

Rocky Mountain Region Public Safety & Justice

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Strengths

- Partnerships/Collaborations
 - BIA, Tribal, Local Law Enforcement, IHS
 - [Drug Task Forces](#)
 - Methamphetamine Awareness Partnerships
 - Tribal Governments, BIA, OJS, IHS
- Commitment
 - Tribal Leaders committed to increasing awareness; prevention; and rehabilitation
 - Evidenced by increased participation, partnerships, etc.
 - Personnel/Staff
 - BIA/Tribal staff committed to making a difference
- Purple Feathers Campaign
 - Partnership with Tribal Governments to provide best quality services to Tribal communities
 - Hope [Cards](#)
- Data Gathering
 - [Crime Statistics](#), alcohol/drug related incidents, child neglect/endangerment



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Weaknesses

- **Prevention**
 - Lack of resources to adequately address prevention component
- **Information/Data Sharing**
 - Although Data is compiled, no method (i.e. Internet/Database) to share and provide proper analysis
- **Staffing**
 - Seriously lagging behind national standards (Status Critical)
 - Hiring Controls/Restrictions – Time it takes to hire & train personnel
- **Funding**
 - Staffing/Resources
- **Facilities**
 - Deteriorated/Inadequate Detention and Office Facilities
 - Lack of adequate facilities for Youth Detention
- **Tribal Courts**
 - Under-funded

Public Safety & Justice Opportunities

- **Trend – Decrease in Alcohol related incidents**
 - Capitalize on this trend, what has worked/what hasn't worked
- **Community Awareness/Outreach**
 - Continued/Increased awareness/prevention initiatives
- **Regional/Consolidated Detention Facilities**
 - Where feasible, consolidated facilities serving multiple reservations
 - Even consider including local communities
- **Community Involvement**
 - i.e. DOJ Community Coalition Grants (\$100k/yr for 5 years)
- **Improved Data Sharing**
 - i.e. Data Bases available to OJS/Tribes via dedicated system through internet



Public Safety & Justice Threats

- **Methamphetamine**
- **Increase in Child Neglect Cases**
 - Direct correlation to increase in Meth use
- **Increase in Property Crimes**
- **Increase in Domestic Violence Cases**
- **Outside influences**
 - i.e. Cartels/Gangs see reservations as opportune “Target” for drug enterprises
- **Gangs**
 - Increased Gang activity within reservation youth



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Regional Priorities/Initiatives

- **Methamphetamine**
 - Awareness; Prevention; Rehabilitation
- **Alcohol Abuse Prevention**
- **Prevention**
 - Increased/renewed emphasis on prevention
 - i.e. DARE programs in the schools
- **Tribal Courts**
 - Increased funding for Tribal Courts in order to allow courts to adequately deal with issues before the courts
- **YOUTH - THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES**
 - Increase Awareness; Prevention; Rehabilitation
 - Give them a choice, a Future
- **Community Involvement**
 - Community Policing



Rocky Mountain Region \$\$-End-\$\$ Questions?

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