

American Indian Justice Conference

Virtual | June 28-30, 2022



DAY 1 – OPENING PLENARY SESSIONS

June 28, 2022

Time by Zone	Sessions
Eastern: 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Central: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Mountain: 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Pacific: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Alaska: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	<p>Pre-webinar tech notes</p> <p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>BJA Welcome</p> <p>Karhlton Moore, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance</p>
Eastern: 1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m. Central: 12:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Mountain: 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Pacific: 10:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Alaska: 9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	<p>Legislative Update: An Overview of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA) Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization bill (VAWA) 2022 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction. Presenters will discuss the VAWA 2013 and 2022 Tribal Jurisdiction Provisions. They will discuss the impacts of these changes on tribal justice systems and specific implications for Alaska. They will also provide information about the Inter-Tribal Working Group and resources available to tribes interested in exercising Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists:</p> <p>Kelly Stoner, Tribal Law and Policy Institute Virginia Davis, Tribal Law and Policy Institute Michelle Demmert, Chief Justice for the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska</p>
Eastern: 2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Central: 1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Mountain: 12:15 p.m.–12:45 p.m. Pacific: 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Alaska: 10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	<p>BREAK- on your own</p>
Eastern: 2:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Central: 1:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Mountain: 12:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Pacific: 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Alaska: 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<p>Intergovernmental Collaborations to Support Community Safety</p> <p>This session will highlight the need for collaborations to support responses to Crime in Tribal Communities. Specific discussion will also include how intergovernmental collaborations can support the implementation and enforcement of tribal laws.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists:</p> <p>Kelly Hembach, Chief of Police, Spokane Tribe of Indians Chief Richmond, Chief of Police, Airway Heights Police Department Honorable Korey Wahwassuck, Judge Ninth Judicial District, Minnesota</p>
Eastern: 4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Central: 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Mountain: 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Pacific: 1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Alaska: 12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m.	<p>CLOSING REMARKS FOR DAY 1 & REMINDERS FOR DAY 2</p>

DAY 2- CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
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WORKSHOP #1 Time by Zone	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
<p>Eastern: 12:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Central: 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Mountain: 10:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Pacific: 9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Alaska: 8:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Alcohol & Substance Abuse Track</p> <p>Calricaraq: Healthy Living Calricaraq is a program focused on healing from impacts of historical and lifetime trauma along with cultural activities to revitalize and strengthen traditional healthy living skills. These activities address root causes of social issues. Calricaraq Indigenous / Yup'ik Well-Being is an elder-driven traditional healing program that employs ancestral wisdom and knowledge to address historical trauma centered around Calricaraq values and cultural approaches helping community members reconstruct their Yup'ik identities and heal.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Rose Domnick, Yup'ik Eskimo</p> <hr/> <p>Courts & Traditional Justice Track</p> <p>Overview of Family Healing to Wellness Courts This session will introduce tribal courts, tribes, and tribal leaders to Family Healing to Wellness Courts and provide an opportunity to begin exploring how to implement or develop a Family Healing to Wellness Court.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Suzanne Garcia Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist Honorable Korey Wahwassuck, Judge Ninth Judicial District, Minnesota</p> <hr/> <p>Probation, Reentry, & Policing Track</p> <p>Developing Tribal Law Enforcement Deflection Programs Collaborative partnerships between law enforcement, first responders, behavioral health, treatment and recovery programs, tribal courts, and other key stakeholders can be an effective means to help deflect or divert individuals with substance use disorders to treatment and recovery versus detention, incarceration or the emergency room. This session will review current trends in law enforcement deflection and program examples such as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). Additionally, specific tribal needs, necessary stakeholders and resources to select a deflection program that will provide the most benefit for the tribal community will be discussed. Benefits of forming a multidisciplinary team to support a deflection program will be explored, and current tribal law enforcement led deflection and diversion programs will be discussed.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Kevin Mariano National Criminal Justice Training Center Angel Morfin, Outreach/Case Manager, Pueblo of Pojoaque Jill Campoli, Clinical Director, Pueblo of Pojoaque</p> <hr/> <p>Violent Crime Track</p> <p>A Search for Answers: Missing Indigenous Persons In 2020, Congress passed the Savanna's Act and The Not Invisible Act in an effort to develop solutions and provide resources to help solve the problem of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons. This session will address what is currently known</p>

