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Investing in Fatherhood to Reduce Re-offending, Recidivism, and Violence in Tribal Communities

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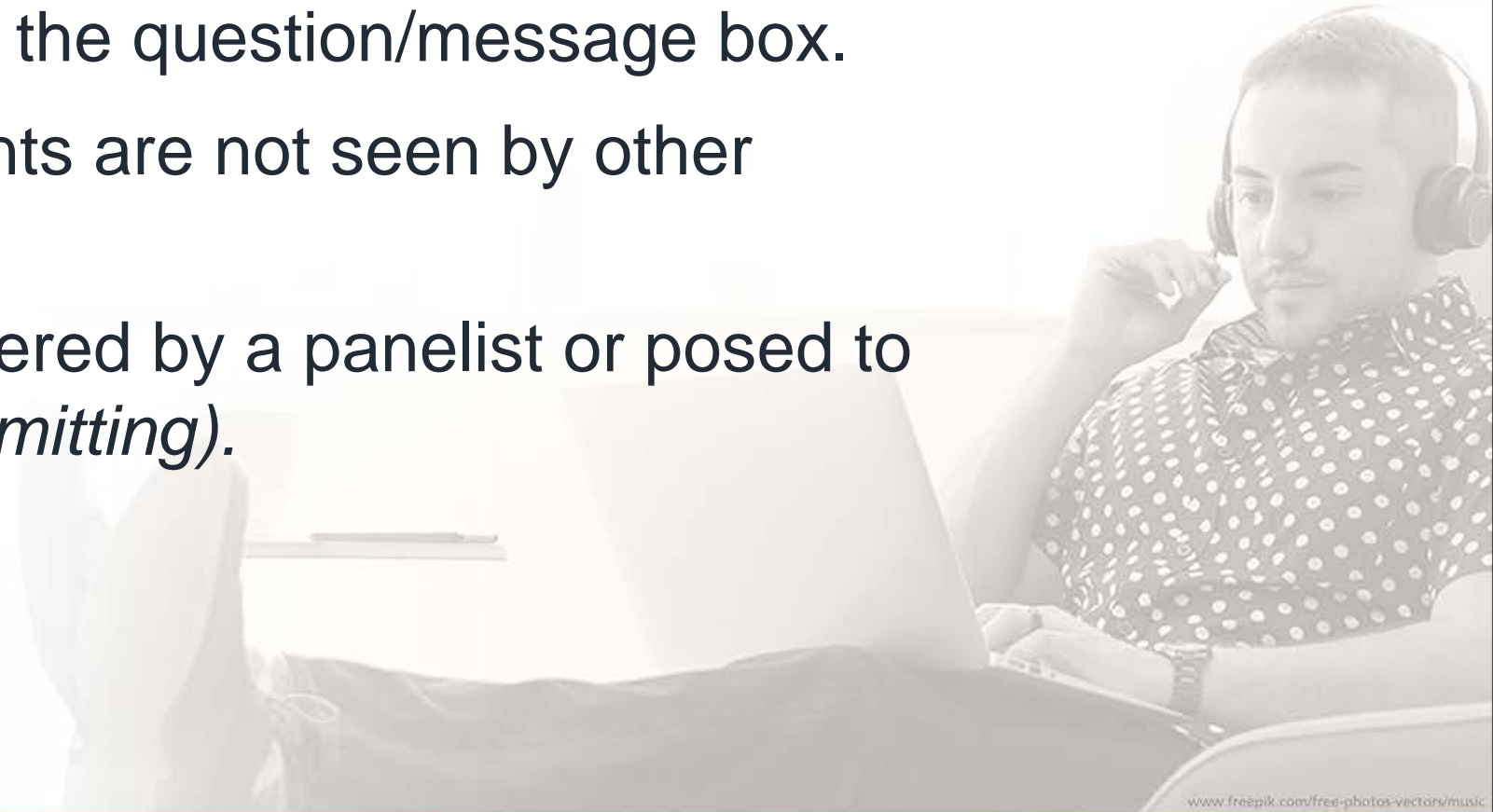
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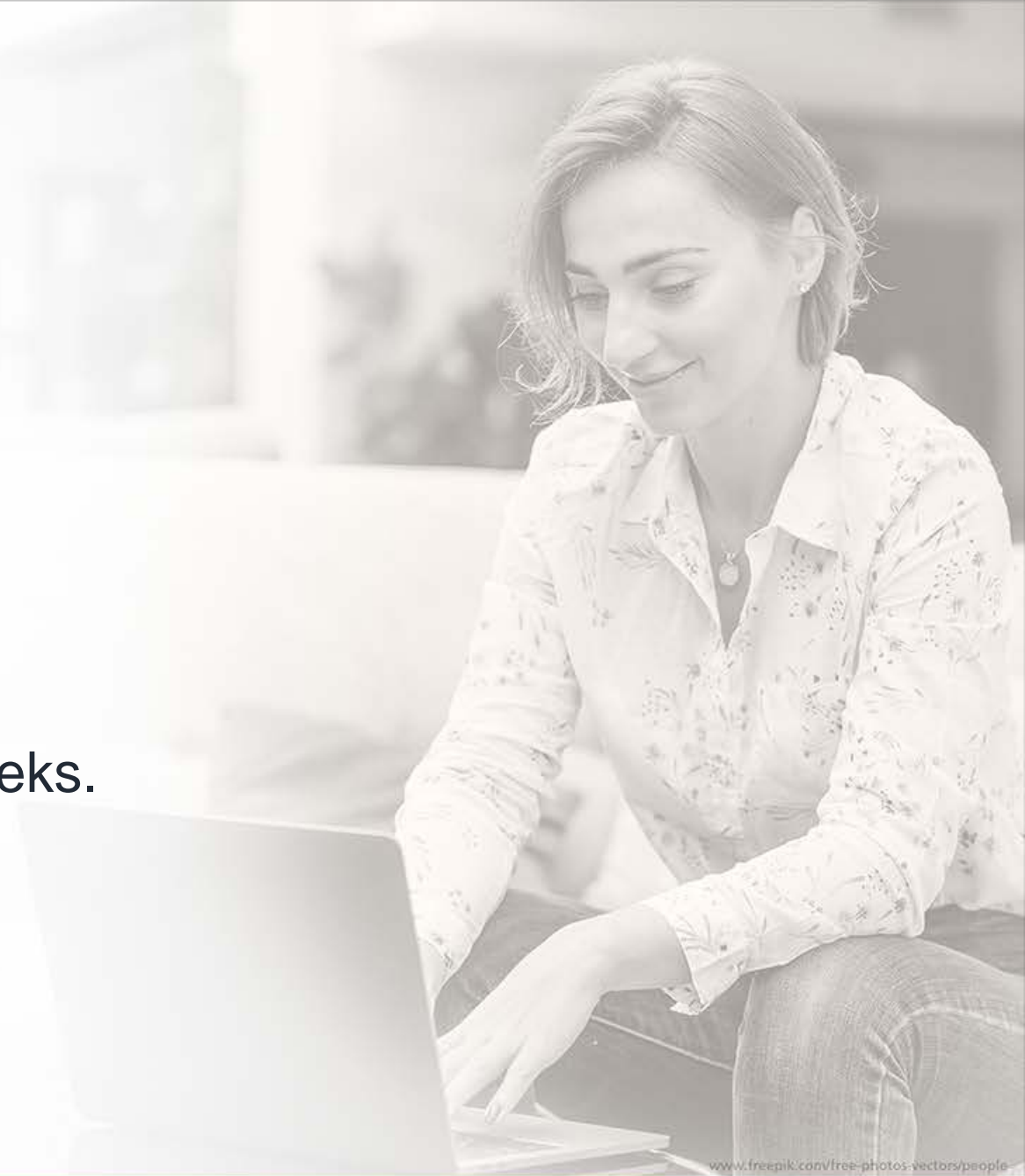
