The Ripple Effect of Crime: Coordinating a Collaborative Response to Victimization in Tribal Communities

CRIME VICTIM DEFINED:
“crime victim” includes a person, a group, business, or organization that has been harmed and/or injured due to criminal activity.

A “ripple effect” describes how the impact of crime can spread beyond the immediate victim throughout his or her family, friends, and community.
THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF CRIME

HOW CRIME AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITIES

- COURT PERSONNEL: Ct, Apld, Adyrs, Guardian ad Litem, Prosecutors
- COUNSELING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN
- FOSTER CARE COSTS
- CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS
- CHILD WELFARE WORKERS
- POLICE OFFICERS & INVESTIGATORS

CHILD ABUSE
COURTS: PROSECUTOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL; GUARDIANS AD LITEM

CHILD WELFARE WORKERS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION COSTS

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS & COUNSELORS

SEX OFFENDER REHAB

FOSTER CARE COSTS

COSTS TO INCARCERATE SEX OFFENDER & RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

LOSS OF INNOCENCE (PRICELESS)

MEDICAL COSTS FOR INJURIES AND FOR FORENSIC EXAMS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION COSTS

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

MEDICAL COSTS FOR INJURIES AND FOR FORENSIC EXAMS

VICTIM ADVOCATE

SHELTER COSTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TREATMENT FOR BATTERERS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION COSTS

COSTS TO JAIL OFFENDERS PROGRAMS

LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO INJURIES

LONG TERM EFFECT ON CHILDREN

VICTIM ADVOCATE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

TREATMENT FOR BATTERERS

COSTS TO JAIL OFFENDERS PROGRAMS

LONG TERM EFFECT ON CHILDREN

MEDICAL COSTS FOR INJURIES
TRIBAL NATIONS, STATES, ADVOCATES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, and OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER

1. Establish a relationship by learning each other’s job duties and cultures.
2. Dispel myths and misunderstandings
3. Identify your similarities as well as your conflicts
4. Resolve the differences
5. Creating culturally appropriate services and educating collaborative partners as to cultural issues

The Six Process Factors in Building Collaborations

COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

LEADERSHIP

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

SUSTAINABILITY

Reference Handout: Are we there yet?
Is Establishing a Team a Change for You?

- No way
- No because……..
- You know, maybe …
- Not so bad after all.

Three conditions of change:

- We must be able to envision something better.
- We must be uncomfortable with the current situation.
- We must believe the vision is attainable.
The 80/20 Rule:

10% - Actively embrace change
10% - Actively resist change
80% - Wait and see

Where will you spend YOUR time and energy?

IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM!
Strengths of group problem solving:

- Diversity of problem solving styles, skills.
- More knowledge and information.
- Greater understanding and commitment.
- Tend to be focused.

What are other strengths?

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Stages ... of group development

Gathering the people  ➔ Working out differences

Getting things done  ⇐ Finding common ground
Problem Solving Styles

Collaborator = Big Picture
   *(May neglect the details.)*
Contributor = Task Oriented
   *(May be short-sighted.)*
Communicator = Builds Trust
   *(May over-emphasize team climate.)*
Challenger = Provides Reality Checks
   *(May question relentlessly.)*

Gathering people: Community of Interest

1. Who shares your interest or concern?

1. Who can help you make a change?

2. Who might be affected by change?
Finding common ground

- Build on the positive (Is a vision emerging?)
- Identify commonalties (Common values?)
- Formalize
  - Agree on a Decision-Making Process
  - Plan Some Action Steps
  - Assign Responsibilities
  - Consider Writing it Down

Getting things done

- Try something
- Learn from mistakes
- Have fun!
- Celebrate small accomplishments

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress, working together is success.” -Henry Ford
What is a team? A number of people organized to function cooperatively as a group.

What is a consensus? An opinion or position reached by a group as a whole.

Working out differences: Consensus Building

- All members contribute knowledge and opinion
- Everyone’s input is considered
- All relevant information has been shared
- You are genuinely seeking new solutions
- You may make a personal sacrifice for the sake of the team
- All members support the action as if the decision was their own

Consensus ≠ Majority
U.S.S. CONSENSUS

Passenger List

23 Year Old Beauty Queen
49 Year old Ship’s Captain
25 Year Old Pro Football Player
37 Year Old Plumber
32 Year Old Child Welfare Worker
40 Year Old Microsoft Executive
87 Year Medicine Man

38 Year Old White Supremacist/Survival Expert
54 Year Old Doctor
58 Year Old Carpenter
16 Year Old Unwed Pregnant Girl with Aids
35 Year Old Tribal Police Officer
Who goes over the side?

EXAMPLES OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY TEAMS & ACTIVITIES
NATIVE VILLAGE OF BARROW/ARCTIC WOMEN IN CRISIS

DOWN WITH CHILD ABUSE  UP WITH HEALTHY FAMILIES

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS, WARM SPRINGS, OREGON
TRIBAL VICTIM OF CRIMES PROGRAM
PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
COMMUNITY STORY TREE PROJECT

Gathering people: The Circle of Community
“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

□ Margaret Mead
FINAL EXERCISE:

- Make a list of your potential collaborative partners
- Draft a plan of how to bring them together

Photos above are Google Images of Various Tribal Meetings.

The Star Fish Story

A young boy was on the beach one day, and in the distance he saw a man bending over, picking something up and throwing the item into the ocean. As the man got closer, the boy could see that the man was picking up star fish and throwing them back into the ocean.

As the man approached closer, the boy walked up to the man and asked him what he was doing. The man replied, “I am putting the star fish back into the ocean, otherwise they will die.”

The boy asked the man, “Why are you doing that, even though you have rescued some, look at all those left on down the beach. What does it matter?”

The man bent down, picked up another star fish and threw it into the ocean. He then turned back to the boy and said, “Well, it mattered to that one.”
Thank You
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Wado is Cherokee for thank you

QUESTIONS

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