



Family Wellness Court

The Sobering Facts

- Between 2012 and 2015 there was a 35.62% increase in the number of maternal positive toxicology tests at birth.

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

- Between 2009 and 2013 there was a 69.1% increase in the rates of hospitalization of substance-affected infants.

Despite being less than 7% of the overall county population, Native American women are disproportionately represented in hospital admissions of pregnant women with substance use concerns.

- 18.89% self-identified as Native American

Source: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

- Native American children are also disproportionately represented in the county's child welfare system.

- 33.24% of foster population are Native American

Source: UC Berkeley CWS Outcome Summary

Family Wellness Court Background

Our vision is a strong, healthy community where children are safe and families thrive because parents are provided a path to recover, heal, and grow.

Our mission is to operate a State and State/Tribal Joint Jurisdictional Court that empowers families to make healthy decisions and breaks the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect through:

- A coordinated team approach:

- Presided over by 2 Judges—a Tribal Court Judge and a State Court Judge.
- Operates under California, Federal, and Yurok Tribal laws.
- Empowers families to make healthy decisions and breaks the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect.
- Works to address cultural disparities in the system through comprehensive and culturally competent services.



HUMBOLDT SUPERIOR COURT

The Family Wellness Court Design Team



YUROK TRIBAL COURT



Who We Are

Joint Jurisdiction Court

- *Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, Presiding Judge, Humboldt Superior Court*
 - *Hon Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court*

County and Tribal Stakeholders with experience and expertise in Yurok traditions and values, child welfare, education, law, law enforcement, mental health, probation, public health, substance use disorders, and trauma

Steps Taken

Naming the Problem

• Innovating

FAMILY WELLNESS COURT

Returning to Harmony- Healing Whole Family	Dignity and Promoting Respect
Peer/Extended Family Support Team Model	Therapeutic Model with Opportunities for Self- Healing
Culturally appropriate strategies and interventions	Community Engagement Families Heal Within Communities

Family Wellness Court Four Phases

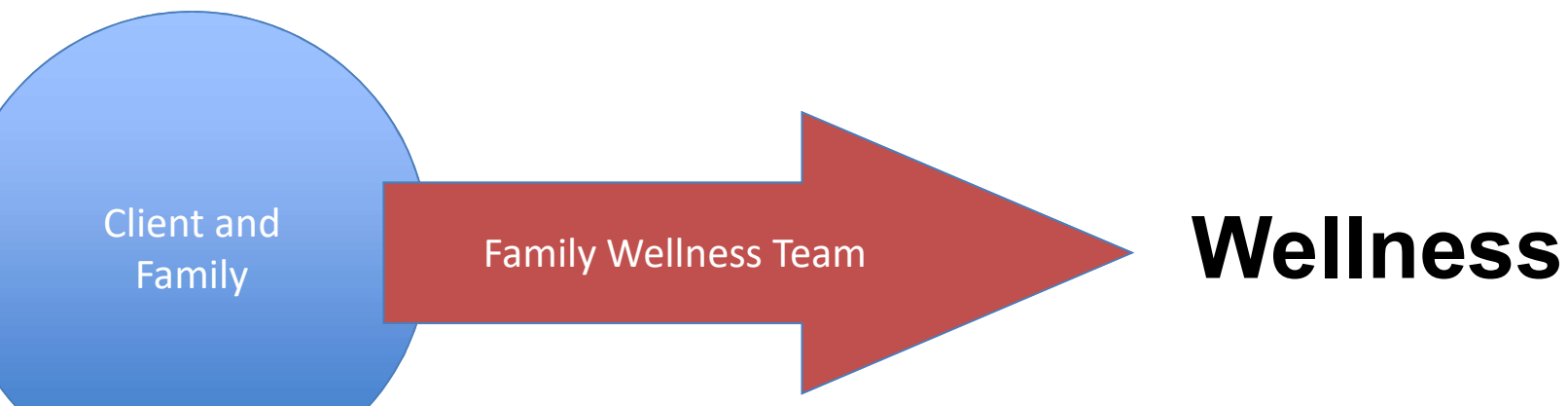
(1) *Trust*; Orientation, Assessments,
Stabilization

(2) *Belonging*; Healthy Connections,
Education, Service Planning

(3) *Settling Up*; Taking Responsibility,



Family Wellness Court Coordinated Team Approach



abuse

- ✓ *Works and learns together*
- ✓ *Leverages all possible resources*
- ✓ *Is accountable for better results for our families*
- ✓ *Respect for different traditions*
- ✓ *Healing individual and community trauma*
- ✓ *Access to our culture/spirituality in our home communities*
- ✓ *Move away from punishment to healing*
- ✓ *Move away from supporting our families in silos to a coordinated team approach*

Thank You!