

Offender Reentry in Indian Country & Native Communities Webinar Series

The Role of Law Enforcement in Offender Reentry

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Today's Presenters:

- Joseph LaPorte: Senior Tribal Advisor: PM-ISE, Washington, DC; Chair, IACP Indian Country Law Enforcement Section
- Patricia Broken Leg Brill: Acting Deputy Associate Director of Corrections, BIA/Office of Justice Services, Washington, DC
- Chief Bill Denke: Sycuan Police Department, California; President, California Tribal Police Chiefs' Association; Vice Chair, Indian Country Law Enforcement Section

Today's webinar is a collaboration between the Bureau of Justice Assistance; The Department of the Interior, Office of Justice Services; and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Indian Country Law Enforcement Section

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Goals for Today:

- Overview of the Webinar
- Introduction of Presenters
- Discuss the law enforcement-corrections collaboration and what can be improved to assist in successful offender reentry
- Summary and Questions & Answers

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Joseph LaPorte:

IACP Indian Country Law Enforcement Section:

Mission Statement: The mission of the Indian Country Law Enforcement Section is to organize and promote law enforcement information, expertise, Native American culture and training for the professional development of tribal, local, state and federal law enforcement in Indian Country.

- Began in 1983 and continues today to work to improve Indian Country Law Enforcement and to collaborate with federal, state and local agencies, the courts and corrections.
 - IACP National Policy Summit, 2001, USDOJ Tribal Crime Data Reporting Conferences; supported BJS Crime in Indian Country Surveys; supported TLOA; PM-ISE Tribal Liaison role
- Who members are and what we do: 195 members; represented on FBI CJIS; USDOJ GLOBAL initiative; Dept of Homeland Security; BIA; and more

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- Why the topic of offender reentry is important to tribal law enforcement:
 - ▣ Improved success of returning offenders into community and lower recidivism rates
 - ▣ Impact on public safety and harmony in tribal communities
- Importance of joining the partnership with tribal programs and resources to build community capacity in support of returning offenders

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- Importance of being informed of the programs that support reentry efforts in the tribe, the state and nationally. For example:

CrimeSolutions.gov includes 24 programs that serve American Indian/Alaska Native Populations

National Reentry Resource Center:

www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/

IACP Offender Reentry Summit Report:

<http://www.theiacp.org/PublicationsGuides/ResearchCenter/Publications/tabid/299/Default.aspx?id=1109&v=1>

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Patricia Broken Leg Brill

BIA/Tribal Jails

□ Overview and Scope of Supervision

- BIA/OJS – oversight of 91 detention programs throughout the United States
- Types of Facilities- BIA/P.L. 93-638/Self-Governance Compacts. The classifications range from temporary hold, transportation teams and long term holding facilities

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□ Numbers of Returning Offenders

- Total Admissions for 2011: 130,721 inmates to include both adult and juveniles
- Number of returning offenders- is currently being studied by the overall BIA/OJS to determine the recidivism rate in the BIA Facilities
- Recidivism- percentage of ex-offenders who re-offend with new offenses after being released.

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BIA/Tribal Jails

□ **Impact of Returning Offenders into the Tribal Community**

- Jail to the community: Lack of resources currently cause offenders to re-offend
- Coordinated Efforts – Justice Systems and all stakeholders in community must work together

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□ How might Law Enforcement be more involved to ensure a higher rate of success?

- Facilitate and Participate – Multi Agency approach to achieving reentry programs
- Strengthen community partnerships with all stakeholders
- To serve as Point of Contacts – Data and notifications
- Develop reentry plans at the time of incarceration
- Develop partnerships and collaboration with external resources
- Participation in the community prevention programs
- Improve the span of supervision and accountability into the tribal courts
- Explore case management options from jails to the community services
- Develop strategies to reduce recidivism

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□ Promising Practices, Policies and Examples

- **Promising Practices:** Tribe's development of reentry programs rely heavily upon tribal resources. Several Tribes have developed practices that are appropriate to individual tribal communities. Most detention centers implement job/skills and GED for adults and Education and Programs for Juveniles. BIA/OJS welcomes these programs and recognizes the importance of reentry.
- **Policies:** The BIA Detention Standards and Handbook outline the need for programs and services. All reentry programs are categorized under the programs and services section.

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□ Promising Examples of Reentry from Jails to Community

Gerald Tex Fox Detention, Residential Treatment Placement Center and aftercare plans and the Circle of Life Prevention Plans.

Sac and Fox Juvenile, Treatment Readiness Placement Program through Cultural support groups and Boys and Girls Club

Hualapai Juvenile Green Reentry Program (OJJDP) and Positive Warrior Work Service Development

Salt River Pima Maricopa Detention Life/Job Skills and Storybook for “Dads and Moms”

Rosebud Sioux Tribe Juvenile, Green Reentry Program sponsored by OJJDP

Ft Hall Detention Center, Tribal Transformation Program and Traditional Treatment Program

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□ Promising Examples of Reentry from Jails to Community

*Warm Springs Detention Center, Community Counseling Center and
a Work Education Development Department (WEDD),*

*Mississippi Band of Choctaw Juvenile, Green Reentry Program
(OJJDP),*

Ft. Peck Youth Services, aftercare treatment program

*Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Courts Assessment program and Adult
Healing to Wellness Program*

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Chief Bill Denke, Sycuan Police Department, CA

Overview of Historical Roadblocks in California

- Misunderstanding/interpretation of Public Law 280 (18 USC 1162)
- Lack of tribal justice systems, including tribal police, courts, and codes (the 3 “C”s)
- The vast differences with the Reservation sizes in California: geographical and population; urban interface to completely rural; and available resources

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Lessons Learned and Best Practices

- A Community Oriented Policing Approach
 - ▣ Especially as it pertains to systemic problem solving: problem identification (prioritize); analyzing the problem (research); and identifying potential solutions (assessing)
 - ▣ Most importantly- involve the **community**, not just tribal justice and elected tribal leaders, in the **entire** process

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Lessons Learned and Best Practices, continued

A Collaborative Approach

- Involve all components of tribal justice system and respective local, state and federal systems from the start...toward a common goal
- Table non-related past issues...with public safety as a priority
- Special tribal conditions placed on offenders released on state parole and county probation
- Special attention given to violent offenders reentering, including restrictive conditions on release

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A New Day and Opportunity

- California's new prison/jail realignment (AB 109) as it applies to nonviolent, non-serious, and nonsexual violators
- Tribal Law and Order Act- assumption of Federal jurisdiction
- Funding available for collaborative multi-jurisdictional and juvenile delinquency programs---restorative justice, holistic approaches to counsel, and alternatives to detention

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- **Questions??**
- **Concluding Remarks**



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