

Offender Reentry in Indian Country & Native Communities Webinar Series



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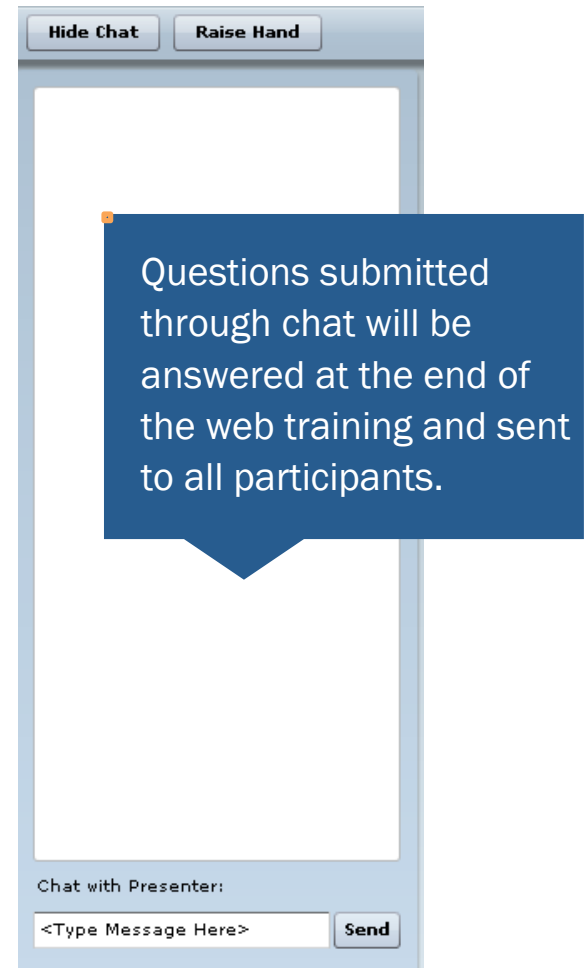


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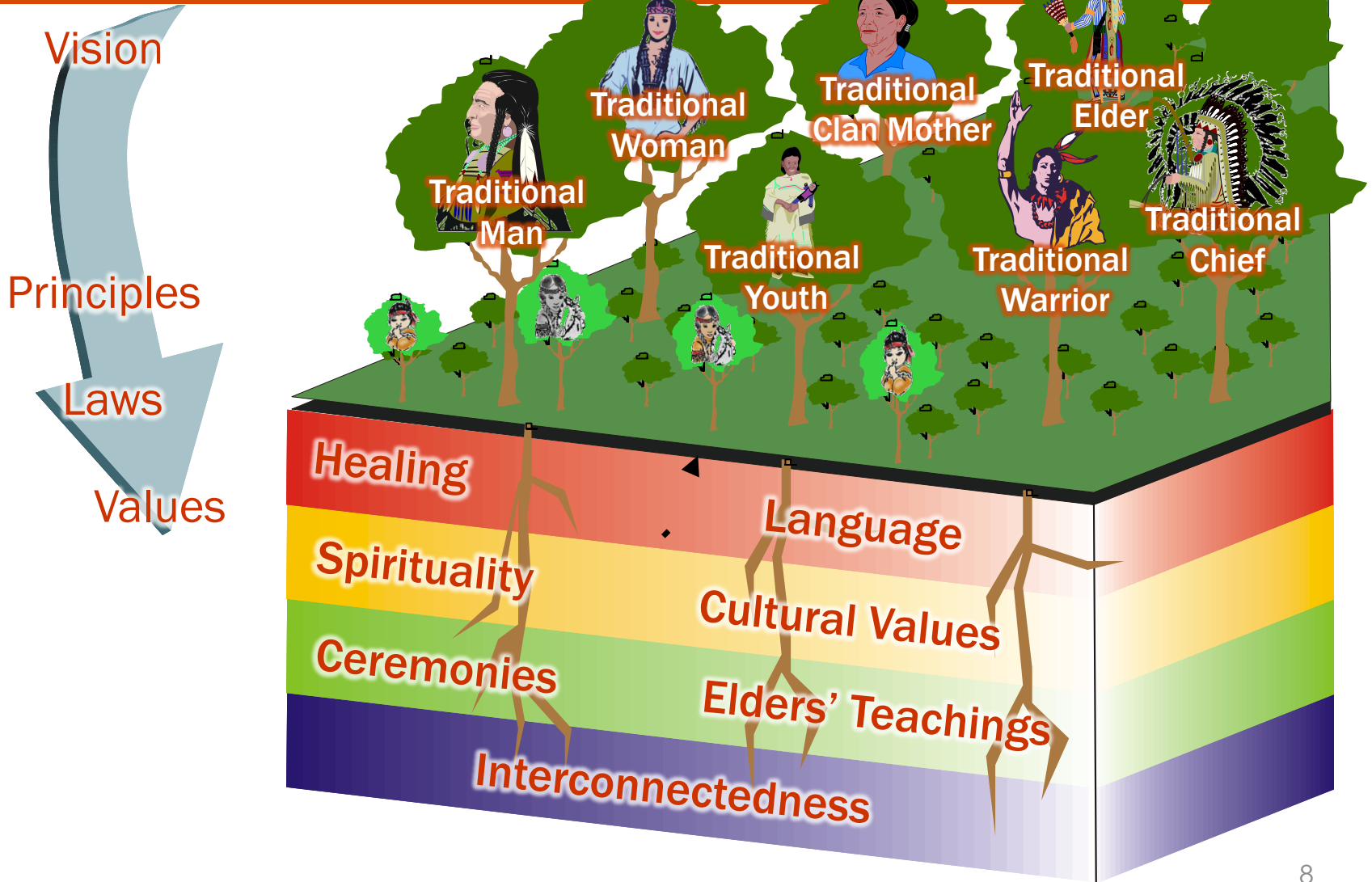
Don Coyhis, President,
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Original teaching came from nature,
the source of Native Culture.



