

## **Needs Assessment of Tribal Juvenile Justice Systems**

The American Indian Development Associates and the NM Children, Youth and Families Department have partnered to conduct assessments of tribal juvenile justice systems aimed at identifying the types and needs of justice systems operating among the 19 Pueblos and 2 Apache Tribes in New Mexico.

The assessment will provide information about the tribal justice structure in terms of judicial composition, legal counsel i.e., prosecutors and defense counsel, court administration, probation composition, the use of written codes, customary law and tradition, and court processes. The assessment will document strategies used to address the needs of court-involved youth in terms of secondary prevention and tertiary intervention methods such as the use of probation, custodial placements for treatment or rehabilitation purposes, and short or long-term confinement.

The assessment will also identify tribal justice system improvement needs, training and technical assistance needs, resource development and other capacity and capability development needs. Identify tribal-state relationships that enable use of state services for delinquent youth through intergovernmental agreements allowable under the NM Children's Code.

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