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	<p>about the problem and federal implementation efforts designed to help address the issue. This workshop aims to tackle important topics like data collection, victim advocacy, creating a community strategy for addressing missing persons, and working collaboratively across jurisdictions</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Leslie Hagen, National Indian Country Training Coordinator, Assistant Chief Learning Officer, U.S. DOJ</p>
<p>Eastern: 1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Central: 12:15 p.m.–12:45 p.m. Mountain: 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Pacific: 10:15 a.m.–10:45 p.m. Alaska: 9:15 a.m.–9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>WORKSHOP #2 Time by Zone</p>	<p>Concurrent Workshop Sessions</p>
<p>Eastern: 1:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Central: 12:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Mountain: 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Pacific: 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Alaska: 9:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Alcohol & Substance Abuse Track Examining the Intersection between Domestic Violence, Addiction and Mental Health</p> <p>Research shows that there are high rates of domestic violence among individuals accessing services in mental health and substance use disorder treatment settings. Experiencing mental health and substance abuse disorders also places individuals at greater risk of being controlled by an abusive partner. There is also a strong correlation between alcohol and drug use among abusers. Additionally, trauma and adverse childhood experiences are also correlated with violence. As we know, rates of substance abuse, mental health disorders, trauma and ACE’s and domestic violence are all higher among American Indian and Alaskan Native populations in comparison to other populations. This session will examine the connection between domestic and intimate partner violence and alcohol and substance abuse, trauma and adverse childhood experiences in the context of serving tribal communities. Discussion will also focus on practical strategies for tribal criminal justice professionals and service providers to recognize signs of domestic violence among clients and ensure clients receive comprehensive services. A model tribal program providing comprehensive substance abuse, treatment and victim services will also be reviewed. Additional objectives that do not fit below: Apply strategies that you can employ to successfully work with clients with these complex needs Identify when individuals may need further assessment and specialized treatment.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Dr. Anjali Nandi, National Criminal Justice Training Center</p> <p>Courts & Traditional Justice Track Judge, Court Clerk, Court Administration Partnership</p> <p>This session will help participants to understand a process to develop a means to determine the appropriate distribution of administrative roles between court administrators, chief judge, and/or court clerk. Additionally, panelists will discuss how court administration impacts the court and demonstrate how to compose a model for an effective working relationship</p>

	<p>Presenters/Panelists: April Havatone, Hualapai Tribal Court Jan Morris, National Tribal Judicial College</p> <p>Probation, Reentry, & Policing Track Integrating Evidence-Based Practices from a Chief Judge's and Chief Probation Officer's perspectives Evidence based practices (EBPs) are scientifically proven practices that address risk/need/responsivity for individuals involved in the criminal legal system. Judicial officers are key players in leading their jurisdictions; specifically, community-based corrections, behavioral health/mental health professionals and other key service providers in developing and successfully implementing an evidence-based approach. In this session, we will discuss the foundation of EBPs, what judges and prosecutors need to know about EBPs in sentencing, key examples of how to integrate EBPs into a criminal legal system and blending EBPs with culturally based approaches.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Judge Ken Akini, Chief Judge Grand Traverse Bay Tribal Court Stephanie Wyatt, Chief Probation Officer Southern Ute Tribal Probation Greg Brown, National Criminal Justice Training Center</p> <p>Violent Crime Track A Tribal Perspective on implementing the new Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022_ – Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction. A panel presentation given by tribal representatives who have implemented Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction discussing the overview of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022). The panelists will discuss the changes/additions made to the tribal provisions of VAWA 2013. This includes jurisdiction over “covered crimes” including assault of Tribal justice personnel; child violence; dating violence; domestic violence; obstruction of justice; sexual violence; sex trafficking; stalking; and a violation of a protection order. The ability for tribes to utilize the Bureau of Prisons will be discussed. In addition, the Alaska Pilot Program for Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction will be examined. The session will explore the issues tribes will face when preparing to assume expanded jurisdiction over the additional “covered crimes” and what it means for their respective communities.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Brent Leonhard, Attorney for Office of Legal Counsel, Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Bonnie Claxton, Managing Attorney, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Shelli Buckner, Tribal Prosecutor, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Judge Barbara “Sunshine” Parker – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians</p>
<p>Eastern: 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. Central: 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Mountain: 1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Pacific: 12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m. Alaska: 11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>