When we had the culture, we had no prisons and jails



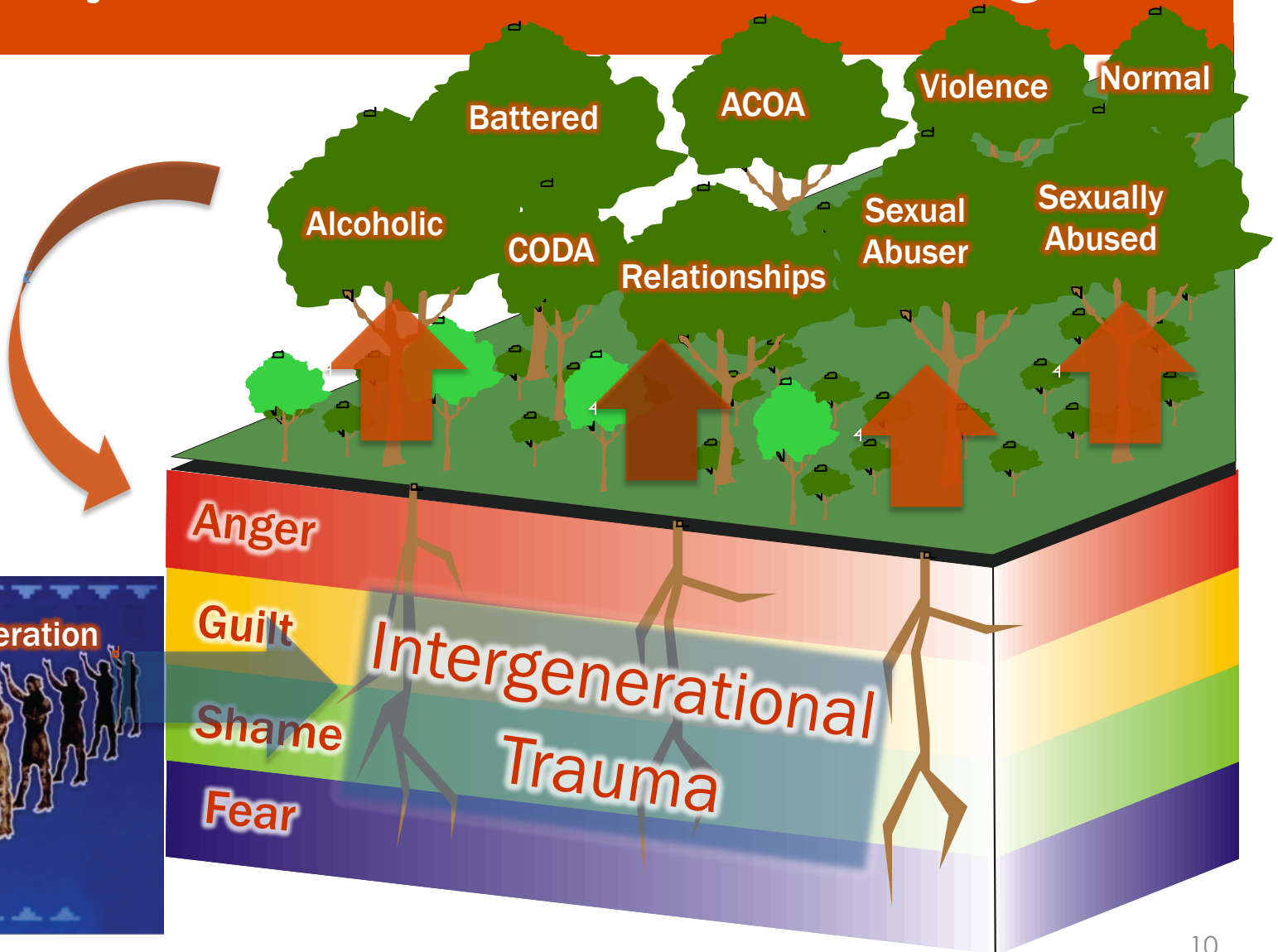
The boarding school era took away the culture and left us with...

