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**Tribal Youth Resource Center**

MAPPING THE JOURNEY A Strategic Planning Resource Guide Cultivating Change (Category 2)

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| **Introduction to the Mapping the Journey Tool (A strategic planning resource guide)** | |
| Greetings from the Tribal Youth Resource Center (TYRC)!  **REMEMBER**  Remember the sky that you were born under, know each of the star's stories. Remember the moon, know who she is. Remember the sun's birth at dawn, that is the strongest point of time. Remember sundown and the giving away to night. Remember your birth, how your mother struggled to give you form and breath. You are evidence of her life, and her mother's, and hers. Remember your father. He is your life, also. Remember the earth whose skin you are: red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth brown earth, we are earth. Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them, listen to them. They are alive poems. Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the origin of this universe. Remember you are all people and all people are you. Remember you are this universe and this universe is you. Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you. Remember language comes from this. Remember the dance language is, that life is. Remember.  **Joy Harjo**  And so it is with the Tribal Youth Resource Center’s training and technical assistance delivery – we work diligently with OJJDP Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Tribal Youth Program grantees, Federally Recognized Tribes, and Tribal organizations to Indigenize successful approaches and evidence-based practices, while innovating and encouraging culturally-grounded responses that can contribute to promoting the strengths of youth, families, and community.  We are honored and humbled to serve Tribal youth, their families, and communities.  We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your Tribe and community to assist in the development, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of your newly funded OJJDP Tribal Youth Program grant. The Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Specialist (TTAS) team will provide online learning events, both individual and group learning opportunities, and we will work with your staff to plan an onsite visit between April - June 2024 to support the completion of the strategically planning process by September 30, 2024 utilizing the Mapping the Journey Resource Guide as a planning tool.  ***Mapping the Journey***is a process our people engaged in for thousands of years as they strategized where to go, when to go, and what tools they needed to ensure they reached their destination. This guide includes examples of tools that are intended as *resources* for “Cultivating Change” Category 2 Tribal Youth Program grantees to develop a comprehensive strategic plan, with the help of your respective stakeholders and partners.  Ultimately, the “Cultivating Change” strategic plan will serve as a road map for the journey your Tribe is undertaking to seed and develop a Tribal Youth Program to support Native youth, families, and community.  Each Tribal Youth grantee will have an assigned TA Specialist who will work with the TYP Coordinator and Advisory Circle through each step of your Journey to develop a strategic plan. Please visit [www.TribalYouth.org](http://www.tribalyouth.org/) to learn more about the Tribal Youth Resource Center.  Respectfully,  Tribal Youth Resource Center | |
| As a training and technical assistance provider for the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](https://www.ojjdp.gov), the [Tribal Youth Resource Center](https://www.TribalYouth.org), administered by the [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](https://www.home.tlpi.org/) and in partnership with the [National Native Children’s Trauma Center](https://www.nnctc.org/), we bring an in-depth understanding and appreciation of American Indian and Alaska Native history, customs, and Indigenous justice systems.      **Native youth benefit from our value that:**  ***Our Children are Sacred.***  *Tribal Youth Resource Center*  *Email:* [*TribalYouth@TLPI.org*](mailto:TribalYouth@TLPI.org)  *Website:* [*www.TribalYouth.org*](http://www.TribalYouth.org) | |
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*Strategic Planning Resource Guide*

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| **OJJDP Grants Management Specialist:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **This Strategic Plan Guide Addresses the Following Core Components:** |
| Community Advisory Circle |
| Vision & Purpose Statement |
| Communication Plan |
| Engaging Youth Voice and Empowerment |
| Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time-bound (S.M.A.R.T.) Goals |
| Program Logic Model |
| Building a Plan to Document Our Journey and Tell Our Story: Data Collection and Evaluation Planning |
| Creating a Sustainability Plan to Equip Our Youth to Thrive |

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| **Community Advisory Circle**  **Hands forming circle**  Engaging a Community Advisory Circle is considered a best practice for ensuring effective implementation when developing new resources and services for a program. The purpose of a Community Advisory Circle is to contribute to the development of the overarching framework and program design from planning to sustainability. Community Advisory Circle are comprised of 6-12 members representing all facets of the community ranging from elders, youth, formal and informal leaders in the community, to health, education, justice, treatment/healing and youth serving providers. For more information and resources to complete this section, see appendix section “Tribal Youth Program Community Advisory Circle/Committee Development Guidance.” |

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\*Sample MOUs are included in the appendix.

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| **Vision and Purpose Statements**  Developing effective vision (*your collective inspired dream*) and purpose (*why your program exists*) statements are important first steps in your strategic planning process. These written declarations provide the foundation for the program while communicating the purpose and direction of work that will be launched during the life of the project. |

