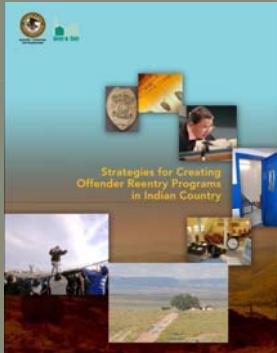


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To discuss how the Tribal Law & Order Act (TLOA) addresses reentry

To discuss the information tribal justice agencies should be requesting/receiving to facilitate the return of members to their communities

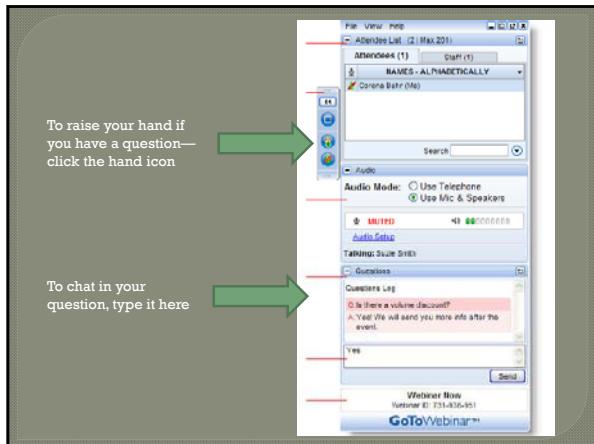
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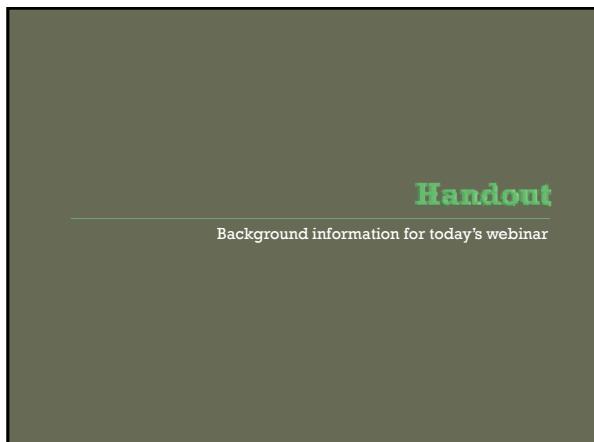
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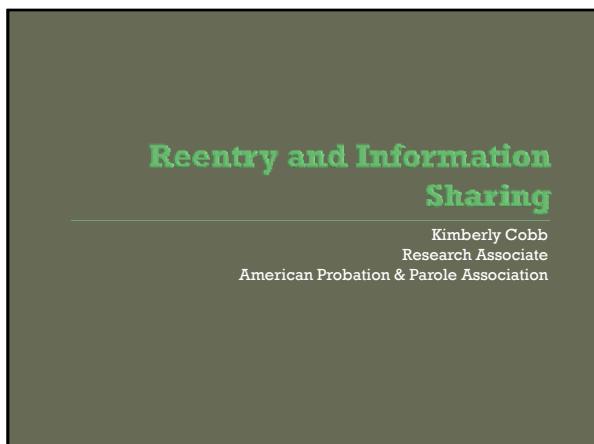
Housekeeping Issues

You are on the air.....

We will be recording this training today







Key Terms

INFORMATION SHARING

"getting the right information to the right people in the right place at the right time to ensure a just and safe society. Privacy is protected, security is ensured and quality includes timely and reliable data"

REENTRY

The process of **returning** to one's **community** from prison, jail, juvenile correctional or detention facility, treatment facility or out-of-home placement

How does TLOA affect reentry?

- Increase coordination and communication among federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies
 - Enhanced sentencing authority
 - Increase and standardize the collection of criminal data to and the sharing of criminal history information among federal, state, tribal, and local officials responsible for responding to and investigating crimes in Indian Country.
 - Long-term detention plans

Why is information sharing important?

- enhances the supervision of offenders
 - allows for better allocation of resources and manpower
 - increases public safety

What information should you be requesting from the facility?



