

# Juvenile Justice: Alternatives & Effects of Detention

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- ▶ Over 580 federally recognized tribes in the United States
- ▶ Over 350 Tribal court systems (developed and developing)

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National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Casey Family Programs

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National Center for State Courts

# California Removal Rate (County (per 1000)

▶ Humboldt County	54.3		
▶ Del Norte County	49.0		
▶ Fresno County	27.3		
▶ Sacramento	32.7	vs	23.7
▶ San Diego	17.9	vs	16.8
▶ Los Angeles	15.6		
▶ Sonoma	31.3	vs	14.8
▶ Mendicino	40.0		

# Alternatives to Detention as a Tribal-State collaboration

- ▶ Diversion at the law enforcement level
- ▶ Bench to Bench communication between tribal and state courts
- ▶ Development of tribal justice programs (probation/social services)
- ▶ Tribal led support (anger management/substance abuse/batters groups)
- ▶ Healing to Wellness Courts
- ▶ Joint jurisdiction Courts ( state-tribal)
- ▶ Educational opportunities for state bench officers on tribal tradition/custom

# Impact of Detained Tribal Youth

- ▶ Historical “Boarding School” trauma
- ▶ Removal from tribal communities and tribal support
- ▶ Loss of culture
- ▶ Loss of language
- ▶ Loss of family support/relationship
- ▶ Loss of spirituality
- ▶ Dependency on system for life skills
- ▶ Inability for tribes to intervene on treatment options for youth

# Why Detention ??

- ▶ Lack of reliable resources for youth
- ▶ Lack of suitable community based programs
- ▶ Regionally/geographically only option available
- ▶ Has exhausted all alternatives
- ▶ System is simply “tired” of dealing with youth
- ▶ For the protection of the youth/community



# Thank you...

Listen...they know some things.



# Who is responsible for Impact on our Native youth?