Carlisle Indian School



Model school for the nearly 500 schools set up in the United States to assimilate American Indian and Alaska Native children

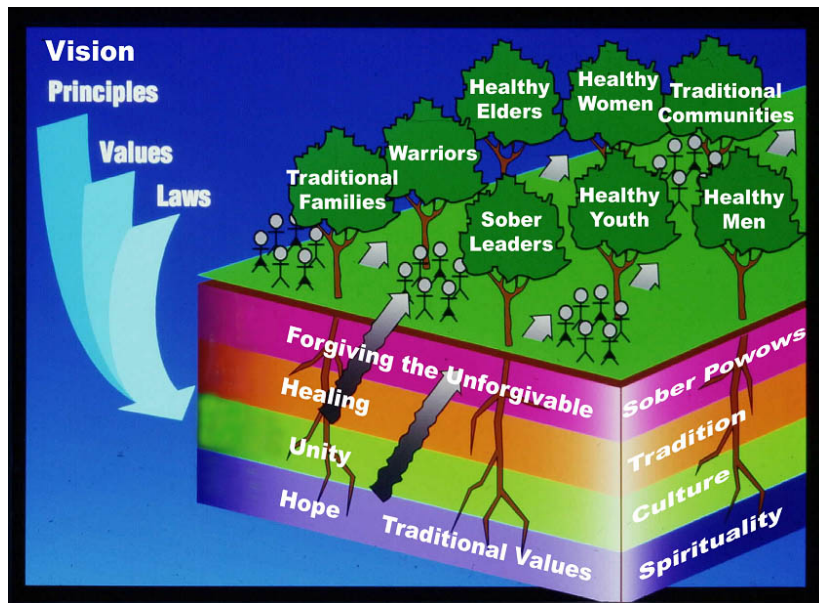
Major social issues, including:



Prisons to Reentry: How do we bring them home and keep them home?

Reentry from prison ...

to Warrior Down...