Personal Information

- Basic demographic information
 - Monikers that the individual goes by
 - Telephone numbers and addresses
 - that the individual can be reached
 - that the individual has used previously (*including shelters, friends, etc.*)
 - Demographic data
 - Recent photographs (*including any new tattoos, etc.*)
 - Relationships on the outside (*as verified through visitor/mail/phone logs*)

Incident Reports

- Individuals' involvement in incidents while incarcerated -- both active (participating) and passive (watching).
 - Risk level history (*not just current status report---but a complete history*)
 - Security Threat Group information (*history, photos, tattoos*)

Prison/Jail/Detention Programming

- Programming history reports
 - What programs did they participate in?
 - Was it voluntary or mandatory?
 - Did they complete the program?
 - Why or why not?

Prison/Jail/Detention Contacts

- Reports made from line staff, including, but not limited to
 - to whom they are writing letters and from whom they receiving letters;
 - who visits them; with whom they are congregating or not congregating;
 - daily observations by line staff/counselors of new/unusual activities.
- Reports on potentially positive influences on the individual's life that can be built upon when released including family involvement, religious involvement, etc.

Housing Information

- What level of security was their housing assignment (*maximum, medium, minimum*)
- Did they stay in this assignment their entire sentence or did they move
 - If so, why
 - If not, why
- Were they ever put in solitary confinement or put in protective housing
 - If so, why

Employment/Education Information

- Employment history
 - what type of work did they do on the inside
 - did they volunteer to work
 - were they good at their job(s)
 - incident reports while working
 - accolades received while working
- Education history
 - Status/certificates/degrees earned while incarcerated
 - Trades/vocational training received while incarcerated

Legal Information

- Original charges filed against the individual
 - Arrest report
 - Reports (pretrial/presentence)
 - Screenings/assessments conducted
 - Sentencing conditions
 - Status of conditions or copies of violations filed and their status—including financial obligations such as fees and restitution remaining
 - Victim information (if applicable)
- Previous charges filed against the individual
 - Arrest report(s)
 - Reports (pretrial/presentence)
 - Screenings/assessments conducted
 - Sentencing conditions
 - Status of conditions or copies of violations filed and their status—including financial obligations such as fees and restitution remaining
 - Victim information (if applicable)
- Charges filed against the individual while incarcerated
 - Criminal and administrative infractions
 - Judgment of conviction

Medical Information

- Physical health screenings/assessments
 - Dates of exams/screens
 - Notes from exams/screens
 - Diagnosis—including allergies, HIV status, diabetic, epileptic, etc.
- Medications prescribed, including dosage requirements
 - Prescription ordering information (prescription number, drug name, dosage, recommendation for continued intake)
- Recommendations for continued care
- Substance use/abuse information—including use history, drug of choice, method of choice, current status of use/abuse
 - Treatment history for substance use/abuse—including screenings/assessments conducted and interventions exposed to pre-incarceration and during incarceration

Medical Information (cont'd)

- Mental health screenings/assessments
- Mental health diagnosis
- Mental health treatment—including programming interventions prescribed, dosage for intervention, and completion or anticipated completion
- Medications prescribed, including dosage requirements
- Recommendations for continued care from facility mental health specialist



Wisconsin Tribal Community Reintegration Program

Servicing 3 Tribes
Oneida
Menominee
Stockbridge-Munsee

Wisconsin Tribal Community Reintegration Program

- In 2009, a group of interested people came together and formed the *Wisconsin Tribal Justice Committee*
- Was made up of people from across the state, in different disciplines, that were interested in reducing recidivism by Native Americans

Wisconsin Tribal Justice Committee

- Comprised of representatives from:

- Menominee Tribe of Indians
- Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
- Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Wisconsin Judicare
- Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council (GLITC)
- Fox Valley Technical College
- University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
- Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance

Issues

- Recidivism rates increased with prior offenses
- About half of the offenders that re-offended, were between 18 and 23
- Males had a higher recidivism rate than females
- American Indian and Black offenders topped the list of percent recidivating, followed by Hispanics, Whites, and Asian/Pacific Islanders

Incarceration Issues

- During the period of time from July, 2008
 - June, 2009, seven hundred three (703) inmates in the Wisconsin prison system self-identified themselves as American Indian/Alaska Native (AI)
- From July, 2007 – June, 2008 those who identified themselves as AI totaled 737

Native American Issues

- Even though AI make up only about 1% of the Wisconsin population they represent approximately 3% of the Wisconsin inmate population.
- As of June 30, 2008, there were 2,345 AI on Community Supervision. This also represents 3% of the offender population

Community Supervision

- As of June 30, 2008, there were 2,345 AI on Community Supervision. This also represents 3% of the offender population.
- Of these on supervision 626 were female, while AI males on supervision totaled 1,719.

