



PLANNING A REENTRY PROGRAM: A TOOLKIT FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

It has long been recognized that developing a comprehensive reentry strategy will be a long-term process for many Nations/Villages. To address this need, APPA in collaboration with the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), developed a toolkit designed to help tribal justice system practitioners create or enhance reentry programs for American Indians and Alaskan Natives returning from jail or prison. The Toolkit offers guidance for practitioners who are currently working in a reentry program. It begins with the formation of a planning team, and proceeds through all the key steps of developing a reentry program such as developing partnerships, refinement, measuring program impact, and planning for sustainability. The Toolkit is initially being released in Draft format while awaiting final BJA approval for this BJA grant funded project.

The information provided in this toolkit will continue in the second phase of development during the upcoming APPA Training Institute in New York City, August 23-26. CCI and APPA are currently working on soliciting members of the native communities to volunteer their experiences for the digital format of this toolkit. Videotaping sessions will be scheduled during the New York Training Institute. Please feel free to contact Nan Benally at nbenally@csg.org or Travis Johnson at tjohnson@csg.org from APPA for more information, or Noel Altaha at noaltaha@nycourts.gov or Alisha Morrison at amorrison@nycourts.gov with the Center for Court Innovations.

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