

JOINT JURISDICTION FAMILY WELLNESS COURT

Yurok Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, and Humboldt County

Lead Local Agency: Northern California Trial Court Coalition

Court Model: Joint Jurisdiction Family Wellness Court

Plan of Safe Care Model: Prenatal



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Two Joint Jurisdiction Courts were planned and implemented at this site: Hoopa-Humboldt and Yurok-Humboldt. Judicial leadership at the demonstration sites have convened tribal and non-tribal stakeholders to build partnerships that will work together in a systemic and effective manner across jurisdictions. Their partnerships are breaking down agency and jurisdictional siloes to better address maternal substance use disorders and provide a continuum of culturally appropriate services to Native American women, their children, their families and their communities. The coordination required among the jurisdictions and disciplines for the development of these courts was the basis for the partnerships and coordination required to implement prenatal Plans of Safe Care. The mission of these sites is to empower families to make healthy decisions and break the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect by providing a path to recover, heal, and grow through a coordinated family wellness team approach; comprehensive, culturally competent services; frequent monitoring; and a support system for family recovery and childwell-being.

TARGET POPULATION

The target population for each of these joint jurisdictional court initiatives is pregnant women, infants, young children, their families, and the Hoopa and Yurok communities affected by substance use disorders.

PROGRAM QUICK FACTS



The Joint Jurisdiction Family Wellness Courts reduce the possibility of delays in proceedings and service delivery while waiting for jurisdictional issues to be resolved.



The Joint Jurisdiction Courts foster a better understanding of the services that can be provided to families across the jurisdictions and disciplines.



Participants began a peer support group supported by the the court and community providers.

PROJECT GOALS

Goal 1: Establish a continuum of care that provides healing opportunities for families through increased awareness of this public health concern, early identification of infants prenatally exposed to substances, early engagement of community services for the infants and families, and decreased exposure to trauma for the impacted family.

Goal 2: Develop a joint jurisdictional family wellness court blending collaborative/problem-solving and tribal healing to wellness approaches to better serve native families in the county.

Goal 3: Evaluate success of families as a result of the initiative.

Goal 4: Sustain the Joint Family Wellness Court and Continuum of Care Collaboration.

LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS

Tribal Governments

Hoopla Valley Tribe, Yurok Tribe

Tribal Courts

Hoopla and Yurok

State Courts

Humboldt County Superior Court

Social Services

Yurok Health and Human Services, Humboldt County Health and Human Services,

Public Health Services

United Indian Health Services
Humboldt County Public Health and Nursing

Legal

Office of Tribal Attorney and County Counsel
Parents and Children's Attorneys

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Joint Jurisdiction Courts and the partners working on the prenatal Plans of Safe Care work with families struggling with substance use to achieve balance physically, mentally, spiritually, and within the community. The site is fostering the sustainability of both the Joint Jurisdiction Courts and the prenatal Plans of Safe Care by working in partnership

to secure additional funding and by using the work accomplished during the QIC-CCCT project as a springboard for additional initiatives. Both the Yurok Tribe and the Hoopla Valley Tribe are developing partnerships with the medical community and other providers to implement prenatal Plans of Safe Care.

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