



Pre-Grant Application Webinar: Project TEAM: Helping Tribes and State/Local Governments Create Joint Jurisdiction Collaborations

On Wednesday, January 7, 2014 at 3 p.m eastern time, please join us for an exciting webinar on tribal-state court collaboration presented by members of Project TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). Project TEAM is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to sites who wish to design and implement joint jurisdiction justice projects. Project TEAM's model is based on the successful experience of Judge John Smith and Judge Korey Wahwassuck who created the nation's first joint jurisdiction court in Minnesota. Their collaboration began in 2006 when Judge Smith, then a district court judge in Cass County, and Judge Wahwassuck, a judge in the Leech Lake Band of Objiwe Tribal Court, joined together to address high numbers of drunk driving fatalities in their community through a joint jurisdiction Wellness Court. The Cass County-Leech Lake Wellness Court was successful in reducing recidivism, improving public safety, and helping to significantly improve the relationship between the tribe and the surrounding community.

In 2013, BJA funded Project TEAM to provide TTA to one community and help them design and implement a joint jurisdiction project of their own. After a review of applications, Project TEAM selected the proposal submitted by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and El Dorado County Superior Court in California. After TTA visits in May, July and October, 2014, the Shingle Springs-El Dorado County collaboration had agreed to a draft court procedure manual and had a plan in place to launch a joint jurisdiction, juvenile and family wrap-around wellness court in the spring of 2015.

The BJA has authorized Project TEAM to provide TTA to two additional communities. Representatives of Project Team and the National Criminal Justice Association will host this webinar session. They will review the Request for Proposals and the application process for eligible jurisdictions that want to create their own joint jurisdictional justice collaboration.

Presenters:

Judge Korey Wahwassuck, Judge, District Court, County of Itasca, Minnesota
Judge John Smith, Judge, Court of Appeals, State of Minnesota
Judge Christine Williams, Judge, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Court
Judge Suzanne Kingsbury, Presiding Judge, El Dorado County Superior Court
Jennifer Fahey, JD, MPA, Project TEAM staff member
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To access the Request for Proposal, please visit the Project TEAM [website](#).
To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

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