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Pre-Grant Application Webinar  
Helping Tribes and State/Local Governments  
Create Joint Jurisdiction Collaborations  
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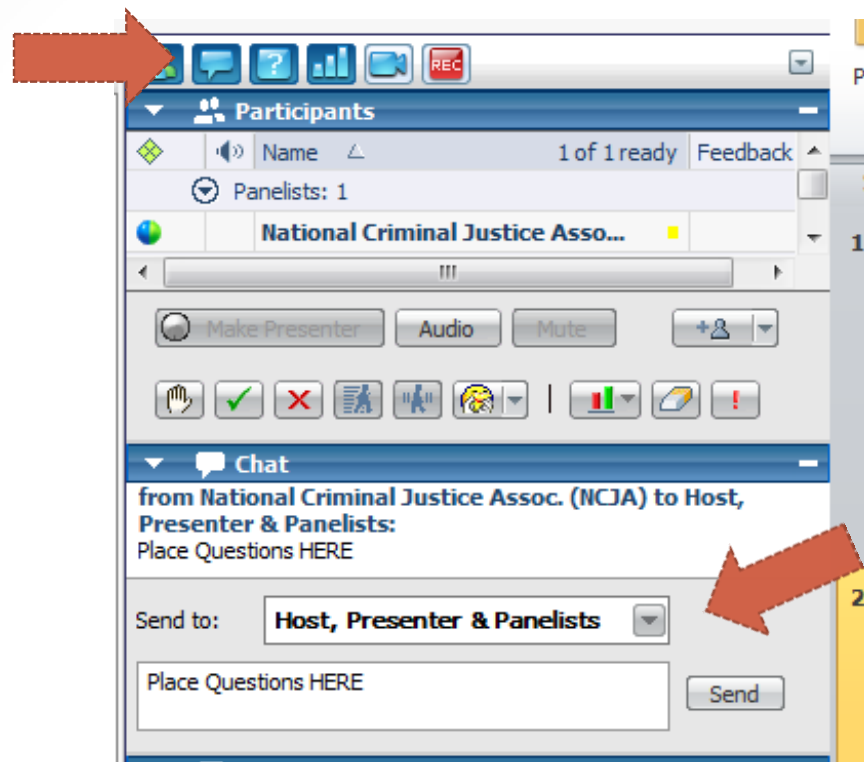
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# Presentation Overview

## **Project TEAM**

- Purpose
- Background
- Services

## **Shingle Springs – El Dorado County, California**

- Project overview and status

## **Project details including eligibility**

## **Application procedure and selection criteria**

## **Questions & Discussion**



# The TEAM Mission

## Our purpose

To assist tribes, state, and local governments in developing joint jurisdiction justice initiatives

## Our intended outcomes

- Improve justice outcomes in the community
- Use resources more efficiently and effectively
- Help repair traditionally difficult relationships between tribes and US governmental bodies



# Background

Project TEAM builds on the collaboration model used by Leech Lake Tribal Court Judge Korey Wahwassuck and Cass County District Court Judge John P. Smith who created the first joint tribal-state jurisdictional court in Northern Minnesota.

Over its six years in operation, the Leech-Lake Cass County Wellness Court has reduced recidivism, improved public safety, inspired other joint jurisdiction collaborations in the area, and contributed to greatly improved relations between the Leech Lake Band and the non-tribal community.



# TEAM Services

## **Project TEAM is funded by BJA to:**

- Provide onsite TTA services to three communities
- Produce a manual on developing and implementing joint jurisdiction justice projects
- Promote the joint jurisdiction model through
  - Conference presentations
  - Webinars
  - Publications





# First Project

## Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and El Dorado County Superior Court El Dorado County, California

Hon. Christine Williams, Shingle  
Springs Tribal Court

Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, El Dorado County  
Superior Court





# Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co.

## Project

A joint-jurisdiction court to provide wrap-around services for juveniles and their families involved in delinquency, truancy, or dependency

## Court Vision

One safe, strong community of thriving families created through trust and healing.

## Population

- Youth up to age 18 and transitional youth 18-24 and their families
- Members of Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians



# Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Challenges

- History of conflict between Tribe and County
- California is a PL-280 state
  - Increased conflict with state/local govt.
  - Decreased tribal justice system development
- Continuing lack of trust in both communities
- Tribal youth getting lost in the system
  - Charter school
  - Juvenile records



# Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Resources

- Excellent relationship between leading judges
- County experienced in building & supporting alternative courts
- Tribal Wellness Center & Wellness Board for treatment/service options
- Strong support from Tribal Council and Tribal Administration
- Widespread, committed support from both Tribal and county government participants



# Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Process

- Applied for Project TEAM technical assistance grant in December 2013
- Awarded grant in February 2014 and planning began immediately
- First step: identify department/agencies from tribal and county sides to participate in planning
- Second step: invite participants.