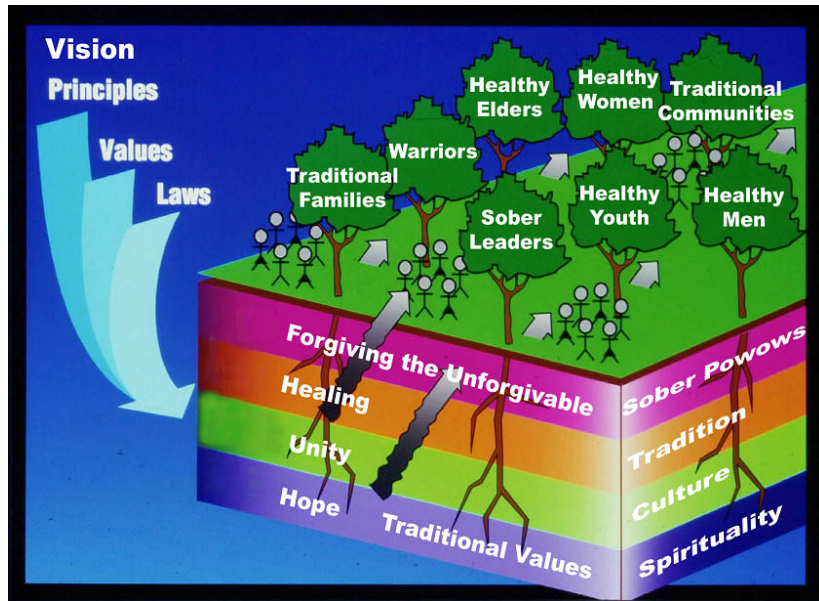


to community

Creating recovery communities in prison before they come home

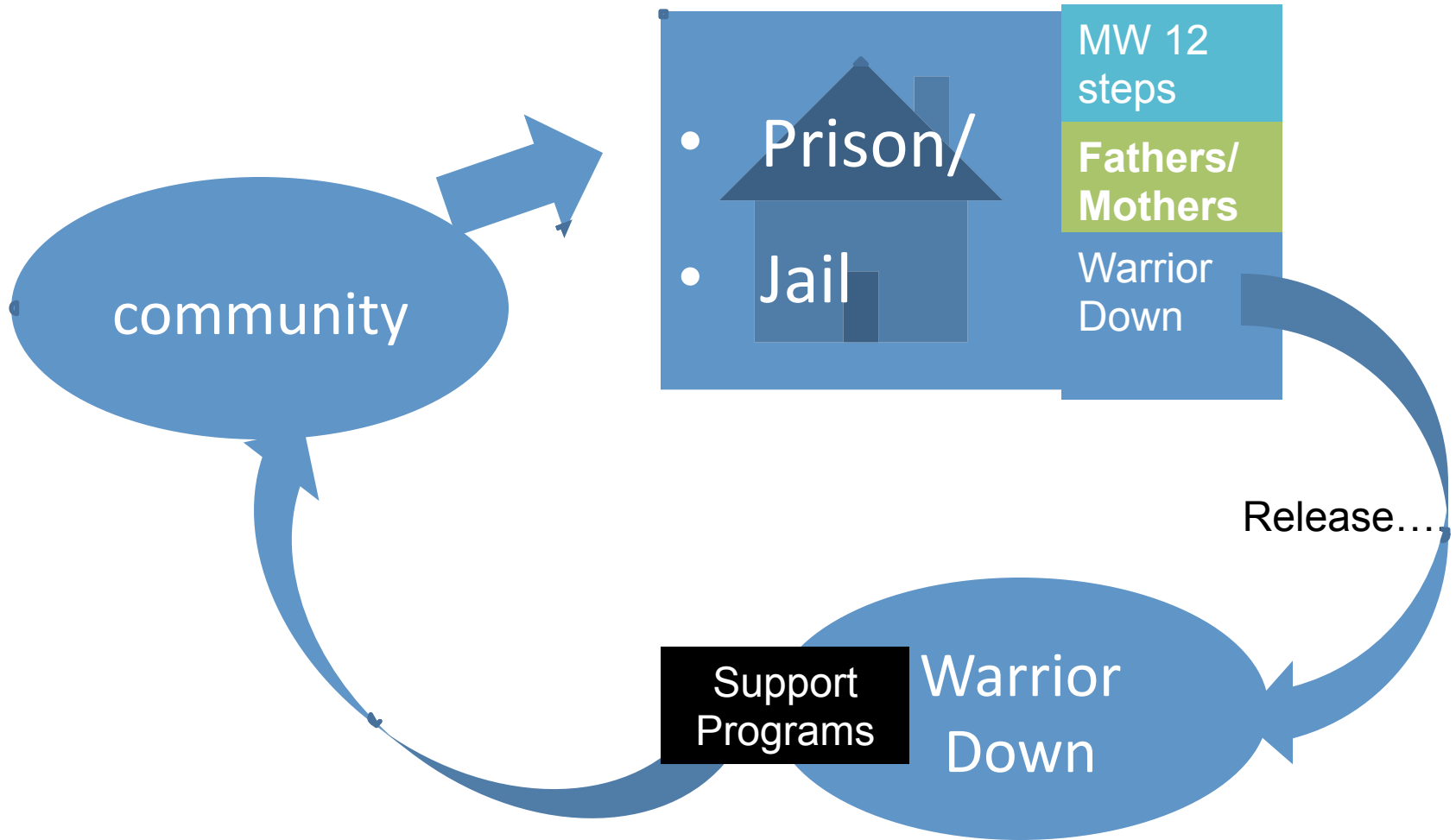
Reentry from prison ...

to Warrior Down...



to community

Start the programs before getting out...



