APPA Releases Latest eLearning Course

APPA is proud to announce the latest in a series of 10 online learning courses aimed at improving tribal community supervision.

**Enhanced Sentencing Authority & VAWA**

There are 565 federally recognized tribes that must navigate a jurisdictional maze at many different justice system levels when trying to prosecute, imprison and supervise offenders of crimes in Indian Country. Significant changes to tribal sentencing authority and jurisdiction have occurred in the last 10 years. Particularly, the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 have provided tribes with the greatest ability to police and prosecute crimes in Indian Country in the last 150 years. These increases in tribal sovereignty come with substantial requirements and impediments to implementation, keeping many tribes from taking advantage of the increased authority. For those tribal governments who have or are planning to implement Enhanced Sentencing Authority and/or Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction, the effects of the new policies trickle all through the tribal justice systems. Probation and parole departments can expect changes to their caseloads and populations under supervision.

**Course Objectives:**

- Know the history and key components of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.
- Know the history of and key components of the Violence Against Women Act of 2013.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the effects of TLOA on tribal jurisdiction.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the effects of the VAWA on tribal jurisdiction.
- Name three changes tribal court systems must make to implement TLOA and/or VAWA.
- Understand some of the impacts that enhanced jurisdiction has on tribal probation and parole departments

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