

# COMPASS

Moving Forward Together

## September is National Recovery Month - Let's Break the Stigma

According to the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), in 2023 over "30.5 million adults aged 18 or older perceived that they ever had a substance use problem" with 7 of 10 adults considering themselves in recovery (SAMHSA, 2023). This is an encouraging statistic that may signify a growing awareness, increased access to resources and a willingness to pursue recovery. In this month's edition of the NCJTC Compass newsletter we recognize those on their recovery journey and we remain committed to ensuring criminal justice professionals and service providers have access to meaningful training, TA and resources to impact change in their communities.

Together, we can break the stigma and foster a community that prioritizes mental well-being for all.



[Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Innovations in Native American Communities](#)



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Americans have courageously sought help for substance use disorder

# 35

Years of National Recovery Month being celebrated every September

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Did you know we can come directly to YOUR facility to [host](#) training?

## Training and Resources to Address Substance Misuse

### Live Online or Classroom Courses

- ✓ Drug Identification and Recognition to Support Tribal Justice [Oct 16 - 17 | Zuni, NM](#)
- ✓ Drug Influence and Detection [Oct 18 | Zuni, NM](#)
- ✓ Current Drug Trends [Nov 12 - 15 | Live Online](#)

### Self-Paced Online Training

- ✓ Drug Identification and Recognition Series [ncjtc.org/drugid](http://ncjtc.org/drugid)



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# NCJTC Impact



## Our Tribal Response to Alcohol & Substance Misuse Training & Technical Assistance Program Champions Recovery

NCJTC is honored to serve as the training and technical assistance provider for the Tribal Responses to Alcohol and Substance Misuse TTA Program, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The TRASM TTA Program provides support to BJA Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Area 3 grantees, tribal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grantees, and other interested tribal communities.

The over-arching goals of our TRASM TTA program are to build the capacity of tribal justice-funded grantees and tribal justice systems in preventing and reducing crime related to the impact of illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances on tribal members and communities, reduce the number of overdose fatalities, and foster healing and culturally based pathways to recovery.

**Training and technical assistance (TTA) opportunities include:** onsite meeting facilitation and customized & specialized training, regional trainings, conferences, webinars and virtual training, peer-to-peer support, written resources on alcohol and substance misuse, community planning, justice system collaboration and grantee best practices.

TRASM TTA program also maintains a very close, collaborative relationship with external agencies and other BJA Tribal TTA Providers and COSSUP TTA Providers to ensure comprehensive and cohesive support is provided to tribal communities.

This program also seeks to enhance multidisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional collaborations including with federal, state, and local partners to address public safety and wellness needs. Providing a holistic approach to supporting our Tribal partners remains one of our top priorities, as we deploy a multi-phase approach to partners.

The first phase remains centered on creating awareness of the trends, risks, and approaches to blending evidence-based practices with culturally driven treatment and interventions.

The second phase is focused on providing training, resources and support as they implement changes within their communities.



To request and build a customized TTA plan, please contact us at [info@ncjtc.org](mailto:info@ncjtc.org) or (855) 866-2582. You may also request TTA online via [ncjtc.org/trasm](https://ncjtc.org/trasm)

Native Americans experience substance use disorders at a higher rate than White Americans due to several factors - including: historical trauma, socioeconomic challenges, and limited access to culturally relevant healthcare. These factors contribute to increased vulnerability and highlight the need for targeted support and treatment.

According to [SAMHSA](#), American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) are **three times as likely** to be diagnosed with substance use disorders and 4 in 10 Native American adolescents (12-17 years) having a lifetime prevalence of illicit drug use.

Through our current TRASM award (Oct 2019 - present) NCJTC has:

**13K**  
attendees served  
(approximate)

**32**  
out of 50 U.S.  
states impacted

**241**  
unique tribes &  
Alaska Native  
villages served

**35K+**  
visits to the TRASM  
webinar library  
(through 7/2024)

## Champions of Recovery

We proudly support COSSUP's Champions of Recovery campaign, a series is designed to highlight the successes of those in recovery; to showcase community-based programs that support the recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

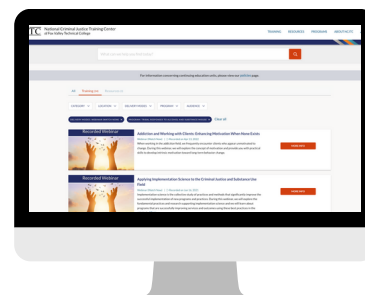
In honor of Recovery Month we are sharing success stories:

NCJTC coordinated the participation of several tribal community representatives in the series - [click here](#) to learn more about Champions of Recovery series!

[Sarah Chivers](#), Cook Inlet Tribal Council



- [Courage Crawford](#), Spotted Bull Resource Recovery Center (Ft. Peck Tribes)
- [Robert Dorton](#), Tanana Chiefs Conference
- [Rene Ramirez](#), Lummi Nation
- [Glavis Wagner](#), Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation)
- [Jason Butler](#), Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- [Kenneth Rice](#), Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe
- [Sunny Goggles-Duran](#), White Buffalo Recovery Center, Northern Arapaho Tribe
- [Brian Dubray and Rob Snyder](#), Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribes



## Check out a Recorded Webinar!

Recorded webinars are a great way to learn on your own time. We have over 30 webinars dedicated to substance use and recovery - for training details and a full list of recordings, visit [ncjtc.org/trasmwebinars](http://ncjtc.org/trasmwebinars)

- ✓ [Investing in Fatherhood: Supporting Native Fathers Struggling with Addiction](#)
- ✓ [Opioid Addiction and Medication Assisted Treatments for Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Peer Recovery Support Services in Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Strategies to Reduce Underage Substance Use in Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Intro to Neurobiology of Addiction](#)
- ✓ [Examining the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Misuse among Tribal Populations](#)

## DID YOU KNOW ?



We became the inaugural TTA Provider for BJA's Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program in 2002 and have continued to provide TTA for 20+ years!



# What's New at NCJTC?



## 911-Telecommunicators & Missing and Abducted Children

[November 14](#) | Appleton, WI

[REGISTER HERE](#)

911 Telecommunicators are the first responders in missing children cases, playing a critical, life-saving role as the link between a missing child and their safe return. This **interactive course** will equip telecommunicators with the essential skills and resources needed to manage these high-stakes situations. By analyzing real cases, learn to recognize the various types of missing children incidents and how they are reported. Through call analysis and scenario-based learning, explore optimal practices, utilizing NCIC, APCO, and ANSI systems and standards. Additionally, the course focuses on resilience-building strategies to support the telecommunicator's mental health in these emotionally demanding cases.

Did you miss the last issue of the NCJTC Compass?

[Check it out here!](#)



*Interested in learning about upcoming training opportunities? Scan the QR code to sign up now!*

**TELL US YOUR STORY**

Submit your NCJTC training success story by visiting [ncjtc.org/tellusyourstory](https://ncjtc.org/tellusyourstory)

Learn about this cutting edge technology - register for **Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy CLASSROOM** training in Provo, Utah! Training starts October 28 and has a limited # of seats available.

[Click here](#) to read what 2024 training attendees have to say about this course, view the agenda and reserve your seat!

★★★★★ *"Amazing class...I am not completely new to genetic genealogy in case work but I learned so much!! I have been empowered to try analyzing data myself for a case that we have not had success on. I also have a ton of resources that I can share with my partner and active homicide team. Thank you for the knowledge, resources and encouragement!"*

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