Revocation Issues

- In a representative study of 20,315 felony offenders who were revoked from 2004-2007, approximately 813 of those were American Indian offenders (4%).

Fiscal Impact

- For FY2008 the average annual incarceration costs per inmate in the state prison system were \$30,316.00 or \$83.06 per day.
- The average annual per offender costs of community supervision were \$2,438.20 or \$6.68 per day.

Call to Action

- The Wisconsin Tribal Justice Committee included more members from the respective tribes and agencies to form the Wisconsin Tribal Community Reintegration Program
- A grant was submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a Second Chance Grant

Wisconsin Tribal Community Reintegration Program

- Decided to do a pilot project to include the Menominee, Oneida, and Stockbridge-Munsee communities, with the intention to spread it to the other Reservations across Wisconsin once established
- Able to get Tribal Resolutions from the 3 tribes
- Formed an Advisory Board

Advisory Committee

- Oneida Tribe of Indians
- Menominee Nation
- Stockbridge-Munsee Nation
- Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council (GLITC)
- Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
- Fox Valley Technical College
- Wisconsin Judicare



Staff

- Reintegration Director
 - Tsyosha?ah C. Delgado
- 2 Case Workers
 - Rebecca Chavez
 - Marianne Morris

First two months of program

- Met with the Advisory Committee
- Toured the Oneida Reservation to familiarize staff on demographics of the Oneida.
- Set up offices and obtained needed basic resources.
- Attended the weekly Oneida Business Committee meeting to present on the pardon law.

- Met with spiritual advisors in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community
- Oneida Community
- Menominee Community
- Will continue to build on these resources and rapport with each community.
- We have had meetings with agencies for Child Support, DVR, Education, Housing, Pardon Departments in respective Tribes, etc.

Services

- We have began the process for developing a resource file for each Tribe and their services.
- Here are just a few broken down by their Communities.



Menominee

- Menominee Tribal Clinic WIC, Diabetes prevention, nutritional health education, tobacco abuse program, rural infant health program, health clinic .

Menominee

- **Menominee County Health & Human Services**-Provides prevention, early intervention, counseling, treatment and other supportive services to individuals and families (AODA education, outpatient counseling, mental health counseling, therapy and medication management, emergency services for crisis, debriefing services, economic support, parent support services and emergency response services for all Menominee County residents)

Menominee

- **Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center**- Provides a wide range of treatment, intervention, prevention and non-therapy services for drugs, alcohol, mental health, domestic violence and residential care and services (AODA treatment center, Oskey-waepitah Domestic Violence Center

Menominee

- **Community Resource Center**-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Job training.
- **Menominee Indian Higher Education/Adult Vocational Training and Adult Education Program**-provides assistance to those who need help to advance in the workforce or to pursue higher education.
- **College of Menominee Nation** provides technical certificates, 2 and 4 year degrees, and outreach services to community.
- **Menominee Tribal Child Support**-Provides services to children and families to regarding paternity and child support.

Menominee

- **Menominee Tribal Social Services-** provides support to families with catastrophic or medical emergencies, burial expense support, Kinship Care, etc.
- **Menominee Indian Tribe Emergency Shelter Program-**provides shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals and families.
- **Menominee Tribal Housing Department**-Home improvement, home loan, low rent program.

Menominee

- **Menominee Tribe Food Distribution-**distributes commodity foods
- **Menominee Regional Public Transit-**
- **Menominee Tribe Elder Services-**Home delivered meals, personal care workers, CBRF



Stockbridge-Munsee

- Family Services Program provides services for families in counseling, housing, legal advocacy, homeless shelter/transitional housing, independent living skills, and after-school prevention programs.
- Indian Child Welfare Department supplies outreach and prevention services

Stockbridge-Munsee

- Economic Support Programs assists individuals in applying for Badger Care Plus, Medical Assistance, WI Home Energy Assistance Program, Food Share, Child care assistance, TANF, and assistance with resume/job preparation skills.
- Food Distribution Department provides food packages
- Medical Transportation Department

Stockbridge-Munsee

- Health and Wellness Center provides medical, dental, pharmacy and health specialist referrals.
- The Health and Wellness Center also provides AODA assessments, individual, group, family, marriage and couple counseling.