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| **VISION STATEMENT**  Your dream/the desired end state, where you would like to be. Statement is generally inspirational, memorable, and concise.  *For example:* *Restoration of our families and our communities to be strong and healthy.* |
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| **PURPOSE STATEMENT**  A statement of the purpose of your strategic initiative/program and how your vision will be realized.  *For example:* *Our purpose is to revitalize and reconnect our Tribal youth to their Culture through activities and support that strengthens their cultural identity.* |
| Click or tap here to enter text.   |  | | --- | | **Four birds on a branchCommunication Plan**  A communication plan among core team members that includes partners, youth, families, Tribal and community leadership and other stakeholders can strengthen collaboration and support for the program. It can also serve as a social marketing tool to share your program activities, milestones, and success stories. The more informed your stakeholders are about your program, the more likely they are to lend support and invest in your program. |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Creating your Communication Plan through Social Marketing to Build and Strengthen Community Engagement & Support** | | | | | **Please list the materials you will be developing for your Tribal Youth Program:** | | | | | **Print** | **Broadcast** | **Social Media** | **Digital Content Management** | | *Example:*  *Program Brochures*  *Template for community flyer* | *Example:*  *Pre-recorded PSAs for local radio stations* | *Example:*  *YouTube account*  *Instagram account* | *Example:*  *\*Scheduling posts*  *\*Coordinating different platforms*  *\*Storing content online* | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Activities to Support Communication**  Included in the left column below are recommended activities to support communication planning. In the right column, please list the tasks you will carry out to complete these activities. | | | Develop record keeping process and communicate with Community Advisory Circle and Tribal leadership. | *Example: Develop listserv, share bi-weekly updates on planning progress, and ask for input. Set up a shared virtual folder accessible to the Community Advisory Circle and archive all meeting notes and planning-related documents.*  Click or tap here to enter text. | | Create process for sharing draft sections of Mapping the Journey Resource Guide with Community Advisory Circle and Tribal leadership. | *Example: Request reviews of draft documents as needed from Community Advisory Circle and Tribal leadership, as well as youth leaders. Schedule bi-monthly (or even more frequent) meetings with youth leaders for their input.*  Click or tap here to enter text. | | Identify modes of communication and avenues to meet bi-weekly with Community Advisory Circle and youth leaders. | *Example: Outreach to Community Advisory Circle and youth leaders to determine preference for virtual or in-person meetings. Set up and send out recurring meeting invitation to all participants.*  Click or tap here to enter text. |  |  | | --- | | **Engaging and Empowering Youth Voice**  Incorporating youth and community voice in the development and implementation of the Tribal Youth Program provide youth and community an opportunity to learn about power dynamics, consensus making, planning and organizing, data collection and resource mapping. Most importantly, providing a “voice, place and space” for youth and community in the strategic planning process can provide a sense of investment in the success of the program and supports the philosophy of “nothing about us without us.”  The Tribal youth programs’ focus is Tribal youth, so they should be included and involved every step of the way. Examples of inclusion and involvement are youth representation on the TYP Community Advisory Circle – and/or creating a Youth Steering Committee. Other suggested activities for youth and community engagement are listed below. For more information and resources to complete this section, see appendix section “Youth Engagement and Empowerment.” |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Activities/ Tasks** | **Person Responsible** | **Anticipated  Completion Date** | **Progress and Comments** | **Indigenous Value** | | *Example: Host open community meeting and invite youth* | *Program Coordinator,*  *TYP Community Advisory Circle* | *August 2023* | *Not Started. Requested Resources from TTA Specialist* | *Inclusion* | | *Example: Set up booth at Community Youth Event* | *Program Coordinator,*  *TYP Community Advisory Circle* | *September 2023* | *Requested booth from event organizer* | *Empowerment* | | *Example: Volunteer at Community Youth Events* | *Program Coordinator,*  *TYP Community Advisory Circle* | *Ongoing* | *Review community event calendars and outreach to key contacts* | *Generosity* | | *Example: Meet with other youth serving agencies* | *Program Coordinator,*  *TYP Community Advisory Circle* | *October 2023* | *Schedule meetings with the directors of other youth serving agencies in the community* | *Respect* | | *Example: Create Youth Steering Committee inclusive of justice involved youth* | *Program Coordinator,*  *TYP Community Advisory Circle* | *September 2023, Ongoing* | *Started outreaching to youth in the community to gauge interest* | *Humility* | | *Example: Conduct an interest assessment within community, talking to young people about what they want to see in their community* | *Program Coordinator, TYP Community Advisory Circle* | *August 2023* | *Not Started. Requested Resources from TTA Specialist* | *Learning* | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |   \*Add rows as needed. While your cursor is in the last row, right click and then click “insert rows below.” |
| **Setting Indigenous S.M.A.R.T. (I-SMART) Goals**  Research shows that establishing specific and challenging goals can lead to better performance[[1]](#footnote-1). In this section, you will be creating SMART goals to help you obtain your desired results. Utilizing the SMART goals process will aid in establishing clear goals and objectives that will benefit the Tribal Youth Program and ultimately the entire Tribal community.  I-SMART is keeping the Indigenous lens and perspective at the forefront of everything we do. When using the SMART goal and SMART objective process, continuously revisit whether these goals and objectives are aligned with Tribal culture and community values. |

A SMART goal is defined as one that is *specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound*. Below is a definition of each of the SMART goal criteria.

**S.M.A.R.T. Goal Guidance**

**Example**

**GOAL:** Increase partnerships within the Tribal Youth Program.

**SMART GOAL:** Establish partnerships with schools on the reservation to increase academic success for middle school and high school students within the next three years.

The following steps will assist you in creating SMART goals. Conduct this activity with your planning team and/or Community Advisory Circle. If your team/circle is already using the SMART or a similar process, ***great!*** Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your TTA Specialist.

**For each goal in your grant:**

1. Use a separate sheet of paper for brainstorming as needed.
2. List your goals in the boxes below.
3. Assess your goals to ensure they are written in a way that is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound.
4. Review your work. Does your revised goal meet the SMART criteria *and* align with the Vision and Purpose? If not, please work with your team and TA specialist to revise them to be I-SMART.

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| **Developing Supportive Objectives**  Objectives are focused, measurable, concrete and support the broader or long-range goals that your team has set forth. It is important to set out clear objectives to support your goals and desired outcomes.  An example goal with supporting objectives is included below to help you get started. |

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| **Example Project Goal 1:** *Establish partnerships with schools on the reservation to increase academic success for middle school and high school students within the next three years.* | |
| **Example Objectives to support reaching project goal.** | |
| **Objective a** | *Create a spreadsheet that lists all school leadership and counselors. Outreach and schedule meeting with school leadership within 60 days.* |
| **Objective b** | *Within 90 days, draft fact sheet which includes information on current social, emotional, and academic learning outcomes through public county, state, and local data available online. The vision and purpose of the program would be included in the document.* |
| **Objective c** | *Share fact sheet with school leadership, parent groups within the school, and the tribal education department, and develop a work plan for supporting students and families. Attend school board meetings to share progress and to network.* |

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| **Project Goal 1:**Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Objectives to support reaching project goal.** | |
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| **Objectives to support reaching project goal.** | |
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| **Objectives to support reaching project goal.** | |
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| **Program Logic Model**  **A logic model is a one-page depiction (road map) that outlines the shared** that outlines the shared relationships among the resources, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impacts for your program. It depicts the relationship between your program’s activities and its intended effects. <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/logicmodels/index.htm> |