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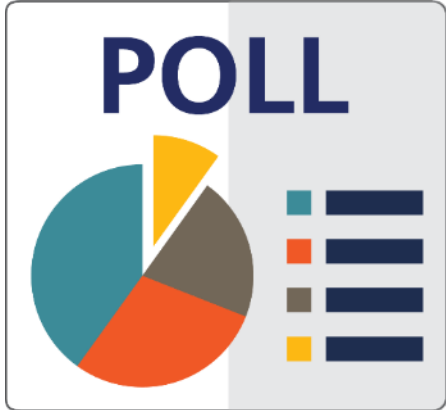
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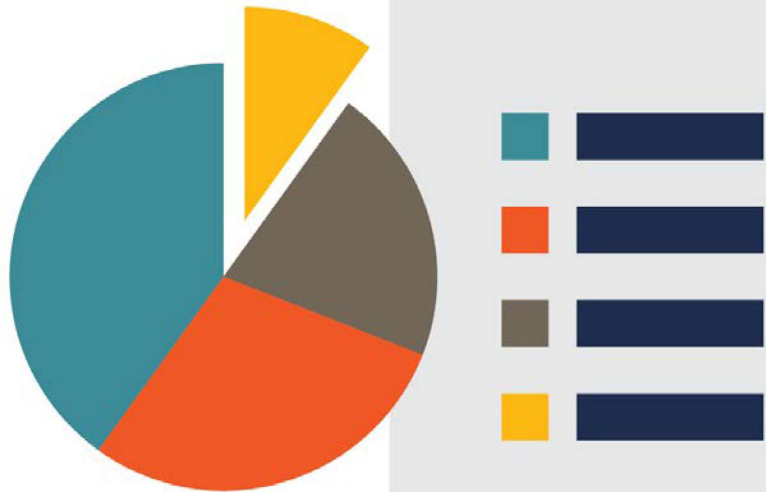
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Which of the following best describes your role?

