

Intertribal Court of Southern California



TRIBAL YOUTH COURT

Reclaiming Wellness



Tribal Youth Court

Tribal Youth Court ("TYC") is a division of the Intertribal Court of Southern California. TYC serves San Diego and Riverside County Tribes challenged with justice involved youth.

Our Tribal Youth Court is a model program that utilizes restorative justice ideals and tribal, community values to work with Native juvenile offenders to restore and heal.



Why a Youth Court?



- Focus is on Tribal restorative justice
- Restorative justice is directly derived from our tribal communities and the practice of custom and tradition within the fabric of our communities
- Native youth peers hold offenders accountable for their actions
- We must view juvenile misconduct as a community issue, where we surround the individual with community support and wellness
- Our goal is to reduce the rates of juvenile delinquency in Native communities
- Our Tribal Youth Court prioritizes culture into wellness program



Enhancement Tracks



Prevent delinquency through expanding the current Youth Court model to meet the needs of Native youth and Young adults.

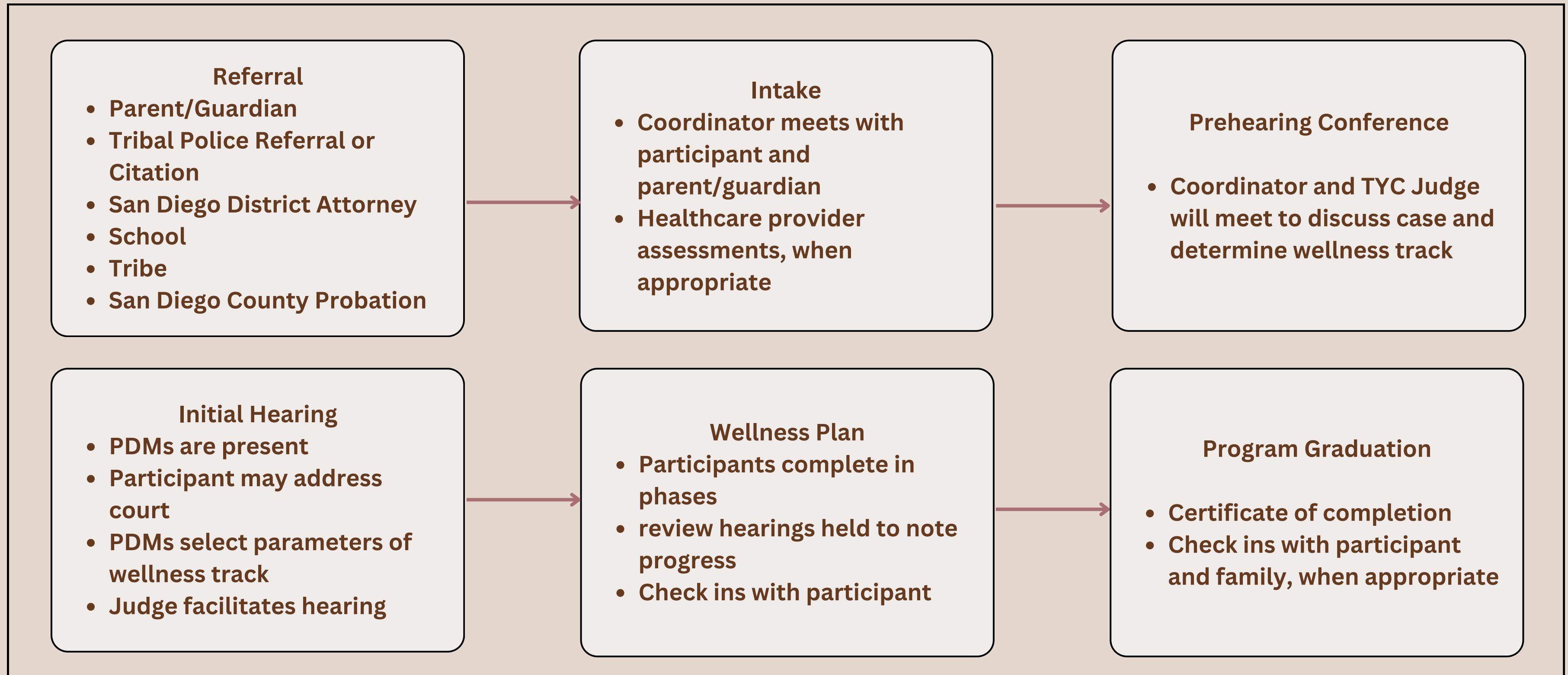
Native Youth More Serious Offenses

- Enhance existing Youth Court to develop new court model, where offenses may not be appropriate for peer jurors
- Divert youth in a court model with Judge at the center of wellness
- Utilize existing and establish new partnerships with appropriate service agencies to accommodate this group
- No peer jury

Transition Age Youth Ages 18-24

- Enhance existing Youth Court to develop new court model appropriate Native young adults
- Divert youth in a court model with Judge at the center of wellness
- Utilize existing and establish new partnerships with age appropriate service agencies to unique needs of this age group
- No peer jury

Tribal Youth Court Procedure





Wellness Tracks

Wellness Plans are the foundation of the TYC program. We realize that each participant is unique and has his or her own unique experiences and circumstances. Therefore, each plan is customized for each participant. Wellness plans integrate prevention-centered activities. The components of each plan are community service hours, participation in cultural activities and life skills assignments. Behavioral health and substance abuse services will be provided when appropriate.

Track	Duration	Community Service	Cultural Participation	Life Skills Assignments
Sage	6 Weeks	8-12 hours	10-15 hours	5-10 tasks
Willow	8 Weeks	10-15 hours	10-15 hours	10-15 tasks
Oak	10 Weeks	10-15 hours	10-15 hours	8-12 tasks

Community Collaboration



