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MARCH 29 - APRIL 2
Tribal State Relations to Support Juvenile Justice System Improvements

Wednesday, March 31, 2021
8:45am AKT/ 9:45am PT/ 10:45am MT/ 11:45am CT/ 12:45pm ET

Session Moderators:
Anna Clough, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
Jacob Metoxen, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
Opening in a Good Way
Session Objectives

• Discuss the reasons and considerations for collaboration between States and Tribes. Discuss recent Federal legislation and survey State laws that impact Tribal youth referral.

• Learn about the development of local Tribal/State relationships through practical efforts and focused support of youth in several communities.

• Consider the implications of continued referral and support processes for Tribal youth through effective State/Tribal partnerships.
Today’s Panelists

- Alisha Edelen, Choctaw Nation JHWC
- Amber Loftis, Choctaw Nation JHWC
- Debra Gee, Legal Division, Department of Interior Services of the Chickasaw Nation
- Janelle Bretten, Director of Strategic Planning and Engagement, Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma
- Kheri Smith, Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma
- Tasha Fridia, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- Bridget Coppersmith, South Dakota Department of Corrections
Collaboration- Purpose and Scope

From Crossing the Bridge: Tribal-State-Local Collaboration.¹

- Altruism
- State/Federal Mandates
  - Consultation Policies
- Inclusion/Invitation
- Necessity to Address Issues/Problems within the Community

In the fall of 2019 the OJJDP Center for Coordinated Assistance to States and the Tribal Youth Resource Center embarked on a partnership to cultivate work between tribes and state agencies which would foster and fortify partnerships and critical data sharing to reduce juvenile justice contact among tribal youth.
In November 2020 the OJJDP Center for Coordinated Assistance to States and the Tribal Youth Resource Center designed, planned, and co-facilitated the following two sessions the OJJDP State Relations and Assistance Division virtual national conference:

- *Inclusion, Voice and Collaboration: Building Relationships Between States and Tribal Nations*
- *Enhancing Tribal Nation and State Agency Relationships to Promote Access to and Use of Title II Funding*
Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018

- Reauthorization 2018- Special Provisions to Support Tribal Youth
  - Consultation with Tribes
  - Annual Administrator Report
  - State Advisory Group Addition and Expansion of State Pass-Through Funding Opportunities
  - Juvenile Justice Study
  - Supportive Funding and Auditing Requirements

Collaboration and Supporting Tribal Youth

Panel Dialogue
Chickasaw Nation
G. As a part of the intake process, an employee of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or a county juvenile bureau shall inquire as to whether there is any American Indian lineage or ancestry that would make the child eligible for membership or citizenship in a federally recognized American Indian tribe or nation. If the employee of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or a county juvenile bureau determines that the child may have American Indian lineage or ancestry, the employee shall notify the primary tribe or nation of membership or citizenship within three (3) judicial days of completing an intake of such determination. Any information or records related to taking the child into custody shall be confidential, shall not be open to the general public, and shall not be inspected or their contents disclosed.
Juvenile probation and parole services; establishment; juvenile probation and parole officers; powers and duties. B. To carry out the objectives and provisions of the Delinquency Act, but subject to its limitations, the department has the power and duty to:

(8) Identify an Indian child for the purpose of contacting the Indian child’s tribe in delinquency cases; and

(9) Upon receipt of a referral, contact the Indian child’s tribe to consult and exchange information for the purpose of collaborating on appropriate referrals for services along with case planning throughout the period of involvement with juvenile services.
Questions

Please share your questions or comments.
Envisioning a future where Indigenous youth thrive through traditional lifeways.

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Session Evaluation

Please remember to fill out the workshop evaluation.

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