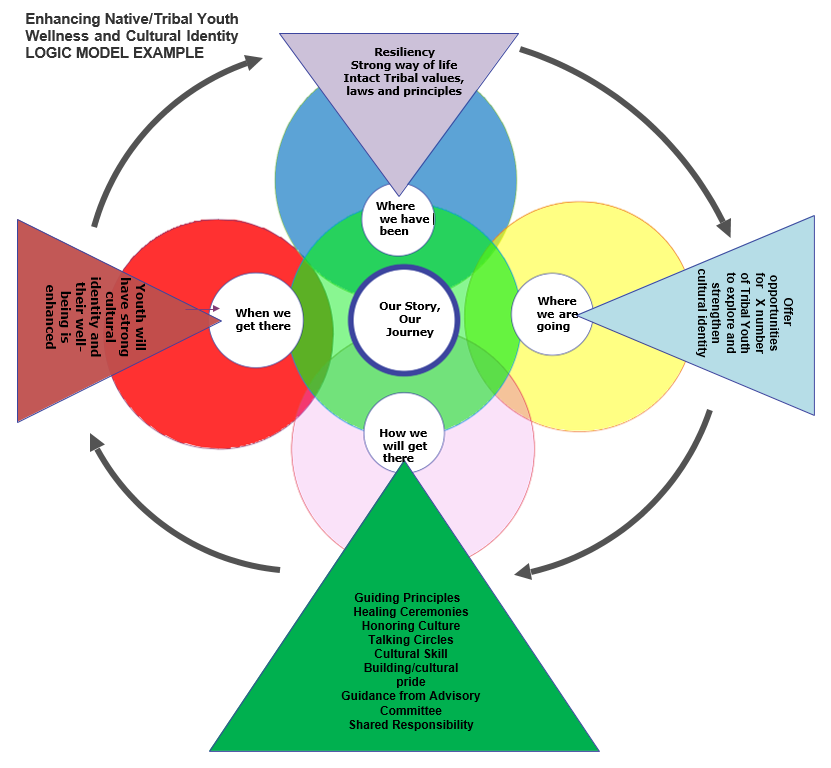
How are we going to work toward realizing our Vision and honoring our Purpose? Let us start with developing a logic model, which is a depiction of your proposed project. If we were to tell the story of our project in a one-page graphic, what would that look like? Below are a couple of examples, which are also available as [blank templates](https://files.constantcontact.com/9f76d4bb701/16fa006f-8b9f-45e1-b597-ee207c63581d.docx). After viewing the templates, please select a template and meet with your TA Specialist to begin the process of creating your logic model.

**Example One (below):** In this example, note that the logic model starts on the left, indicating the changes that we want to see. Then, moving towards the right, the graphic highlights how those changes are going to happen and how they will be measured. Finally, the far-right column shows how the resources invested and the activities engaged in have impacted the desired outcome. [Click here to view a larger version of the logic model.](https://files.constantcontact.com/9f76d4bb701/6cb1cb84-bbab-4876-baf8-28583d58cddc.docx)

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| **Example of a Logic Model to Increase Cultural Pride and Identity** | | | | | |
| What are the changes we want to see? | What are the issues that impact making the changes? | Which activities/ resources/ inputs will we employ to meet each goal? | What will be the outputs for each specific activity? | What will you do to measure the outcomes and outputs of the  program? | What is our hope for the future? |
| **Our Story Wellbeing**   1. Historically our *XYZ Tribe* had a strong Cultural foundation that contributed to the well-being of the entire Tribe. | **Our story of resilience**   1. Historical impacts contributed to the lack of access to Cultural traditions and ceremonies and deny our youth their Cultural identity. 2. Connecting with *XYZ Tribe* youth to actively support their development of a strong Cultural identity. | **What we can do today, Supporting our relatives**   1. Cultural skill building/Cultural pride 2. Establish Community Advisory Committee (CAC) 3. Talking Circles as process for guiding principles, Cultural identity survey, and designing process for Cultural identity 4. Develop a communication plan: parents, Tribal leadership, youth, community | **There is healing in our culture**   1. CAC Guide *Tribal Name of Program*, formalize guiding principles 2. CAC assist in design of Cultural identity survey 3. CAC assist in design of a process for Cultural identity (ex: naming, coming of age, healing, gender roles) 4. Administer surveys, engage youth in ceremonies, interviews 5. Materials used for communication to stakeholders 6. Performance Measure: Cultural Skill building/cultural pride | **Honoring our youth today**   1. 30 Youth receive their *XYZ Tribe* name, participate in coming of age ceremony and a healing ceremony, gender roles 2. Youth understand and are able to use ceremonial elements for prayer 3. Number of program youth served during the reporting period with the noted behavioral change 4. Total number of youth receiving services for the target behavior during the reporting period\* | **Honoring our youth tomorrow**   1. Increase in Cultural skill-building and Cultural pride 2. The youth Cultural identity enhances their wellbeing 3. Growth in Cultural Identity as a result of participating in ceremony and healing activities, evidenced by 30 completed pre/post Cultural Identity surveys |
| What are the changes we want to see? | **Our Hope**   1. Promote *XYZ Tribe* youth Cultural identity by creating opportunities and access to Tribal Cultural values, traditions and ceremonies. | | | | |
| **Healing is our future:** | What are the Cultural values and principles that will guide our work?  **Strong Hearts:**   1. Wellbeing of youth will remain focus of program. 2. Establishing an approach of being a good relative and mutual regard with the youth and among all partners. 3. Honoring of Culture will be the foundation of the program. 4. Cultural Identity supports the wellbeing of our tribe. | | | | |
| **The Foundation for Our Work:**  *Vision:* Restoration of our families and our communities.  *Purpose*: The revitalization and reconnection of Tribal Youth to their Culture. Tribal Youth will have a strong cultural identity as a foundation for healing, skill building and pride. | | | | | |

Let us look at another example below. In this example, *where we have been* is highlighted at the top, then the logic model proceeds to the right showing where we would like to be, then how we are going to get there, and, finally, the outcome.

