Overview of Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshops

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys’ National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with the American Probation and Parole Association, hosted two Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshops. These two interactive workshops provided participants with the tools to develop effective reentry plans based on the sharing of operational, organizational, and culture-based concepts and processes that result in the identification of critical services and interventions needed to reduce recidivism and victimization. The Tribal Intergovernmental Reentry Workshops (TIRW) were held in Phoenix, AZ at the Sandra Day O’Connor Justice Center on April 30-May 2, 2019 and in Columbia, SC at the National Advocacy Center on June 11-13, 2019.

Of the fifteen tribes that applied for this competitive based selection process, five tribes participated in the TIRW PHX. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community of Arizona, the South Central Foundation from Alaska, the Winnebago Tribe from Nebraska and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi from Michigan.

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Of the eleven tribes that applied for this competitive based selection process, six teams participated in the TIRW SC. The Cherokee Nation and the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, the Grand Traverse Band and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe of Minnesota, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of Washington and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa of Wisconsin.

The participants were provided scholarships, and the workshops covered a wide range of topics related to the issues of Reentry in Indian Country including Building a Foundation for Intergovernmental Collaboration, Baseline Knowledge for Establishing an Effective Reentry Process, The Reentry Process from Admission to the Institution to Community Reintegration, Putting a Strategy into Action, Documenting your Results, Reentry Stakeholder’s Roundtable Discussion, Where do I go For Reentry Resources and Developing or Enhancing my Tribe’s Reentry Strategy. Each Workshop provided an opportunity for intergovernmental team building and ongoing collaboration among Federal, Tribal, state, and local team members following the workshop itself.

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