BREAKOUT SESSION: Juvenile Justice: Innovative Approaches Across Indian Country
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 23, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. EDT

SUMMARY: This breakout session showcases three innovative approaches taken by Tribal Nations to address juvenile justice issues within their communities. It features a panel of legal experts and on-the-ground practitioners sharing the institutions, policies, and programs their Tribal Nations have developed to address issues of substance abuse, mental trauma, truancy, and crime that so often tear communities apart. Attendees will hear strategies for engaging Native youth and helping them stay connected to their families, cultures, and communities. The session will also preview NCAI’s release of three juvenile justice case studies produced in full collaboration with the panelists and their Tribal Nations, which will provide additional transferable lessons for tribal leaders, practitioners, and key decision-makers trying to heal and strengthen their youth and their communities at-large.

AGENDA:
The initial portion of this session was pre-recorded. However, panelists will attend the live delivery of the session to field and answer audience questions in real time during the session through the chat function.

Session Welcome, Session Framing, Panelist Introductions
- Ryan Seelau, Senior Researcher, Partnership for Tribal Governance, National Congress of American Indians

Panelist Presentations
- Addie Rolnick, Professor of Law, William S. Boyd College of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Chaniel Grant, Coordinator, Healing to Wellness Court Projects, Blackfeet Nation
- Kami Hart, Judge, Children’s Court, Gila River Indian Community

Sneak Peek: NCAI’s Juvenile Justice Case Studies

Attendee Q&A
This portion of the session will be live, with NCAI, moderator, and panelists answering questions posted by the attendees in the Zoom chat.

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