Session Resources

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Session C1: Panel: Tribal State Relations to Support Juvenile Justice Improvements
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Workshop Description: The dialogue will focus on establishing and strengthening Tribal and State partnerships, discuss the cultivation of collaborative relationships between Tribal and State juvenile justice stakeholders and provide insight into the experiences of several community members and their work toward solution-focused responses to support Tribal youth. The session will highlight some practical steps taken by Tribal community juvenile justice and prevention stakeholders to establish and engage in a Tribal task force to support the identification of processes and protocols to coordinate with local State juvenile justice leaders. These efforts have led to improved communication regarding Tribal youth resources and diversion opportunities, the shared review of local Tribal juvenile justice data, and development of strategies to support coordinated referral processes for Tribal youth who make contact with the State juvenile justice system.

Session Resources:
- Tribal-State Collaboration Project, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
  An ongoing initiative to promote and facilitate Tribal-State-Federal collaborations. Learn more about news and events to support Tribal-State-Federal collaboration and review promising strategies and helpful tools.
- **Crossing the Bridge: Tribal-State-Local Collaboration**  
  This publication provides details on “crossing the bridge” to meet jurisdictional peers and begin the relationship building necessary for collaborative endeavors that work toward common goals.

- **Promising Strategies: Tribal-State Court Relations**  
  A publication that spotlights some of the most successful strategies within Tribal-State-Federal collaborations and initiatives. Resource seeks to support tribes and states seeking to negotiate complicated relationships and discover new options for solution.

- **Promising Strategies: Public Law 280**  
  A resource that provides promising strategies and highlight recent efforts toward effective Tribal/State collaboration in Public Law 280 states.

- **Juvenile Justice Reform Act Tribal Provisions Fact Sheet**  
  This fact sheet outlines the special provisions that support Tribal youth in the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) of 2018, which became effective in fiscal year (FY) 2020.

- **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization**  
  The Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 was signed into law, reauthorizing, and substantially amending the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention act. The amendments made by the JJRA became effective in FY2020.

- **State Relations and Assistance Division National Training Conference**  
  Provides an overview of resources and information related to the State Relations Assistance Division National Training.

- **Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (CCAS)**  
  The Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (CCAS) Information Hub is a virtual community of practice, welcoming all stakeholders who are interested in developing a continuum of juvenile justice services ranging from prevention to intervention to reentry.