- Corrections / Probation / Parole
- Judge or Attorney
- Law Enforcement
- CAC, Social Worker, Victim Services Provider or Mental Health Provider
- Other



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Learning Objectives

- 1 Explain the importance of investing in Fatherhood
- 2 Examine the benefits of fatherhood programs
- 3 Discuss examples of fatherhood program models
- 4 Identify power partners/resources for successful fatherhood programs

POLL



Do you currently have a fatherhood program in your community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



Why Invest In Fatherhood?



The Biggest “Big Brother” Program in the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Em1TrAXUF3s>

The Impact of Fatherlessness



Just the Facts

Father absence
is to blame for many of our
most intractable social
ills affecting children.

The old adage,
"correlation does not
imply causation,"
does not apply
to the effects of father
absence on children.

SOURCE: McLanahan, S., Tach, L., & Schneider, D. (2013). The causal effects of father absence. Annual Review of Sociology, 39, 399-427.

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**JUST THE
FACTS**

According to the
U.S. Census
Bureau,
**19.5 million
children,**
more than 1 in 4,
**live without
a father in
the home.**

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SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau. (2018). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1960 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

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Children living
without their
father in the
home are

47%
more likely to
live in poverty.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health
& Human Services (2012).
Information on poverty and income
statistics: A summary of 2012
current population survey data.
Retrieved from:
[http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/Poverty
AndIncomeEst/ib.cfm](http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/PovertyAndIncomeEst/ib.cfm)

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Just the Facts

92%
of parents
in prison
are fathers.

SOURCE: Glaze, L.E., & Maruschak, L.M. (2010).

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Just the Facts

Adolescent boys with absent fathers are more likely to engage in delinquency than those with fathers who are present.

SOURCE: from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. Cobb-Clark, D. A., & Tekin, E. (2014).

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Just the Facts

Children raised in a father-absent home are more likely to experience behavioral problems.

SOURCE: Osborne, C., & McLanahan, S. (2007). Partnership instability and child well-being. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 1065-1083..

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Benefits of Father Involvement



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Involved dads improve their children's **overall emotional and social well-being.**

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SOURCE: Adamsons, K., & Johnson, S. K. (2013). An updated and expanded meta-analysis of nonresident fathering and child well-being. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 27, 589-599.