**Example Two:**



These two examples contain the same information but are depicted in different formats. There is no one “right” format, and you and your Community Advisory Circle can decide on which format to use. You are also encouraged to design your own logic model or use a different format if that better suits your team. The intent of the logic model is to provide a graphic depiction of your project that includes the issues or needs, the available resources and activities to address the needs, and how you will measure if you are headed in the direction you want to go. Finally, the graphic shows the hoped-for impact or outcome of your project.

**Example Three:**

This is another example of a format for a logic model that comes from OJJDP. As stated before, logic models can look different, but they all have a central purpose: provide a one-page depiction of your program’s goals, objectives, activities, and hoped-for outcomes.

[Applicant/Program Name] Logic Model]

The italicized text in each logic model section describes the information to include and should be replaced with your responses. Enter the applicant or program name in the header, replacing the brackets.

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| **Date** | *MM/DD/YY* |  |
| **Desired Result** | | *State precisely what the program or initiative hopes to achieve. The result statement should reflect the purpose of the federal award and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s vision to support a nation where children are free from crime and violence and encounter a just and beneficial juvenile justice system.* | |
| **Goals** | | **Goal 1**: *Goals define how you know you have achieved your desired outcomes or the future condition your program or initiative hopes to achieve.* *The goals should align with your stated desired result and demonstrate how you intend to meet the purpose of the federal award*. *You may include an unlimited number of* *goals.* | |

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| **Inputs** | **Activities** | **Outputs** | **Outcomes** | | |
| **Short-term** | **Intermediate** | **Long-term** |
| * *Inputs describe the resources needed to implement a program’s activities successfully.* | * *Activities describe the actions needed to achieve a program’s goals and objectives.* | * *Outputs identify what happens from a program’s intended activity. Outputs are generally represented as a number, such as the number of people trained.* | * *Outcomes describe the results of an activity, program, or initiative.* * *Short-term outcomes reflect the immediate result of an activity, such as a change in knowledge, or change in practice.* | * *Intermediate outcomes reflect the result that occurs after achieving the short-term outcome, such as a change in behavior or implementation of a new system.* | * *Long-term outcomes demonstrate the ultimate change in a population or system the activity, program, or initiative hopes to achieve, such as decreased youth recidivism or decreased child victimization.* |

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| **Hands weaving strawDocumenting Our Journey:  Data Collection Planning**  Local community members are excellent resources for gathering and interpreting data for your Tribal Youth Program because they know and live in the community. Please review the goals of your program and discuss with the Community Advisory Circle how you will know if your goals are met. For example, if the program goal is to increase school attendance, how will you know if that goal is met? You will know it is met if school attendance improves. Therefore, you will need school attendance data in order to assess if the goal is being met.  Taking a strengths-based approach in gathering and interpreting data can highlight the resiliency of and positive things happening in your Tribal community. This data can show what is working in your community and will help you to enhance interventions/approaches that are linked to positive outcomes for youth. Please see the appendix “Data Collection & Evaluation Planning Resources” section for additional resources to support your data collection planning. |

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| **Key Questions**  ***Note: These are examples related to promoting academic success.*** | |
| What information do we need in order to know if our program is having the effect we desire? | *Example:* school attendance data by semester, number of students advancing to the next grade, number of students working with a tutor, number of students graduating from middle school and high school  *Insert response:* Click or tap here to enter text. |
| What information does the Tribal Youth Program currently have access to that would help us assess the effect our program is having? | *Insert response:* Click or tap here to enter text. |
| What information would we like to have access to that does not currently exist? | *Insert response:* Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Who can help us find or create the data we need to make good decisions for our program and youth? | *Example: Middle school social workers and counselors, attendance liaisons*  *Insert response:* Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **Local Level Data:** Work with the Community Advisory Circle to identify local level data. Data collection will support program goals, activities, quality improvement, and future sustainability planning. Your Training and Technical Assistance Specialist can virtually facilitate resource mapping with the Community Advisory Circle, which may assist you with identifying key points for which data can be collected. | | | | |
| **Key Questions*:***   * *What methods will you use to collect the data?* * *How often will the data be collected?* * *Who will assist the coordinator in collecting the data?* * *How will you organize, manage, and store the data? Will your program have access to a database, or will you track data in a spreadsheet?* | | | | |
| **Data to Collect** | **Where is the data and**  **how will it be collected?** | **Who is responsible for collecting the data?** | **Target Date(s) for Data Collection and review** | **Why would we collect this data?** |
| *Example: School attendance records* | *School can share information through a MOU* | *TYP Coordinator will coordinate with local schools to collect agreed upon data* | *Monthly review* | *To celebrate youth who are experiencing academic success and provide support for those youth who are not experiencing academic success* |
| *Example: # youth in different age groups, e.g., 9-12, 13-15, 16-18* | *Tribal census; school census will be requested.* | *TYP Coordinator or designated partners* | *Annual basis* | *To build or adjust program capacity for services* |
| *Example: feedback from youth and families on program services.* | *Create questionnaire and distribute to youth and families* | *TYP Coordinator or youth representative* | *Quarterly* | *To ensure youth and family voice is included in planning* |
| *Example: # youth served* | *Activity sign-in sheets, collected for each activity* | *TYP Coordinator* | *Compile number of participants on monthly basis* | *To report to community and funding agency* |
| *Example: Identify service gaps impacting youth in the community* | *Example: Interviews with youth, families, systems providers* | *TYP Coordinator* | *Monthly July-October 2023* | *To ensure that lessening system gaps for youth and families is incorporated into the program design* |
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| **Telling Our Story:  Designing an Evaluation Plan**  Evaluation is not a judgement of your program, it is about telling your program’s story – where you have been, where you are going, and how you are going to get there. Indigenous and Tribal people have always used evaluation. They needed to evaluate where the best hunting and fishing places were, where the best and safest places to camp were, and how they were going to ensure that their teachings were passed on. Here is an opportunity to share your program’s story and ensure the teachings get passed on. For additional resources to support evaluation planning, please see appendix section “Data Collection & Evaluation Planning Resources.” |