Wellbriety programs for prisons

- Culture-based programs videotaped in prisons
 - 3-day facilitator training (prison counselor)
 - participant manual
 - facilitator manual
- Medicine wheel and 12 steps for men
- Medicine wheel and 12 steps for women
- Medicine wheel and 12 steps for youth
- Mothers of tradition

12 Step program with culture added

The Teachings of the Medicine Wheel

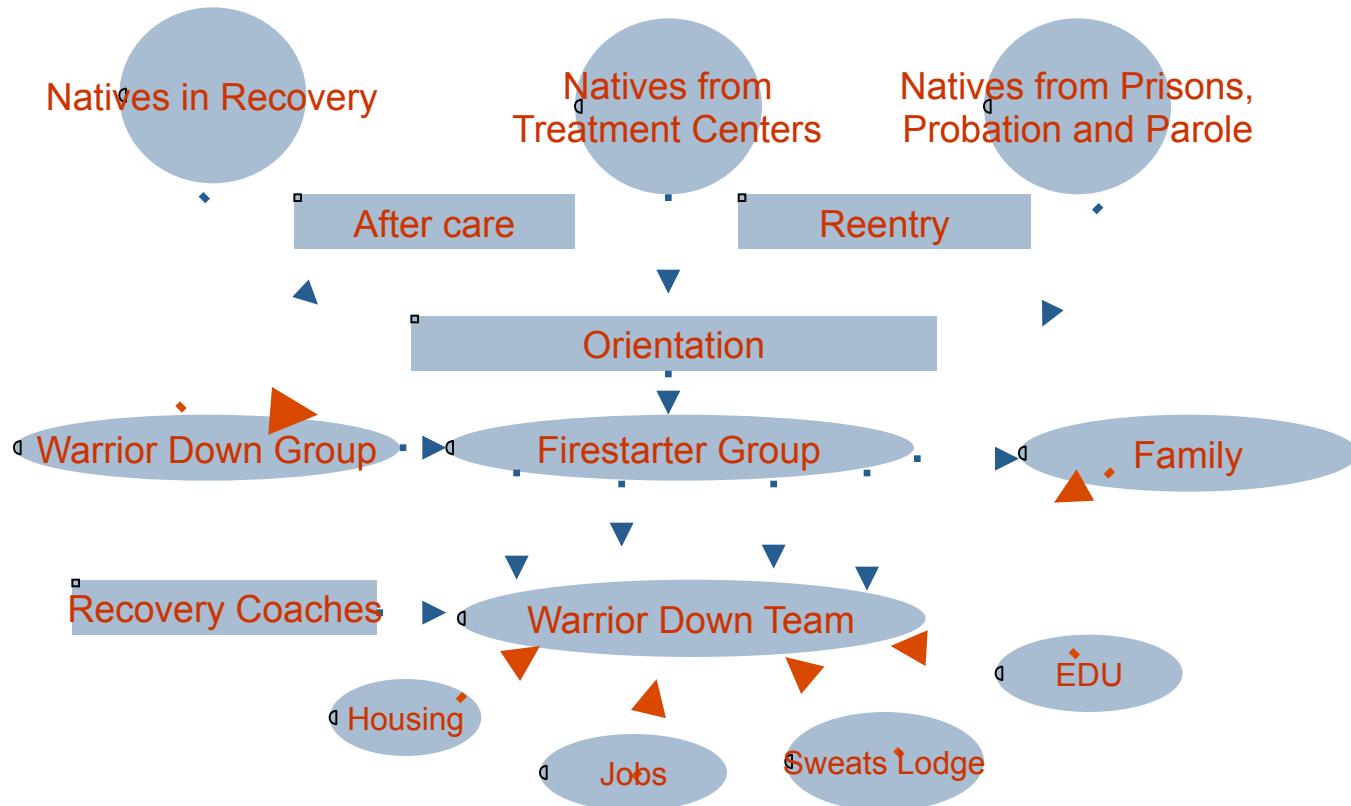


Train facilitators to conduct Wellbriety circles

- Prison counselors or staff
- Community members in recovery
- Therapists

Warrior Down reentry

Returning to the Circle | Warrior Down



Community Preparedness

- Each word has a spirit
- Have elders give new Indian name
- Don't use the word "ex Con"
- Create a warrior down support group
- Have "pay it forward" programs
- Prison family support groups

Reentry for Families “Families of tradition”

- Support for families and children while parents are incarcerated
- Healing and support for parents, grandparents
- Healing and support for children

Question and Answer Session

Questions?

