

Cultural Perspective

Successful recovery begins by meeting the needs of participants. To accomplish this, we include cultural activities like talking circles, encourage peer support, and build a sense of community within the program and within traditional communities.

The mission of the Native American Urban Drug Court is to create an atmosphere of healing through best practices and traditional methods in pursuit of spiritual and physical recovery for natives with two or more DWI convictions.

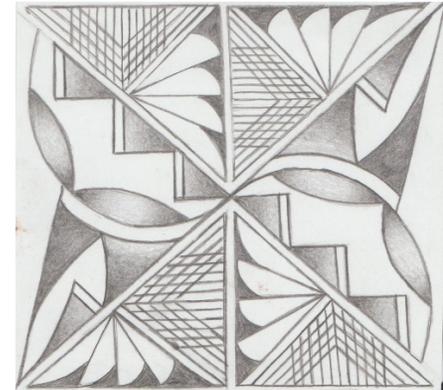
The goals of the program are to reduce incidents of DWI, reduce the number of victims, and improve our community's safety, while changing the lives of each participant through healing, treatment and building a support system.

This is truly an inter-tribal drug court unifying Native Americans convicted in the Bernalillo County Metro Court who meet the drug court criteria.



Urban Native American Drug Court

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A New Life of Sobriety:

What You Have To Look Forward To

- Build a support system in a caring, culturally sensitive environment
- Learn about other customs, traditions and cultures.
- A chance to improve your life situation and opportunities
- With successful participation you can avoid going to jail
- A chance to stop using and live a clean and sober life through individualized treatment and healing
- Help your family and your community
- Participate in traditional customs while participating in probation and treatment
- Experience Native customs and rituals to achieve your goals

PROGRAM PHASES

PHASE 1- STABILIZATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- Each participant will attend two Native groups and/or individual sessions per week focusing on substance abuse
- Attend Judicial face-to-face every two weeks at Drug Court session
- Report to designated probation officer once a week
- Submit to random and frequent drug screening and alcohol testing
- Attend at least one community self-help group such as Alcoholics Anonymous
- Obtain self-help sponsor and meet with them once a week

*Talking circles available

PHASE 2-TREATMENT STAGE

- Treatment focuses on substance abuse and family history and/or issues
- Attend drug court session at least once monthly and complete 24 hours community service
- Report to probation officer once a week
- Attend MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Victim Impact Panel
- Continue all other program activities

PHASE 3- BEGINNING OF MAINTENANCE STAGE

- Treatment will continue to focus on substance abuse and include integrity work
- Attend Drug Court session monthly
- Report to probation officer every two weeks
- Complete mandatory statutory community service hours
- Continue all other program activities

PHASE 4- TRANSITIONAL CARE PHASE: MAINTENANCE

- Treatment will include relapse prevention and understanding family systems
- Attend Drug Court session at least every 6 weeks
- Substance abuse counseling will occur weekly
- Report to probation officer monthly
- Random drug screening weekly and alcohol testing
- Continue community self-help support meetings and sponsorship
- Each participant must give brief presentation on tribal genealogy to drug court participants and judge
- Turquoise Ceremony- graduation