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| **Key questions for evaluation:**  Key questions for evaluation planning are included in the table below.After considering these questions, your first step is to establish goals for your evaluation. Here is a table to help guide your work: | |
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| *What is the purpose of our evaluation?* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *Who needs to know what, when, and why?* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *What outcome in our logic model do we want to focus on in our evaluation?* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *How will we engage stakeholders in our evaluation plan?* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| *What resources do we have to commit to evaluation planning and implementation?* | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **Establish Goal(s) for evaluation:**  *Example: Team strives to consistently evaluate project progress through an agreed upon data collection plan, in order to determine needed improvements.* | |
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| **How will the team engage partners and those most impacted in the evaluation process?** | | |
| **Partners to Engage** | **Disseminating Data/Information** | **Gathering Feedback** |
| *Example (proposed Tribal Youth Program that focuses on academic success): Local school partners* | *Example: Tribal leadership, youth-serving programs, schools, parents, community* | *Example: Assessing what we are learning and identifying changes that need to be made to the program based on feedback*  *Example: Tribal Youth Program Coordinator will make necessary changes to objectives based on data and feedback received* |
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| **Leaves floating on waterContinuing Our Journey: Sustainability Planning**  Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and other Indigenous peoples have a long tradition of living sustainably with the natural world by understanding the importance of preserving natural resources and respecting the interdependence of all living things.” — *Native American Rights Fund (NARF)*  Sustainability is the process of effectively achieving and maintaining desired long-term results. Maintaining and continuing the program’s vision for the future will provide a base for a strong sustainability plan. Review and assess other portions of the strategic plan as you work through sustainability planning processes. For additional resources to support evaluation planning, please see appendix section “Sustainability Planning Tools and Resources.” |

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| **Team Sustainability Vision**  *Type your shared vision for sustainability below. Example: Expand partnerships within the region and state to ensure Tribal Youth Program is sustained in years 6-10.* |
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**Key Elements to Sustainability:**

**Building community support**

**Enhancing organizational capacity**

**Ensuring effectiveness**

**Build Community Support:** Cultivating community support for prevention and behavioral health promotion and the positive outcomes they achieve is built on the success of organizational efforts to collaborate.

Community support can be built by:

• Encouraging community ownership through positive relationship building and collaboration

• Celebrating promotion/prevention successes and accomplishments in public and through social media

• Developing community promotion/prevention leaders and champions and connecting to other prevention efforts locally, across Tribal/County/State lines

**Enhance Organizational Capacity:** Ensuring that community agencies, organizations, and institutions have adequate internal organizational capacity to achieve positive outcomes involves exploring the answers to a number of questions:

• Does the Tribe/Agency have strong administrative structures that will allow them to be competitive for grants and other opportunities?

• Are there formal linkages, such as memoranda of understanding, with key partners? Do partners share equal responsibility for addressing community issues?

• Do partnering organizations have resources and expertise that they are willing to share?

**Ensure Effectiveness:** An effective program requires more than just using evidence-based interventions; effectiveness depends on making sure the strategic plan lines up in the following ways:

• Interventions are aligned with the problem and risk factors and have sufficient reach.

• Evidence-based and practice-based programs/services that are a good fit conceptually, culturally and practically.

• The implementation is high quality and includes buy-in from the community, administrative support, and adequate training for staff.

• The evaluation plan provides ongoing process and outcome data so improvements can be made as needed.

*The Key Elements to Sustainability come from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies. (n.d.). Keys to sustainability [slide presentation, Native American Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training]. Rockville, MD: Author. Unpublished.*

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| **Sustainability Activities** | | |
| **Activities/Tasks** | **Person Responsible** | **By When** |
| *Example for Enhancing Organizational Capacity:* Identify partners for the Tribal Youth Program and discuss if Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs) will be necessary. If yes, identify the binding expectations and elements of the MOUs. | *Example: Community Advisory Circle*  Click or tap here to enter text. | *Year/Quarter*  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Coordinate with your Training and Technical Assistance Specialist to network with other Tribal Youth Program grantees to discuss applicable sustainability strategies. | *Example: TYP Coordinator* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Develop asset map with Community Advisory Circle to identify resources, and program supports to support sustainability. | *Example: TYP Coordinator and Community Advisory Circle* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Develop team process to support identification of available funding sources. Engage with leadership to discuss application for available funding sources. | *Example: TYP Coordinator and Community Advisory Circle* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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APPENDIX

**Community Engagement Planning Tools and Resources**

**Gathering of Native Americans**

Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) is a culture-based planning process where community members gather to address community-identified issues. It uses an interactive approach that empowers and supports AI/AN tribes. The GONA approach reflects AI/AN cultural values, traditions, and spiritual practices.

GONA TOOLKIT

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/gona-goan-toolkit.pdf>

GONA Curriculum and Facilitator Guide

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/gona-goan-curriculum-facilitator-guide.pdf>

Fresno Indian Health Board- youth GONA Example

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blHMHWaSpmA&feature=youtu.be>

**Community Readiness Model**

The Community Readiness Model (CRM) was developed at Colorado State University to aid in assessing the readiness of a community to address specific problems (e.g., youth substance misuse). The CRM identifies dimensions including leadership involvement, knowledge of the problem, levels of community readiness and can be easily scored by the community. The National Center for Community and Organizational Readiness at CSU was formed to assist communities and tribes in using the model.

National Center for Community and Organizational Readiness  
<https://nccr.colostate.edu>

Community Tool Box  
<https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/overview/models-for-community-health-and-development/community-readiness/main>

Community Readiness: A Handbook for Change  
<https://www.ndhealth.gov/injury/ND_Prevention_Tool_Kit/docs/Community_Readiness_Handbook.pdf>

**Community Workshops, Meetings, Assessments**

There are other avenues that can be utilized in working toward community engagement. Formal workshops, meetings and assessments can be very beneficial to the process. Also, utilizing community-specific traditional gatherings may provide an organic structure for community engagement activities. Please engage your Technical Assistance Specialist as a resource to further explore and brainstorm community engagement processes and formats.