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FACTS

Boys have fewer behavior problems and girls have fewer psychological problems **when they have involved dads.**

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SOURCE: Sarkadi, A., Kristiansson, R., Oberklaid, F., & Bremberg, S. (2008). Fathers' involvement and children's developmental outcomes: a systematic review of longitudinal studies. *Acta Paediatrica*, 97, 153-158.



Just the Facts

Daughters are
**less likely to
engage in risky
sexual behavior**
when they have
consistent contact,
and a sense of
**closeness, with
their dads.**

SOURCE: Green, B., Davis, C., Clark, T., Quinn, C., & Cryer-Coupet, Q. (2014). Father involvement, dating violence, and sexual risk behaviors among a national sample of adolescent females. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, <http://jiv.sagepub.com/>.

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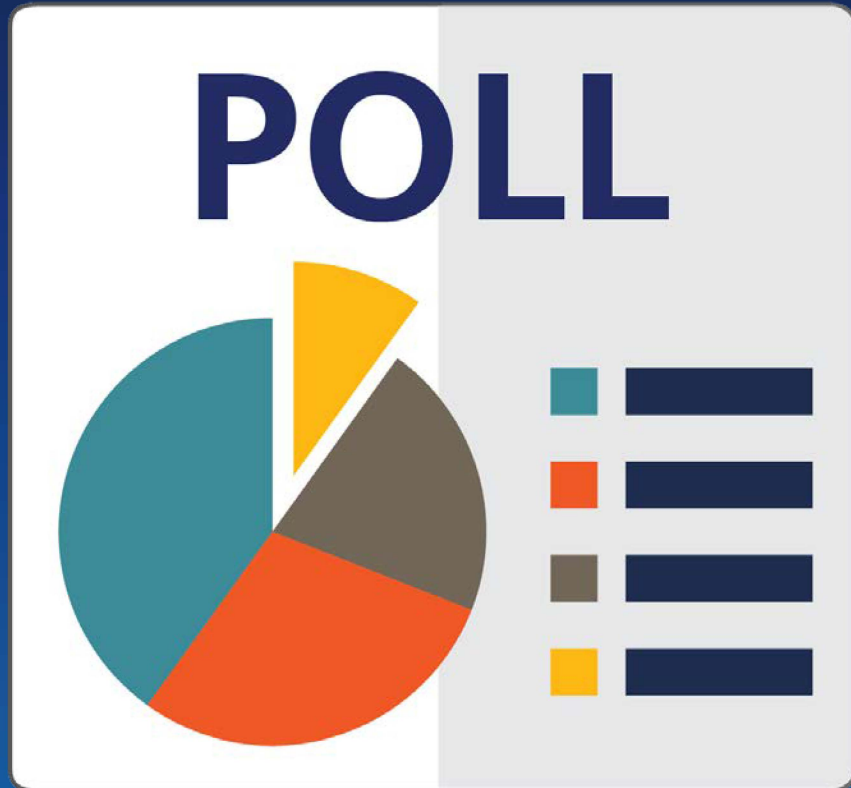
Adolescent/
Teen boys
who live with
their dads are
**less likely to
carry guns
and deal
drugs.**

SOURCE: Allen, A. N., & Lo, C. C. (2012). Drugs, guns, and disadvantaged youths: Co-occurring behavior and the code of the street. *Crime & Delinquency*, 58(6), 932-953.



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Are you familiar with fatherhood programs?

- Yes, I am familiar with the programs and what they provide
- I have heard of them, but I am not familiar with the benefits
- No, I have no prior knowledge of fatherhood programs

What Is A Fatherhood Program?