To enhance our support services, we have forged partnerships with many local agencies, providing tailored care and developmental opportunities for youth.

Some of our established partnerships include:

- San Diego County District Attorney's Office
- Indian Health Council
- San Diego State University
- Inter Tribal Sports
- San Diego County Probation Department
- Southern Indian Health Council
- University of California San Diego
- San Diego American Indian Health Center
- Tribal Education Centers
- And more...



Peer Decision Makers



Preparing our youth through Tribal Governance Training through prevention.

The “Peer Decision Maker (PDM,)” training programs prepare youth to fulfill their roles at the hearing.

- Enhanced training option provides academic enrichment with university (UCSD and SDSU) level credit, native content-based courses on tribal restorative justice principles, and tribal governance
- Half day training on restorative justice concepts, tribal justice, introduction to the tribal court and the tribal youth court, concluding with a mock hearing.



Peer Decision Makers



The Enhanced PDM training program consists of collaborations with regional universities developing our restorative justice training.

These trainings have been created to:

- Generate academic enrichment by offering university level credit, native content-based courses
- Promote opportunity for leadership and academic skills through education on contemporary native issues
- Train Native Youth in understanding Tribal Restorative Justice Principals through academic instruction at SDSU and UCSD
- Utilize students as Peer Jurors and Mentors, where they can make informed decisions with their acquired knowledge of Tribal governance ideals and interpretations of law



Understanding Restorative Justice



Micro Certification

- UC San Diego, Intertribal Court of Southern CA/Youth Court and AIR Programs
- Restorative Justice and Tribal Governance Certificate
 - Written Communications at SDSU
 - Introduction to the Legal System at UCSD
 - Intro to Tribal Legal Studies at UCSD



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Our restorative justice series is intended for participants to gain a broad understanding of restorative justice concepts. Courses provide an overview of the Tribal, State and Federal legal systems along with Tribal Governance structures. Students will understand important Tribal legal studies ideals, including tribal government and court structures, the history of tribal court systems and implementation of tribal court criminal and civil jurisdiction.

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