



Session Resources

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Session C3: Innovative Strategies- Tribal Youth Courts and Peer-Led Processes

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Workshop Description: Youth/Peer courts provide strategies for diversion, peer engagement, and youth led-processes. Learn how Tribal youth and peer courts offer a unique opportunity for communities to support youth accountability and develop proactive and prosocial solutions by engaging youth who have minor or first-time infractions.

Session Resources:

- [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Youth/Teen Court Diversion Programs Special Feature, Overview](#)
Resource that provides an overview of Youth court diversion programs and links to additional resources to promote the development of a youth court program.
- [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Teen/Youth Court Literature Review, \(2010\)](#)
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Literature Review of Teen/Youth Courts with information about the target population, types of teen/youth courts, outcome evidence and publications related to youth court development.
- [National Association of Youth Courts](#)
The National Association of Youth courts is a non-profit organization and serves as a central point of contact for youth courts across the nation, providing information services, delivering training and technical assistance, and developing resource materials on how to develop and enhance youth court programs in the United States.



- [Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court Spotlight, Intertribal Court of Southern California, Youth Court and Peer Decision Makers](#)
The Intertribal Court of Southern California introduced a youth court in coordination with other youth-serving programs. The program focuses on alternative justice and creative approaches to case resolution.
- [Building Culturally Relevant Youth Courts in Tribal Communities, Ada Pecos Melton](#)
Overview of development of youth courts in Tribal communities complementary to existing Indigenous judicial systems and approaches to support mediation and resolution of cases involving juveniles.
- [Center for Court Innovation, Youth Courts](#)
Webpage with photos, publications, and media resources about several youth courts.
- [National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention, Youth Courts](#)
Brief covering information about youth courts, how they work, effectiveness, accountability, cost savings, benefits, and school partnerships.
- [Restorative Justice Project, A Diversion Toolkit for Communities](#)
A diversion toolkit for communities developed by the Restorative Justice Project. (General/Non-Tribal)
- [Journal of Youth Development, Promoting Youth Competence Through Balanced and Restorative Justice: A Community-Based PYD Approach](#)
A study about the Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) model which engages a youth offender, victims, and community and promotes three associated goals: accountability; community safety and competency development. BARJ integrates a positive youth development approach (PYD) to increase and enhance youth competency.