- Empower men to play a more active role in their children's lives
- Educate men on the importance of their roles, not only as fathers, but as community members
- Provide skill building for active fathering and relationship building
- Case management for participants





- Fatherhood curriculum(s) and activities
- Cultural education
- Role play
- Community involvement and volunteering
- Introspective activities
- Talking circles


Fathers That Can Be Served

- In-home Fathers
- Noncustodial Fathers
- Incarcerated Fathers
- Low-Income Fathers
- Stepfathers
- Military Fathers
- Teen Fathers
- Fathers of Children with Special Needs
- Father Figures



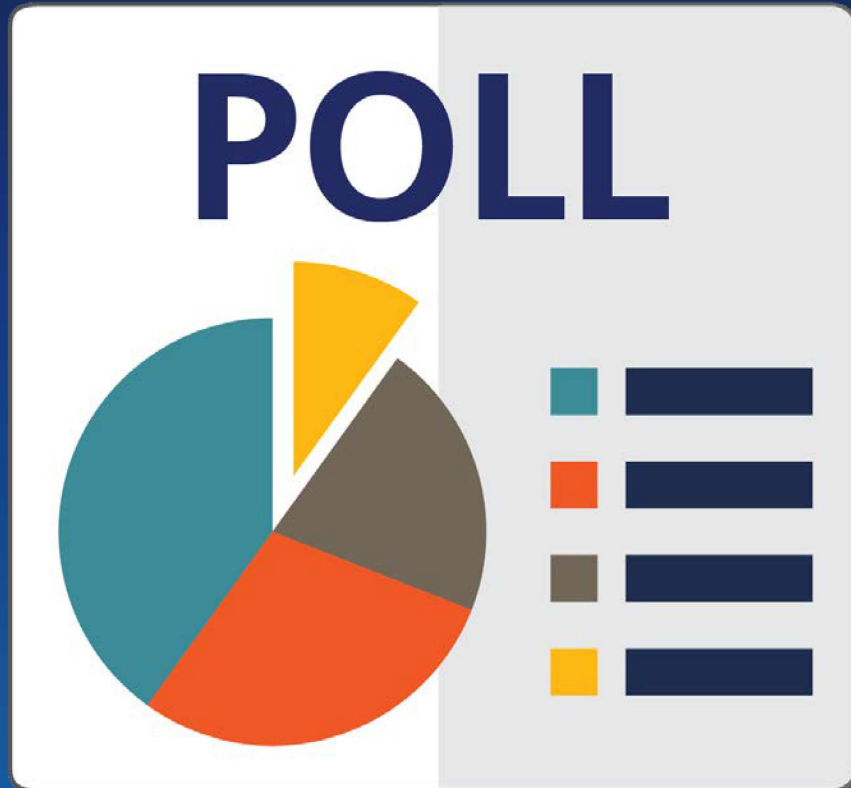
Pillars Of The Program

- Setting the foundation: Creating a positive self concept
- Understanding parent/child relationships: developmental stages, behaviors, discipline, etc.
- Understanding adult relationships: co-parenting, how to fight fair, functional Vs dysfunctional relationships

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- A woman in traditional Mayan dress, seen from the back, carrying a young child on her back. The woman has a large, ornate bow in her hair and wears a patterned blouse. The child is wrapped in a patterned cloth. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene.
- Accountability and responsibility: understanding that the consequences in our lives are based on the choices we make
 - Father's importance and responsibility to family and community
 - Open mindedness: Willingness to change

“Progress is impossible without change, and those that cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

- George Bernard Shaw -



Does your organization have a collaborative network?

- Yes, we have a strong collaborative network with many other departments/ organizations
- We have a collaborative network but it is small
- No, we struggle build a strong collaborative network with other departments/ organizations



Fatherhood Program Models

Community

DOC

High school

Re-entry

Juvenile detention/facilities

Group homes



Power Partners and Resources

- Social Services
- Behavioral Health
- DOC
- Probation
- Tribal Council
- Schools
- Health Services
- Substance abuse program
- Domestic violence program
- GED
- Casinos (if available)
- Outside entities

Potential Outcomes

- Has 3.7 GPA at university and will be starting externship in August for Nursing Assistant. Will be graduating with his class in December. Has also completed IOP class.
- Reunified with his children who were in CPS custody.
- Was released from the federal prison less than a year ago. Has obtained a job, got his driver's license and has purchased his first car.
- Received GED and has enrolled in community college.
- Has increased his involvement with his children and increased communication with his wife/girlfriend.
- Has become more involved with his community and cultural practices.





