

Interdepartmental Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness Session

Rapid City, South Dakota June 16-18, 2010

Dear Tribal Leaders:

We are honored to invite you to participate in the next Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness (TJS&W) session scheduled for June 16-18, 2010, at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. This national session will precede the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference, and will continue to emphasize justice, safety, and wellness issues.

We look forward to reporting our progress on past sessions and providing you with the latest information about our respective activities. We encourage you to send key policy decision-makers, tribal administrators, executive directors, finance and grant administration officers, tribal planners, grant writers, justice and law enforcement personnel, health care providers, and tribal program project coordinators and grantee officers.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has welcomed federal partners to join in a collaboration, and today TJS&W representatives include the DOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Native American Issues Subcommittee in the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, Office of Tribal Justice, and Office on Violence Against Women; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Indian Health Service, Office of Minority Health in the Office of the Secretary; Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs ; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs; the Small Business Administration, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Together, we have worked steadily to respond to your stated needs.

Program topics include numerous sessions that guide the federal grants/contracts application and management and reporting requirements; health care; housing and community development; tribal data systems; tribal courts; detention facilities; tribal youth programs; victims assistance; suicide prevention; alcohol and substance abuse; community-based partnerships; sex offender management, registration and notification programs; and data reporting and information sharing.

This TJS&W session will also provide an opportunity, on June 18, for dialogue with federal partners on a number of topics, including a consultation with the DOJ Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART) on Adam Walsh Act implementation issues and Proposed SORNA Supplemental Guidelines.

Current OJP grantees are eligible to use funds to attend and participate in these sessions. Please visit the TJS&W Web site at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov to register for the upcoming session and find agenda updates and hotel information.

If you have any questions regarding the session, please call Kauffman and Associates, Inc. at (301) 588-6800 (TDY/TDD), or send an e-mail to info@tribaljusticesafetywellness.org.

Tribal Leaders

We look forward to our continued work with you to build and enhance tribal justice, safety, public health, safe housing, and economic development in tribal communities.

Sincerely,

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