference is confirmed. As soon as EDC TYTTAC receives completed registration packets for youth and the chaperone, EDC TYTTAC will contact the TYP Coordinator to coordinate travel logistics for all participants. NOTE: EDC TYTTAC will NOT contact youth

	guardians or chaperones directly.
July 22, 2009 2:00 ET	Conference call for TYP Coordinators and participating chaperones Any TYP Coordinator or participating chaperones from those tribes sending youth to the OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference are encouraged to call in to this general information session. EDC TYTTAC will address any questions or concerns as well as go through the event agenda.

OJJDP Tribal Youth Coordinator, Ms. Laura Ansera and two EDC Tribal Youth T/TA Center staff will also be in attendance at OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference July 29th – August 2nd to provide on-site support and guidance to OJJDP TYP youth participants.

Thank you for supporting the OJJDP National Tribal Youth Leadership Conference and contributing to OJJDP’s Tribal Youth Program vision of *“Building a Brighter Future in Indian Country”* for all tribal youth.

Respectfully,

EDC Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center