Oneida Nation

- **Social Services Department** -Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Job training.
- **Oneida Higher Education/Adult Vocational Training and Adult Education Program**-provides assistance to those who need help to advance in the workforce or to pursue higher education.
- **Tribal Child Support**-Provides services to children and families to regarding paternity and child support.

Oneida

- **Behavioral Health Services**-Provides prevention, early intervention, counseling, treatment and other supportive services to individuals and families (AODA education, outpatient counseling, mental health counseling, therapy and medication management, emergency services for crisis, debriefing services, parent support services and emergency response services for all Oneida residents)

Oneida

- **Wisconsin Shares Child Care Program**
- **Native Employment Works Program.**
- **BIA General Assistance** for enrolled Oneida members to receive temporary financial support.
- **Oneida Food Card Program** provide vouchers for food serving low-income households with food. This if for emergencies.

Oneida

- **Child Care Development Fund.**
- **State Respite Childcare.**
- Oneida enrolled members with assistance in catastrophic event or illness where no other resources exist.
- **Energy Assistance and Weatherization program** for heating expenses in winter months.
- **Wisconsin Funeral & Cemetery Aids.**

Oneida

- **Badgercare Plus** for families with dependent children to provide health insurance coverage.
- **Fitness Center**
- **Health Center** with services for medical, dental, eyecare, physical therapy, audiology, etc.
- **Culture and Language Program.** Providing spiritual cultural guidance.

Created a statistical flyer for information to the 3 Tribes at Community events

2.29 million people were incarcerated in the US in 2009

By improving outcomes for released inmates, we can create a stronger and healthier community.

Studies show reentry programs help reduce recidivism among returning citizens

May to Present

30 inquiries have been received by the program

- 3 emails
- 21 letters
- 6 phone calls

Tribal Affiliations

- 19 Oneida
- 6 Menominee
- 1 Chippewa
- 1 Lac Courte Oreilles

Pre-Release contacts from returning Offender Referral Stats

- citizens: 8

Post-Release contacts returning

- citizens: 15
- Unknown release date: 7
- We have received a total of 2 female inquiries: 1 from Kettle Moraine Institute and 1 from Taycheedah Correctional Institute.

Concluding Remarks

DON'T GO YET!

**Comments to the Draft Tribal Justice Plan
Due 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 21, 2011**

The Tribal Law and Order Act directs the Departments of Interior (DOI) and Justice (DOJ) to develop a long-term plan about incarceration in Indian Country, including alternatives to incarceration. The final draft of this congressionally-mandated Tribal Justice Plan builds on tribal input collected this Spring, discusses challenges and strategies, and provides recommendations and action steps. This request for comments is another step in our dialogue with Tribal Leaders, justice officials, and community members, building upon prior outreach including eight consultations, three focus groups, and four webinars. Most importantly, DOJ and DOI will continue to consult on the *implementation* of this Tribal Justice Plan once it is finalized and released to Congress.

To access the final draft of the Tribal Justice Plan:

- Go to Tribal Law and Order Resource Center (<http://tla.ncai.org/>) or the DOJ web site (www.bja.gov/grant/tla.html); and
- Send your comments to TJLIOA@usdoj.gov by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 21, 2011. All comments will be reviewed and considered in further refinement of the Tribal Justice Plan.
- The Corrections Working Group will continue to work on the implementation of the Tribal Justice Plan with Tribal Leaders, tribal justice officials, and interested community residents. Plans will be released later this summer. For updates, please see the Tribal Law and Order Act: Implementation page at www.bja.gov/grant/tla.html.

Helpful Resources

- [Offender Registry in Indian Country & Native Communities Webinar Series](#); U.S. Department of Justice; Indian Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and U.S. Probation
- [Tribal Probation: An Overview for Tribal Court Judges](#), American Probation and Parole Association
- [Strategies for Creating Offender Registry Programs in Indian Country](#), American Indian Development Associates
- [Journal of Court Innovation, Special issue on Tribal Justice](#), Center for Court Innovation
- [Improving the Administration of Justice in Tribal Communities through Information Sharing and Resource Sharing](#), American Probation and Parole Association
- [A Desktop Guide for Tribal Probation: The Screening & Assessment Process](#), American Probation and Parole Association

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