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WORKSHOP #3 Time by Zone	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
<p>Eastern: 3:30 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. Central: 2:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Mountain: 1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Pacific: 12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Alaska: 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Alcohol & Substance Abuse Track</p> <p>Current Opioid and Fentanyl Trends and Tribal Responses to Overdoses The opioid crisis and the flood of other drugs has reached epidemic proportion in many of our tribal communities across the nation. This session will discuss which opiates and depressants are abused most frequently and about the dangers of new synthetics, including continually updated trends with fentanyl. Examine stages of use, addiction, and withdrawal symptoms, and the health and life-threatening dangers posed by the use of these drugs. Discuss Tulalip Tribe's opioid addiction response model, including leveraging the ODMAP tool to track overdose hotspots and assist in mobilizing a community response, and efforts to raise community awareness and increase access to Naloxone and other medication assisted treatments.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Mick Mollica, National Criminal Justice Training Center Kali Joseph, Program Coordinator, Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, Tulalip Tribe</p> <hr/> <p>Courts & Traditional Justice Track</p> <p>Native Veterans Project: Protecting those who Protected Us The Native Veterans Project is a BJA-funded project on creating a veterans clinic in Indian Country. There is limited access to legal assistance by low-income individuals, including veterans, appearing in tribal courts. A tribal legal clinic model will focus on and address the needs of Native American veterans as a high volume of requests from veterans seeking solutions to their legal issues. The clinic will use medical-legal partnerships to address issues of health, substance abuse, and trauma. The clinic will also utilize pro bono staff and attorneys to provide legal counsel and advice. This presentation will cover the development of the Native Veterans Project and the use of innovative practices on providing legal services to tribal veterans in need</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Elton Naswood, National American Indian Court Judges Association Joseph Kowchee, National American Indian Court Judges Association Andrea Seielstad, National American Indian Court Judges Association</p> <hr/> <p>Probation, Reentry, & Policing Track</p> <p>Planning for Reentry: identifying Housing Options for community Reentrants Participants will learn about the scope of reentry housing options. The conversation will focus on successes, lessons learned, unique partnerships with housing vendors, and the motivation for establishing culturally appropriate housing units.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Tony Fish, Muscogee Creek Nation</p> <hr/> <p>Violent Crime Track</p> <p>Creating Trauma Informed Responses to Violent Crime in Indian Country This session will highlight the need for trauma-informed responses to violent crimes occurring in tribal communities. More specifically the panelists will highlight the ways trauma presents in individuals, the underlying causes of trauma and how trauma can impact violent crime.</p>

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Presenters/Panelists:

Geris Wisner, Attorney General, Muscogee Creek Nation
Michelle Parks, Associate Director, Tribal Judicial Institute
Adelle Fontanet, Director, Tribal Justice Exchange, Center for Court Innovation

DAY 3- CLOSING PLENARY SESSIONS

June 30, 2022

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Eastern: 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Central: 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Mountain: 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Pacific: 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Alaska: 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	<p>Cultural Programming to Support Justice System Responses Cultural programming in tribal communities provides great opportunity to reduce recidivism, support healing and foster safer communities. This session will introduce participants to some promising culturally based programs that are making a positive impact in their communities for court-involved individuals.</p> <p>Presenters/Panelists: Kimberly Martus, Rural Alaska Community Action Program Stephanie Autumn, Director Tribal Youth Programs, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute Tammie DeYoe, Director, Behavioral Health, Seneca Nation of Indians</p>
Eastern: 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Central: 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Mountain: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 a.m. Pacific: 10:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m. Alaska: 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>BJA remarks Elizabeth Griffith, Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance</p> <p>Housekeeping closeout remarks</p> <p>Closing Prayer</p>