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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, in partnership with the Center for Evidence-based Policy at the Oregon Health and Sciences University, you are invited to attend a special briefing on a new and rapidly expanding criminal justice alternative: joint jurisdiction courts. These courts are partnerships between tribal and non-tribal justice systems. Over two days, three briefing sessions will be held. Each session will contain the same information and speakers to accommodate varying schedules. The briefing sessions will be held at the Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services buildings. See chart below.

In joint jurisdiction courts, tribal and non-tribal judges share the bench and work together to improve justice outcomes in the community. There are now seven joint jurisdiction wellness courts in operation, a new tribal-federal joint jurisdiction court is in the final planning stages in Montana, and the Yurok Tribe in California has begun planning a new court as well. This special briefing will educate attendees about existing tribal-state and tribal-federal wellness courts, describe how successful joint jurisdiction partnerships are created, and how they work.

This special briefing will take place at these locations (below).

In-Person	WebEx
Wednesday, November 1 10:00 – 11:30 am Eastern Time (ET) Room 3500, Video Conference Room Office of Justice Programs 810 Seventh Street, NW Washington, DC 20531	To start the online event: At least 15 minutes before the starting time: 1. Go to: https://ojp.webex.com/ojp/onstage/g.php?MTID=e116fa3fb6e9cededf4f337c1db6a9c64 2. On the Event Information page that appears, register for the session. No password required. 3. On the Event Information page that appears, click "Start Now". ----- Audio conference information: US TOLL: +1-415-655-0003 Access code: 644 894 031
Wednesday, November 1 2:30 – 3:30 pm ET (Note: Session is one hour.) Room 2611, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of Interior	<u>Conference Call Information:</u> Phone #: (Local)202-353-0880 (Toll Free) 1-800-521-6079 Pass Code: 16644941#

Washington, DC	
Thursday, November 2 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET Room: Switzer 3401/3322 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 330 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20416	1. Go to Start the meeting 2. On the Event Information page that appears, add your name, no password required. 3. Click "Start Now". ----- Audio conference information: 202-774-2300 (Meeting Server Main Number) Access Code: 994 533 288

Presenters at the briefing will include The Honorable Korey Wahwassuck and The Honorable John P. Smith (retired), founders of the first joint jurisdiction court in the Nation; members of Project Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM), the BJA funded technical assistance staff that have worked to help create three of these courts over the past four years; and judicial and law enforcement staff from joint jurisdiction courts operating in Alaska and Minnesota. Judges and court staff from California may join.

Attendees at the meeting can expect to learn the following:

- What is a Joint Jurisdiction Court?
- What courts are currently in operation?
 - Where are they?
 - Who operates them?
 - What populations do these courts serve?
- What is the model Project TEAM has used to help tribes and their non-tribal partners develop and implement these courts?
- What are the benefits of joint jurisdiction collaboration?
- What does the future look like for joint jurisdiction courts?

For more information about joint jurisdictional courts and manual to develop tribal, state, and federal justice collaborations, visit www.WalkingonCommonGround.org.

If you are external participant of a federal agency, please plan for additional time to get through security.

We are pleased to present this special briefing on this new and expanding program area and look forward to your presence. Please RSVP to Norena.Henry@ojp.usdoj.gov and identify which briefing session you will attend security purposes. For further information, please contact 202-616-3205.

Sincerely,

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