



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS

SAFER COMMUNITIES THROUGH SUCCESSFUL YOUTH

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TRIBAL CONSULTATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Agency Overview

The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) is responsible for the custody, care, and treatment of seriously delinquent youth who are committed to the agency by the Arizona juvenile courts. ADJC is committed to the promotion of public protection by changing the delinquent thinking and behaviors of committed youthful offenders. ADJC strives to create opportunities for youth and families to lead useful and rewarding lives; and we acknowledge and appreciate communities, families, friends, stakeholders and staff who support positive change in our youth. ADJC recognizes the unique sovereign nation status of tribal government and is committed to the government-to-government relationships it has with Arizona's American Indian Nations in its work to ensure safer communities through successful youth.

Agency Tribal Consultation Policy and Tribal Liaison

This report has been written and submitted pursuant to Arizona Executive Order 2006-14 Consultation and Cooperation with Arizona American Indian Tribes. It provides an overview of strategic partnerships, government to government relationships and opportunities for mutually respectful cooperation that occurred between the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and Arizona's American Indian Tribes. The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections adopted its Tribal Consultation Policy in 2006 and it is reviewed annually and updated when necessary. However, ADJC recognized the need to have an employee with a comprehensive working knowledge of culture, religious practices, socio-economic circumstances, and the structure of operational tribal governments. The Tribal Liaison position was created in 2001, so ADJC was already working to enhance communication and build collaborative partnerships with Arizona Tribal Nations prior to the creation of the Executive Order.

Until 2016, the Tribal Liaison was a full-time position. However, given the declining numbers of committed youth, including a corresponding decline in Indian youth committed to the agency,¹ the decision was made to assign the duties of the Tribal Liaison to the Legal Systems Bureau, where ADJC's Administrative Counsel is responsible for those duties.

¹ From a high of 23 Indian Youth in 2012, representing nearly 6% of ADJC's committed youth, the numbers have fallen to only 4 (merely 2% of committed youth in FY 17).

Goal	Achievement
ADJC shall maintain and continue to cultivate a healthy organizational environment that positively impacts the juveniles, families, and communities we serve in accordance with the tribal consultation policy.	Arizona tribal parents or guardians receive a monthly invitation to attend and participate in treatment team meetings (staffings) and visitation with their youth while they are in agency care.
(same as above)	Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Youth Program Officers III's request attendance and participation of American Indian social workers/caseworkers in monthly treatment team meetings for youth in secure care in the facility or on conditional liberty (parole) in the community.
ADJC shall pursue cooperation with American Indian Tribes represented by our juvenile population, (in accordance with the agency tribal consultation policy).	ADJC's Tribal Liaison has been regularly attending the Federal-State-Tribal Court Forums organized by the Arizona Office of the Courts. Topics discussed include changes to Court Rules regarding Tribal participation in Child Dependency matters, collaboration and cooperation across jurisdictions, integrating Indian legal concerns into judicial education, and the intersection of delinquency, dependency, and ICWA issues.
ADJC shall consider the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act in its work with Arizona American Indian Tribes (in accordance with agency tribal consultation policy)	As indicated above, in addition to considering ICWA guidance in making placement decisions, ADJC has participated with the FSTC Forums in their discussions of ICWA caselaw and the suggested rule change to the Arizona Rules permitting Tribal representation in cases where ICWA is implicated.
ADJC shall provide cultural awareness training/ opportunities for staff to ensure cultural sensitivity in their interactions with others (in accordance with agency tribal consultation policy).	ADJC employees attended the Western Regional Community Supervision Summit in Laughlin, Nevada, which included extensive presentations and workshops regarding awareness of cultural issues in supervising Indian youth and adults on probation and/or parole.

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