

Tribal Law and Policy Institute

About TLPI

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) is a 100% Native American owned and operated corporation which was established in 1996 to design and deliver education, research, training, and technical assistance programs which promote the improvement of justice in Indian Country and the health, well-being and culture of Native peoples. TLPI's vision is to empower Native communities to create and control their own institutions for the benefit/welfare of all community members now and for future generations. TLPI's mission is to enhance and strengthen tribal sovereignty and justice while honoring community values, protecting rights, and promoting well-being. For more information on TLPI's approach and philosophy, visit www.tribal-institute.org/lists/vision.htm

TLPI has established a comprehensive website ("Tribal Court Clearinghouse") in the 1990s which serves as a resource for American Indian and Alaska Native Nations, tribal justice systems, tribal law enforcement, and others involved in the improvement of justice in Indian Country (www.tlpi.org). TLPI also maintains a series of other web-based publications and resources. For access to TLPI's online resource publication library, visit: www.tribal-institute.org/lists/pubs.htm

Services Provided

TLPI provides training and technical assistance services under two BJA grant programs. TLPI's Tribal Healing to Wellness Court

program includes: Tribal Healing to Wellness Court on-site technical assistance, enhancement training, and publications. TLPI's Tribal Court Collaboration Program includes expanded Walking on Common Ground website, Promising Practices resources, Tribal Legal Studies textbooks, and Tribal Legal Code resources.

Tribal Wellness Courts Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Services

TLPI provides Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) services for Tribal Healing to Wellness (Drug) Courts including

- On-Site Technical Assistance for Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
- Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training
- Tribal Healing to Wellness Court, and publications including:
 - Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Needs Assessment Report (2010)
 - Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Overview of Tribal Drug Courts (revised and updated version available Fall 2011)
 - Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: The Key Components (revised and updated version available Fall 2011)
 - Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Program Policies, Procedures, and Code Provisions (available Fall 2011)
 - Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Treatment Guidelines for Adults and Juveniles (available Spring 2012)
 - Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: The Judges Bench Book (Available Spring 2012)

Walking on Common Ground

TLPI is currently transforming the WalkingOnCommonGround.org website into an ongoing permanent comprehensive resource highlighting tribal state collaboration – especially tribal state court collaborations and forums – and providing resources for those who wish to replicate. The site will be searchable by state (and tribe) through various methods including an interactive map.

Promising Practices Publications/Resources

TLPI is in the process of developing both hard copy and online promising practices resources concerning (1) Tribal-State Court collaborations; and (2) Public Law 280 collaborations. Tentative publication date for both publications will be announced soon.

Tribal Legal Studies Textbooks

TLPI has developed a series of Tribal Legal Studies publication/textbook resources including

- Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies (2nd Edition)
- Tribal Criminal Law and Procedure
- Sharing our Stories of Survival

Instructor Guides are also being developed for all three publications.

Tribal Legal Code Resources

TLPI has developed a series of Tribal Legal Code resource publications /textbook resources including

- Tribal Legal Code Resource: Domestic Violence Laws
- Tribal Legal Code Resource: Sexual Violence and Stalking Laws
- Tribal Legal Code Resource: Crimes Against Children
- Tribal Legal Code Resource: Civil Child Welfare Laws (Available Soon)

Target Audience

The target audience is American Indian and Alaska Native nations and others interested in promoting the improvement of justice in Indian Country and the health, well-being and culture of Native peoples.

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Announcing the Launch of WalkingOnCommonGround.org

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is pleased to announce the launch of the enhanced & updated

www.WalkingOnCommonGround.org. The primary focus of the website is:

- Identify and develop resources concerning tribal/state court collaboration & promising practices
- Identify and develop resources concerning Public Law 280 tribal/state court collaboration & promising practices
- Subject areas include: courts, law enforcement, detention, child welfare, and multi-agency agreements

Features of the website include:

- Tribal-State agreements by topic
- Tribal-Federal Collaborations
- Promising Practices stories and quotes
- Resources on the TLOA
- Interactive searchable map of agreements
- Listing of all federally recognized tribes, tribal websites and counties, by state
- Jurisdictional information

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RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING AND FACILITATING
TRIBAL-STATE-FEDERAL COLLABORATIONS

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