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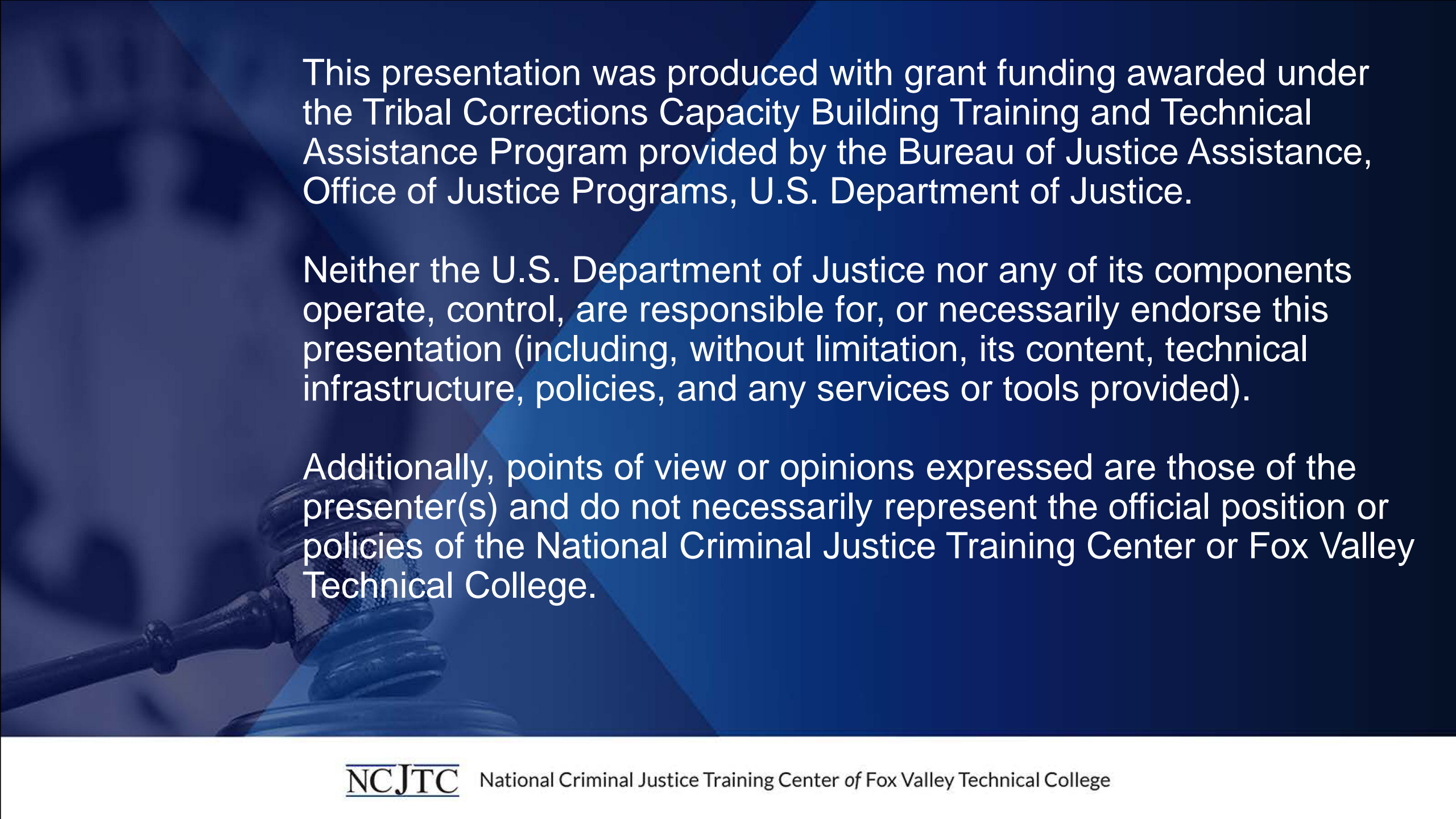
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