**Youth Engagement and Empowerment**

* Healthy & Empowered Youth: A Positive Youth Development Program for Native Youth, Journal of Preventative Medicine (2016): <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/1-s2.0-S0749379716305499-main.pdf>
* Youth Power: a Guide to Community Organizing: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/youth_power_complete.pdf>
* Core Principles for Engaging Young People in Community Change: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FINALYouth_Engagment_8.15pdf.pdf>
* Our Identities as Civic Power: 2017 State of Native Youth Report: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CNAY_State_of_Native_Youth_Report_2017_web.pdf>
* Native American Youth 101: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Native-American-Youth-101.pdf>
* Strengthening Indian Country Through Tribal Youth Programs: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/TYPReportfinal_000.pdf>

A Sweetgrass Method of Bullying Prevention for Native American Youth: [A Sweetgrass Method of Bullying Prevention for Native American Youth (usu.edu)](https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1025&context=kicjir)

UNITY Report, Healing Indigenous Lives Native Youth Town Halls: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/healing-indigenous-lives-native-youth-town-halls?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=publications>

**Tribal Youth Program Community Advisory Circle/Committee Development Guidance**

**What is the Community Advisory Circle/Committee (CAC) and what is their Role?**

A Community advisory circle/committee is a group of collaborative key stakeholders who provide critical voice, input and support for programmatic activities to enhance the delivery of services to the community. The development of an advisory circle/committee is a recommended core component of the Mapping the Journey Strategic Plan *(to be submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)*.

**What are the primary roles and responsibilities of the Community Advisory Circle/Committee members?**

* A primary role is to provide helpful guidance and support throughout the life of the project.
* Model and commit to being an impartial and objective group in support of the TYP program coordinator and the Indigenous youth and their families that will be served by the grant.
* Willing to contribute to the development of the overarching framework/program design from planning to sustainability.
* Willing to work together to develop necessary infrastructural supports for the planning and operational components of the TYP.
* Knowledgeable about the TYP’s place in the community (willingness to engage in training that can assist with increasing knowledge) and/or trends in the community affecting the field of services, and a focused commitment to the long-range issues that impact Indigenous youth and their families.
* Commitment to contribute to developing asset/strengths-based solutions.
* Willing to build relationships and work together as a Community Advisory Circle/Committee to accomplish the goals and objectives of the TYP.
* Attend/Participate in Community Advisory Circle/Committee meetings.
* Support ongoing evaluation and processes improvement.

Planners can use six basic questions to assist with the development of the operations of the Community Advisory Circle/Committee. *See: Center for Court Innovation, “How can Community Advisory Boards Assist the Work of the Justice System,” (Malangone and Facciolo, 2014).*

1.     Will meetings be open to the public?

2.     Where will meetings occur?

3.     When and how often will the board/circle meet?

4.     Who will lead the meetings?

5.     How will meetings be conducted?

6.     How will the board meetings be publicized?

Establishing answers to these questions can assist with the format and contributions of the committee to the TYP.  Development of the committee should also consider any existing administrative rules within the respective Tribal community, as some Tribes may have established or existing administrative policies related to the development of advisory or local community boards.

**Who should be on the Community Advisory Circle/Committee?**

Individuals who are identified as ***key stakeholders*** may then become members of your Tribal community advisory committee. “An effective steering committee is made up of key leaders in the community- people who are in the position to leverage resources, enlist the cooperation of other agencies, influence policy making, and build community awareness of your work” (Gurnell, 2014). It is imperative that the TYP coordinators identify key leaders to ensure support and participation within the TYP planning and implementation activities.

A Community Advisory Circle/Committee should be comprised of key stakeholders. Who are key stakeholders? Here are some examples:

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| Restorative Justice Practitioners | Tribal Leadership/Elders |
| Cultural/Spiritual Leadership | Education Providers |
| Social Services Providers | Program/Tribal Evaluator |
| Tribal/County/State Law Enforcement | Primary Care/Medical Providers |
| Tribal Juvenile Court Staff | Probation/Law Enforcement |
| Behavioral Health Providers | Tribal Families |
| Local Non-Profit Partners | Tribal Youth |

 \**In the grant goals and objectives, staff representation from those key programs and services listed in the narrative should be recruited for membership in the* Community Advisory Circle/Committee.

**How many members should be on the Community Advisory Circle/Committee?**

The Tribal Youth Program incorporates an interdisciplinary approach from a range of service areas. The advisory circle/committee should reflect these areas in diversity of membership and size of the committee should be determined by the community. Usually, a CAC may consist of at least five or up to a dozen members. Consideration for the quality of interaction and contribution as opposed to the number of members may be helpful in determining total advisory circle/committee membership.

**What are the possible challenges involved with implementing a Community Advisory Circle/Committee (CAC)?**

Here are some common challenges in maintaining a strong CAC, and steps that can help:

* Advisory Committee lacks purpose or direction.

o    Tip: Define the committee with a charter and set out a clear purpose statement and goals of the committee.

* Having no previous working relationship with potential members can be difficult for recruitment.

o     Tip: Request and invite potential members to an open discussion of the program, the vision for the program and how their expertise can contribute to the program.

* Potential members can be very busy people and may not be able to commit extensive time to the advisory board/circle.
  + Tip: Encourage buy-in for committee roles by expressing the value of the program and the long-term benefit derived by individual youth and community. Set clear timelines so that members can anticipate the amount of time that may be contributed as part of the advisory committee.
  + Tip: Define roles and responsibilities within the committee to assist with communication and effective planning/meeting processes.
  + Tip: Consider how reciprocity can help with keeping members engaged, e.g., what is their program doing that your project can support, offer that support.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Resources**

**Sample Memorandum of Understandings are included below:**

* [Tribal Youth Program Memorandum of Understanding Template](https://files.constantcontact.com/9f76d4bb701/7c7c0486-121a-4f71-9968-a8f27f52e5bf.docx)
* [Tribal Youth Program Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Information Sharing Template](https://files.constantcontact.com/9f76d4bb701/c4b7dba1-1f85-4402-9c24-19d6a976b369.pdf)
* [Developing Agreements between Local Education Agencies and American Indian Nations and Tribal Communities: A WISCONSIN PERSPECTIVE](https://files.constantcontact.com/9f76d4bb701/dcd42565-d745-4ac1-91f0-dbe030c86fc3.pdf)
* [MOU Example: Ho Chunk Nation and Black River Falls School District](https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/tribal_training/MOU_MOA/Templates_and_Reference_Documents/Sample_MOU_Ho_Chunk_Nation.pdf)

**Resource Mapping**

**National Center on Secondary Education and Transition:  Essential Tools-Community Resource Mapping**

This resource provides essential tools and steps to effective resource mapping. Mapping of youth services, supports, and programs within a community can have essentially three outcomes: 1) the identification of resources available to individual youth in a particular community—often referred to as “youth mapping,” 2) the identification of new or additional resources to sustain existing specific youth activities or initiatives within a community, and/or 3) the identification of resources to assist in creating and building capacity to support a more comprehensive community system for serving youth. The first outcome typically occurs at the local level while the second and third outcome can happen at any level—local, state, or federal.

*Link to resource:* <https://conservancy.umn.edu/bitstream/handle/11299/172995/NCSET_EssentialTools_ResourceMapping.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

**NCAI First Kids-Every Child is Sacred, Tribal Tool Kit: Community Asset Mapping for Tribal Youth Well-being**

This resource provides a broad overview of the community asset mapping process. It addresses the overall purpose of gathering information, organizing and developing resources using a strength-based approach through identifying, collecting, and analyzing community assets.

*Link to resource:* <https://www.peerta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/uploaded_files/Tribal%20Toolkit%20Asset%20Mapping%20Tribal%20Youth%20Well-being%20PPT.pdf>

**Wellness Resources for your Team**

Your team and partners are key resources of the community and team wellness and strengthening are critical to effectively addressing needs of the youth, families and community. There are tools and support that can help including the Native Wellness Institute ([nativewellness.com)](https://www.nativewellness.com/) and the Professional Quality of Life ([ProQOL](https://proqol.org/)) websites. These websites (and there are many other resources) have information and tools related to self-care and wellness. Feel free to reach out to your assigned Technical Assistance Specialist for more information.

**Strategic Planning Tools**

* Strategic Planning Tool Example: National Minority AIDs Council:<https://files.constantcontact.com/9f76d4bb701/df8d307d-08dd-48b6-bd90-44e104549780.pdf>
* BJA Tribal Strategic Planning Fact Sheet: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ctas_pa2_factsheet.pdf>
* Strategic Planning- A Ten Step Guide: <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/mosaica_10_steps.pdf>
* Developing an Effective Approach to Strategic Planning for Native American Indian Reservations, Nicholas Christos Zaferatos (2004): <https://www.tribalyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Zaferatos_-_Space_and_Policy.pdf.pdf>

**Data Collection & Evaluation Planning Resources**

**RESOURCES FOR DATA COLLECTION PLANNING**

1. **Collecting and Analyzing Tribal Data** (National Institute of Justice)  
   <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/collecting-and-analyzing-Tribal-data>
2. **Making Excel Work for Your Community Learning Series** *(Capacity Building Center for Tribes)* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ouvz-tvNdE&list=PLR4JDLysJ7WOs9RVN9VecX5ApzmN1OO-e>
3. **Using Data to help our Communities Thrive** *(Capacity Building Center for Tribes)* <https://tribalinformationexchange.org/index.php/2018/04/24/data-overview-using-data-to-help-our-communities-thrive>

**RESOURCES FOR EVALUATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Indigenous Evaluation Toolkit, <https://www.greatplainstribalhealth.org/great-plains-tribal-epidemiology-center/indigenous-evaluation-toolkit-133.html>
2. Indigenous Evaluation Framework: Telling Our Story in Our Place and Time. LaFrance, J., & Nichols, R. (2008). Alexandria, VA: American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), <https://portalcentral.aihec.org/Indigeval/Book%20Chapters/0-Intro_Contents.pdf>
3. Using your logic model to plan for evaluation, Evaluation Planning, Chapter 4, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, <https://azprc.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/CHWtoolkit/PDFs/LOGICMOD/CHAPTER4.PDF>
4. A Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/training-technical-assistance/roadmap-collaborative-and-effective-evaluation-tribal-communities>
5. W.K. Kellogg Foundation Evaluation Handbook, <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/wk-kellogg-foundation.pdf>
6. Evaluating Indigenous programs: a toolkit for change, S. Hudson, <https://www.cis.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/rr28.pdf>
7. Sample Cultural Identity Survey, <https://www.dropbox.com/s/a8c11ppqtkyrp0y/Sample%20Cultural%20Identity%20Survey.docx>
8. Sample Data Collection Tool (Excel Spreadsheet), <https://www.dropbox.com/s/tvet5i3vb1ssbil/Sample%20Data%20Collection.xlsx?dl=0>
9. Indigenous Evaluation Models (US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Native Americans Program Office), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EousrydpdyY>
10. Indigenous Evaluation Models (US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Native Americans Program Office), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EousrydpdyY>
11. Resilience-Based Program Resources for Tribal Communities (Center for Native Child and Family Resilience), <https://cncfr.jbsinternational.com/resources#inform>

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| ***Program Reporting Overview*** |
| *Please confer with your assigned OJJDP Grants Management Specialist regarding questions about project reporting*.  A narrative report about the progress of your program is due two times per year in JustGrants. Due dates are **January 30 and July 30 of each year**.  [JustGrants](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources/justgrants-training/grants-management-lifecycle) training is available through a series of self-guided eLearning videos, job aid reference guides, and infographics. The [training resources](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources/justgrants-training/grants-management-lifecycle) provide users with an overview of the JustGrants processes, as well as detailed instructions on how to navigate through the various features and functionalities of the system. Visit <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources> to learn more.  Required Performance Measures for Tribal Youth Programs can be found at: [https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-Tribal-youth-program.pdf](https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/performance-measures-tribal-youth-program.pdf)  *Grant Management Support*   * For assistance with JustGrants:  [**JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov**](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833–872–5175, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET); and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Self-service support is available at: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support> * For assistance with Program Reports: contact the OJJDP PMT Helpdesk 866–487–0512 or [ojjdppmt@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ojjdppmt@ojp.usdoj.gov). The Helpdesk is available Monday – Friday, 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time, excluding federal holidays. |
| ***Financial Reporting*** |
| *Please confer with your assigned OJJDP Grants Management Specialist regarding questions about financial reporting*.  **SF425 (Financial Status Report and Office Management & Budget**  **Standard Form)** **reports are due Quarterly**: **January 30/April 30/July 30/October 30**  *Notes:*   * Report actual expenditures for the period, not drawdowns or expected expenditures. * Can be revised up until the end of the next quarter.   Review Financial Reporting Guidance by visiting <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources/justgrants-training/financial-reporting>  The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) Customer Service Center provides assistance on the financial aspects of OJP awards. For help with drawing down funds or other issues related to finances contact the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) Customer Service Center by email at [ASK.OCFO@USDOJ.GOV](mailto:ASK.OCFO@USDOJ.GOV) or by phone at **800-458-0786**. |

**Sustainability Planning Tools and Resources**

Planning for sustainability should take place early in the planning process. Your team should formulate a workgroup to design and plan for future sustainability and engage with program partners and stakeholders to identify opportunities for supportive funding and resources. Create a shared vision to sustain program services and meet regularly to discuss plans and activities. Remember, “sustainability is not synonymous with securing more funds, rather it refers to the capacity of a program to sustain the benefits that it provides” (Mancini and Marek, 2004). Here are examples of resources to support team sustainability planning:

**OJJDP Tribal Youth Online Learning Resources:   
Strategic Action Planning Talking Circle 1: Sustainability**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nofME2bjqs&list=PLEYl_nJGyPlF23t4QVc2EnWb75qAouWCX&index=2>

**Strategic Planning Toolkit Session 9: Planning for Sustainability** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQWUqhnz88g&list=PLEYl_nJGyPlH6TQxvxbGW6QzKVt71xSjt&index=11>

**Community Toolbox, University of Kansas**A free online toolkit to support sustaining work and initiatives with an outline and examples.<https://ctb.ku.edu/en/sustaining-work-or-initiative>

**Program Sustainability Assessment Tool, Washington University in St. Louis**

An online tool and resource to understand, assess, plan, and review resources to support program sustainability.

<https://sustaintool.org/>

**Creating Sustainable and Effective Tribal Criminal Justice Systems**

National Institutes of Justice

[https://www.nij.gov/topics/Tribal-justice/Pages/criminal-justice-system.aspx](https://www.nij.gov/topics/tribal-justice/Pages/criminal-justice-system.aspx)

Sources:

1. Mancini et al., Sustaining Community Based Programs for Families: Conceptualization and Measurement, Family Relations Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science, 2004.

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| **Tribal Youth Program Planning and Implementation Terminology** |
| *The references and terminology listed below can assist* in *the development of your strategic plan and provide resources for program goals that are developed.*   1. **Prevention**    * “The term "prevention" is typically used to represent activities that stop an action or behavior. It can also be used to represent activities that promote a positive action or behavior. Research has found that successful interventions must both reduce risk factors and promote protective factors to ensure the well-being of youth and families.” *(See:* [*What Is Prevention and Why Is It Important? - Child Welfare Information Gateway*](https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/prevention/)*.)*    * Prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency and ***promote protective factors***. Which may include:  * Mentoring * Youth Development * Gang Education * Supporting Academic Success * After School Programs * Bullying Education * Parenting Education * Healing-Informed Practices * Indigenous Culture and Language * Gather of Native Americans * Indigenous Model of Restorative Practices * Promotion of Science Technology Engineering Arts & Mathematics (STEAM) * Coming of Age Ceremonies   + Prevention, intervention, and treatment for children exposed to violence. * Development and implementation of trauma-informed/healing-informed practices in programs and services that address the needs of unsheltered, runaway, Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ+ youth.   + Development and implementation of ***Tribal best practices*** and traditional healing methods to support Tribal youth.  1. **Intervention**    * Interventions for youth not experiencing success in schools, with family, or in their community, or for youth who may be justice-involved. These may include:  * Indigenous Culture and Language * Supporting Youth through an Asset-based Lens * Connecting Youth with Mentors and Wisdom Keepers * Therapeutic Services * Mentoring * Indigenous Model of Restorative Practices * Project Venture * Coming of Age Ceremonies * Seasonal Camps (Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Maple Syrup) * Alternatives to Detention   + Intervention and treatment services for children exposed to sex trafficking and/or child exploitation may include the development and implementation of programs and services including healing-informed practices and services, as well as Restorative Practices.   + Development and implementation of trauma-informed/healing-informed practices in programs and services that address the needs of unsheltered, runaway, Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ+ youth.  1. **Healing/Treatment**    * Healing/Treatment services for at-risk and high-risk youth may include:  * Substance misuse/abuse treatment and prevention programs * Healing-informed practices and services, e.g., equine assisted therapeutic activities * Mental health treatment and healing * Use of trauma-informed/healing-informed, culturally grounded and comprehensive intake, assessment, and screening tools * Wraparound Model of Care * Healing-informed services and supports for Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ+ youth * Therapeutic services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders  1. **Effective Use of Data**    * Development, establishment and/or improvement of data collection system. This may include efforts to create or improve abilities to track youth in detention, placement, or community-based programs with the goal of strengthening responses to youth and understanding community needs. |

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| **Resource Websites for Tribal Youth Program Planning** |
| **The programs/organizations have a specific Native/Tribal youth focus and may be helpful to your project development and implementation.** |
| * OJJDP Tribal Youth Resource Center: [www.TribalYouth.org](http://www.TribalYouth.org) * National Native Children’s Trauma Center: [www.NNCTC.org](http://www.NNCTC.org) * Center for Native American Youth: [www.CNAY.org](http://www.CNAY.org) * Native Wellness Institute: [www.NativeWellness.com](http://www.NativeWellness.com) * Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) - The Resource Basket: [www.ResourceBasket.org](http://www.ResourceBasket.org) * Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board: [www.npaihb.org](http://www.npaihb.org/) * We R Native: [www.WeRNative.org](http://www.WeRNative.org) * National Congress of American Indians: [www.NCAI.org](http://www.NCAI.org) * Capacity Building Center for Tribes: <https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/tribes> * Project Venture: National Indian Youth Leadership Project: [www.projectventure.org](http://www.projectventure.org) |

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