Presenters

Sheila Turner, Director of Family Services,
Toiyabe Indian Health Project, CADC II

Glenn Patrick “Pat” Nelson, CADC II

Issues and Concerns

- Provide a relapse prevention and recovery support program
- Supportive community network
- Reentry Support for returning parolees and probationers
- Clients returning from residential treatment
- Participants have limited parole board approved resources for drug and alcohol treatment in our service area
- Parolees cannot parole out of the county



Issues and Concerns

- Toiyabe's geographical service area is very rural roughly 13,277 sq. miles
- Covers two counties, Mono Co. and Inyo Co.
- Serves a consortium of 7 federally recognized and 2 Indian communities
- Need for increased and more intense services involving family and community
- Decrease in funding dollars for treatment thus a need for Warrior Down Program



Warrior Down

- Brought in Blaine Wood to train 3 different times.
- Initial training, goal and objectives, training of trainers.
- Developed a resource pamphlet
- Toiyabe continued to support, initiate and implement resources (Drug and alcohol, Mental Health services)
- Began Talking Circle
- Community, individuals in recovery, took over the Talking Circle and the responsibilities involved



Warrior Down Photos



Reentry Process

- County Jail Inmates – Conduct talking circles with inmates
 - Raise awareness of needed changes
- State Prison Inmates – Open communication with the parole officer regarding upcoming releases
 - Names and Dates
 - Officer shares Warrior Down program information with parolee

Engaging Clients

- Attend Warrior Down Community Talking Circles
 - Demonstrates support network within their community
 - Families are encouraged to attend
- Attend Warrior Down Talking Circles specific to parolees
- Volunteers make contact with inmates/parolees
- Attend Sweat specific to Warrior Down
 - Families are encouraged to attend
 - Enroll in Tatsibia Intensive Outpatient Program
 - Require family education groups
 - Individual family therapy

Culture and Tradition

- Talking Circles
- Sweat Lodge
- Red Road to Wellbriety-12 step
- Arts and Crafts
- Sobriety Powwows
- Tatsibia Group
- Church
- Smudging



Tatsibia Intensive Outpatient Program

- 16 weeks of intense treatment
 - Drug and Alcohol testing 3 days a week
 - Relapse prevention groups 2 days a week
 - Early recovery groups 2 days a week
 - 4 outside meetings or Talking Circles
 - 1 Family counseling session per week
 - 1 Family education group per week
- Tatsibia is a Paiute word meaning “to work hard at something”



Tatsibia Intensive Outpatient Program

- Involving Families in Treatment
 - Family outings, once a month
 - 1 Family counseling session per week
 - 1 Family education group per week
 - Child care if needed for family group (to assist families to participate)
- Always encourage families to participate in Talking Circles



Leveraging Other Programs

- California American Indian Recovery Services (CAIRS)
- IHS Methamphetamine – Suicide Prevention Initiative
- Tribal TANF
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB)

Challenges

- Continued Support for Community-driven program
- Space
- Sustainability



Successes

- Recognized as a national Warrior Down site
- 17% of IOP graduates are parolees
- Climate of Community has changed to be more supportive
- Clients in recovery have become Warrior Down Mentors
- Client-/Community-driven
- Parolees have regained the trust of the community
- Local agencies, including the law enforcement and court communities recognize and support both Warrior Down and the Tatsibia Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program

Successes

- Tatsibia has continued now for almost 2 years
- County agencies refer Native clients to our program
- We are recognized and utilized as a resource with the county's Drug Court program.
- The Parole Officer has stipulated that parolees return and enroll in the Tatsibia program

Program Evaluation

- Service to Science Evaluation Project
 - Data collection and evaluation to establish Warrior Down as an evidence-based program
- Independent, outside evaluation
- Client Surveys & Feedback



Client Survey Feedback

- Input from returning parolees, family members and community about needed services for a successful Warrior Down program
- Setting goals, objectives, delegating duties
- Don't judge, criticize or give up on anyone!



What Works Best?

- Structure, continuity, accountability, responsibility
- Involve the community



Question & Answer Session

Questions?

Give Us Your Feedback



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- Tribal Probation: An Overview for Tribal Court Judges, American Probation and Parole Association
- Strategies for Creating Offender Reentry Programs in Indian Country, American Indian Development Associates
- Journal of Court Innovation, Special Issue on Tribal Justice, Center for Court Innovation
- National Reentry Resource Center, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- Resource Center for the Elimination of Prison Rape (PREA Resource Center)

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