**Everyone accepted!**



# Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co. Process

## **Project TEAM Services**

- Facilitated three separate, 2-day meetings in May, July, and October 2014
- Helped us identify our Mission, Vision and Goals and ground rules for planning process
- Helped us draft a court procedures manual

## **Healing to Wellness Court Training – TLPI, September 2014**

- 9 participants from tribe, county and Project TEAM staff attended training



# Shingle Springs-El Dorado Co.

## Next steps to project completion:

- **Judge Williams** sworn in as Pro Tem Judge, El Dorado County Superior Court & **Judge Kingsbury** sworn in as Pro Tem Judge, Shingle Springs Tribal Court
- Group continues to meet to finalize processes
- Working on community outreach/education

Expected court start date: **Spring, 2015**



# Second and Third Projects

## *Now Accepting Applications*

**Two sites will be selected** from the pool of applicants to receive technical assistance either:

- March - August 2015
- October 2015 - March 2016

### **TA will include:**

- An assessment of collaboration readiness
- Guidance on forming the collaboration team
- Three on-site visits to design, develop and implement the collaboration project





# Project Details

## Site Visit Objectives

### **Visit one:**

- Build relationships; identify goals, resources and challenges; and develop shared mission statement and project values

### **Visit two:**

- Develop a formal structure for working together including formal agreements, role clarification, and resource commitment

### **Visit three:**

- Finalize collaboration framework/structure; develop work and communication plans; and identify measurable performance objectives and data collection. Develop a plan for implementation.



# Eligibility

**Joint jurisdiction, justice-related projects are eligible for application including:**

- Wellness courts, mental health courts, veterans courts
- Alternative sentencing models
- Juvenile justice program reforms
- Collaborative supervision/reentry programs
- Other projects that meet other eligibility requirements will be considered



# Eligibility

## Requirements

- Must be joint application from a federally recognized Indian tribe and a state or local government authority
- Must designate project leaders from both the Tribe and state or local government
- Must have resolution from tribal government supporting project
- Must be able to participate in three on-site meetings, either April – August 2015, or October 2015 – March 2016



# Application

## **Application is 5-7 page concept paper**

- Statement of commitment from project leaders (20 pts.)
- Description of targeted problem (10 pts)
- Description of proposed joint-jurisdiction collaboration (20 pts)
- List of proposed participants for on-site meetings (10 pts)
- Description of existing tribal-local community relationship and any former or ongoing collaborations

# Application



**Application available** on Project TEAM  
[website](#)

**Applications due** January 30, 2015 by 5:00  
pm, PT

Submit in Word® or .pdf format to  
[leof@ohsu.edu](mailto:leof@ohsu.edu)



# Selection Process

## Initial Review

- Initial review of all applications by 2 TEAM members
- Applications meeting basic requirements and scoring at least 50/70 points will be scored by all TEAM members
- Six top scoring applicants will move on to semi-finalist stage



# Selection Process

## **Semi-finalists will be asked to:**

- Complete an on-line, 15 minute collaboration readiness survey
- Participate in a phone interview with Project TEAM staff
- Phone interviews will take place week of February 16-20, 2015
- These steps worth 30 points total



# Selection Criteria

Commitment of leadership	20 pts.
Description of problem	10 pts.
Description of proposed joint collaboration	20 pts.
List of proposed participants	10 pts.
Background on existing collaboration relationship	10 pts.
Survey completion/phone interview	30 pts.

The two applications with the highest score (out of 100 pts.) will be selected.

All applicants will be notified of decision on March 2, 2015.





# Application Details

Project TEAM [website](#)

Project TEAM [RFP](#)

Project TEAM [application](#)

Applications due January 30, 2015

Decision announced March 2, 2015

## Questions?

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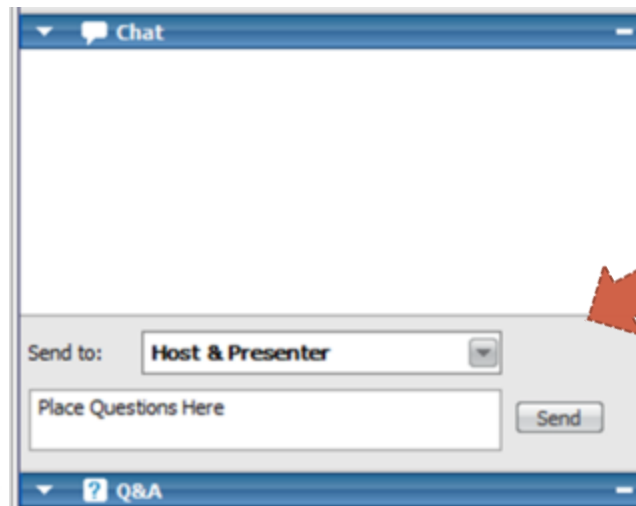
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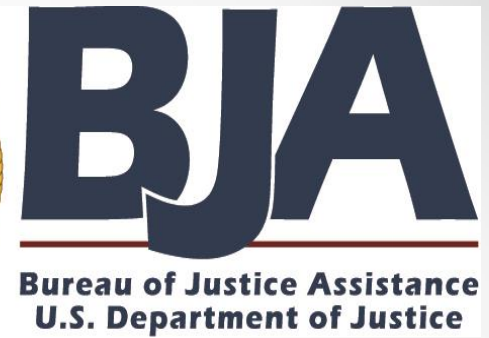
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