

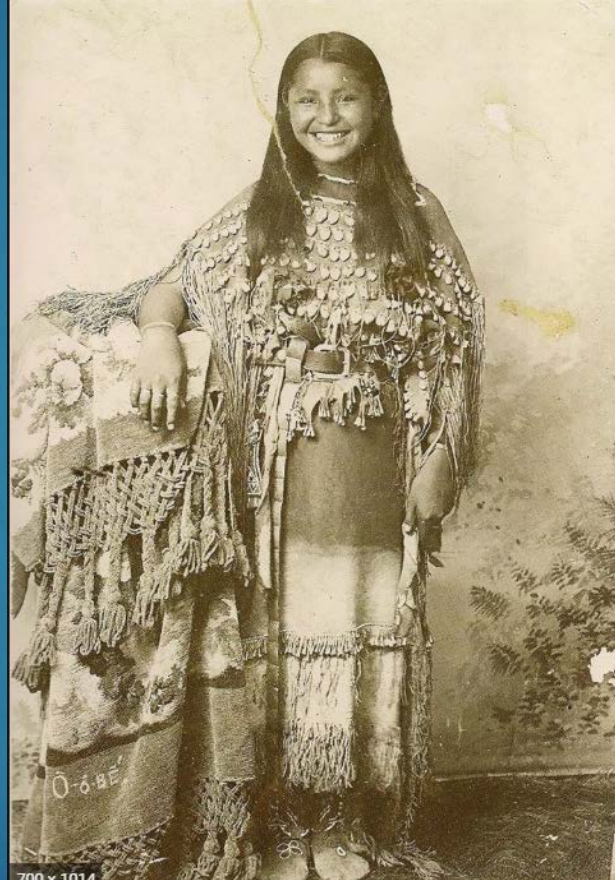


# Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts

TASHA R. FRIDIA JD

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: TRIBAL YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

# Our Children Are Sacred



# Factors Impacting Alcohol and Substance Misuse Among Native Americans

## Statistics

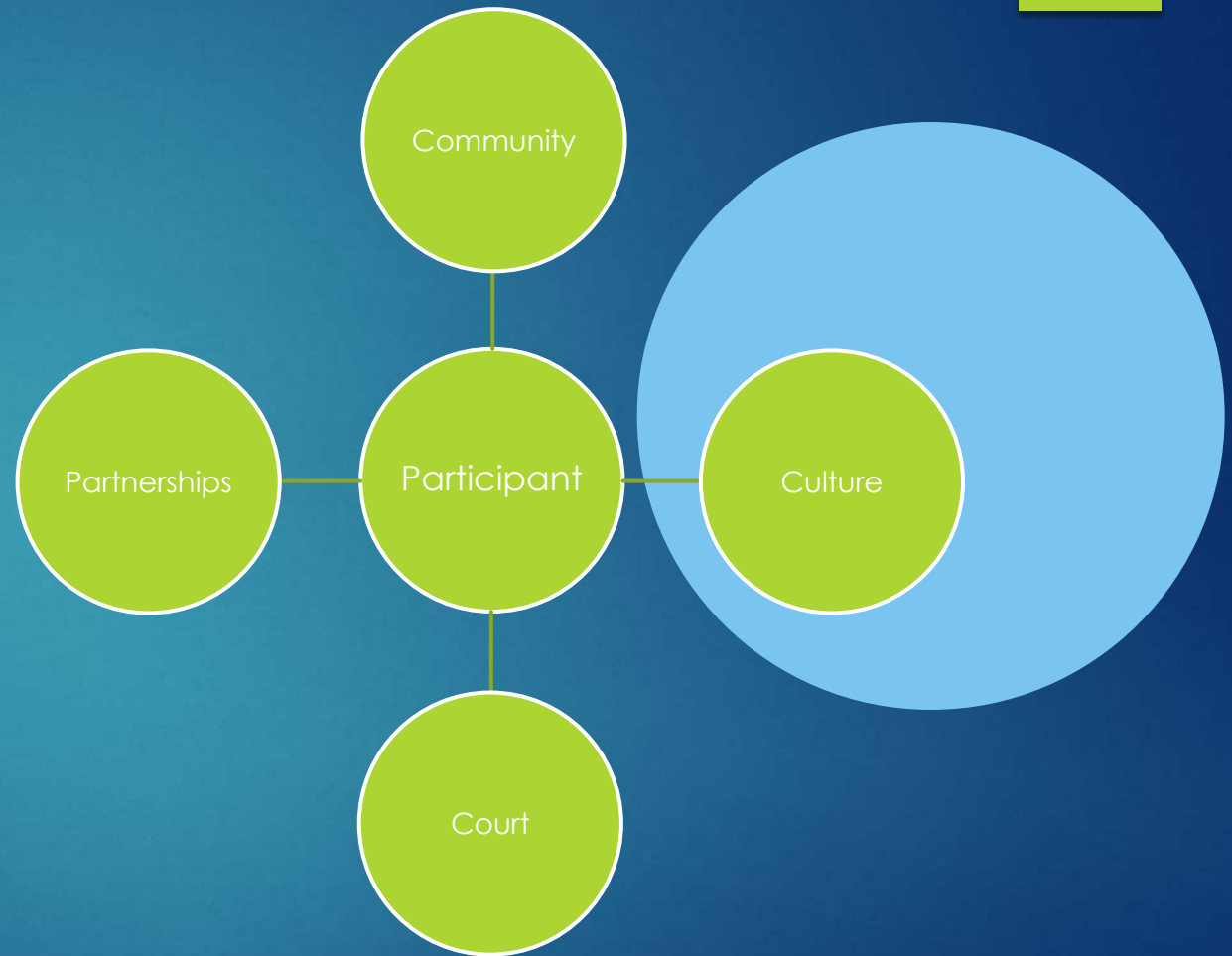
- ▶ Alcohol is the most commonly used drug among Native Americans
- ▶ The rate of Native Americans with an alcohol use disorder (7.1%) is higher than that of the total population (5.4%).
- ▶ 3 in 10 Native American young adults (age 18-25) report binge drinking (consuming 5 or more drinks in 2 hours), 1 in 11 report heavy alcohol use (binge drinking on 5 or more days in the past month), and 1 in 10 have an alcohol use disorder.
- ▶ 1 in 6 Native American adolescents (age 12-17) engage in underage drinking, the highest rate of alcohol use of all racial/ethnic groups

## Other Factors

- ▶ Economic Disadvantage
- ▶ Cultural Loss
- ▶ Historical Trauma
- ▶ Chronic Health Issues

# Healing to Wellness Court Models

- Adult
- Juvenile
- Veterans
- Family



# Guiding Principles



## THE 10 KEY COMPONENTS for Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts

Source: *Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, The Key Components, 2nd Ed., 2014*

- 1 INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY HEALING FOCUS
- 2 REFERRAL POINTS AND LEGAL PROCESSES THAT PROMOTE SOVEREIGNTY AND DUE PROCESS
- 3 SCREENING AND ELIGIBILITY
- 4 TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION
- 5 INTENSIVE SUPERVISION
- 6 INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS
- 7 ONGOING INTERACTION BETWEEN THE TEAM AND COURT PARTICIPANT
- 8 MONITORING AND EVALUATION
- 9 ONGOING TRAINING FOR WELLNESS COURT TEAM
- 10 CONTINUAL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS

