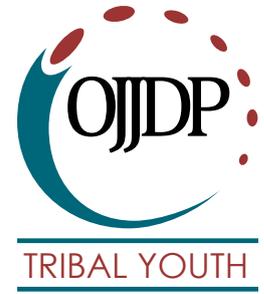


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Attorney General Jeff Sessions Announces New Actions to Support Law Enforcement and Maintain Public Safety in Indian Country

As part of the department's efforts under the Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety (Task Force), Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced a series of actions the department will take to support law enforcement and maintain public safety in Indian Country.

"It is paramount that tribal police have the tools they need to fight crime and maintain public safety in their communities," said Attorney General Sessions. "Law enforcement in Indian Country faces unique practical and jurisdictional challenges and the Department of Justice is committed to working with them to provide greater access to technology, information and necessary enforcement."

The following three actions were announced today:

1. The department will deploy the **Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP)** to 10 tribal sites, beginning today with the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. This expanding program, which was first implemented in 2015 as a successful pilot program with nine tribes, is designed to provide federally-recognized tribes access to national crime information databases for both civil and criminal purposes;
2. In support of the Task Force, the Office of Tribal Justice will coordinate a series of listening sessions with tribal law enforcement officials and tribal leaders to ensure the unique perspective of law enforcement in Indian Country is taken into account; and
3. The Office of Tribal Justice has created the Indian Country Federal Law Enforcement Coordination Group, an unprecedented partnership that brings together sworn federal agents and other key law enforcement stakeholders from 12 federal law enforcement components, including: the Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Services and Indian Country Crimes Unit, the U.S. Marshals Service and the Office of the Inspector General; The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services; the Department of Health and Human Services; the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations. This partnership will increase collaboration and coordination with



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The *National Institute of Justice* (NIJ) is the research, evaluation, and development arm of the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ). NIJ actively supports research and evaluation (R&E) with American Indian and Alaska Native communities on issues of crime and justice, including the development, implementation, and dissemination of best practices to enhance the safety and wellbeing of tribal citizens and communities.

Current Paradigms in R&E “Evidence”

Best practices generally are determined by the extent to which they can demonstrate their effectiveness in producing a given outcome. When shown effective, programs and practices are often then designated as “evidence-based.” The evidence itself, including the types of information that can serve to show program effects and the methods that are used to gather and analyze this information, are generally dictated by Western approaches to scientific knowledge production.

These Western approaches, however, are often not appropriate when it comes to understanding the effects of cultural practices and customs in tribal communities. While a randomized controlled trial might be appropriate to test the effects of a medication, it is not ethical to withhold a person’s culture to see what happens. Likewise, the collection and/or release of data required for Western evaluation could be a violation of the cultural practice itself. Thus, the power of cultural practices and programs on various outcomes, including criminal justice outcomes, remains relatively understudied.

Bridging Paradigms in Tribal R&E

NIJ’s ultimate goal is to enhance the ability of tribal communities to demonstrate that their cultural practices and programs effect and/or sustain positive change. This goal will be achieved through the investigation of 1) the various types of information that can be used as “evidence” to understand that practice or program effect, and 2) the methods that can be used appropriately and ethically to collect and analyze this information.

Building the Bridge

NIJ is considering the development of a system or set of criteria through which the effects of the culture-based practices and programs on various outcomes can be determined. Although various frameworks and approaches that incorporate culture in the R&E process exist (e.g., culturally-responsive evaluation and assessment, Indigenous Evaluation Framework), this initiative would place culture itself as the focus of R&E efforts.

Who will benefit?

NIJ believes that this initiative has the potential to benefit multiple partners, including:

- **Tribes** by equipping them to understand the effects of their cultural customs and traditions on the health and wellbeing of their citizens, and to assess these effects in ways that are appropriate and acceptable within tribal cultures themselves. Further, the data generated through this process will enable tribes to be more competitive in applying for funding that requires such information.
- **NIJ** by providing an enhanced understanding of the multiplicity of types of “evidence” and methods that exist that can provide meaningful conclusions about the effects of a program or practice.



How can you help us achieve our goal?

Share your thoughts. Cultural traditions, customs, and practices vary greatly from one tribal community to another. To ensure that any system or criteria developed as part of this initiative is inclusive, comprehensive, and broadly useful, it is imperative that NIJ receives input from a variety of stakeholders. All input will be considered thoroughly and will be greatly appreciated as we continue through this information gathering process.

What type of feedback would we like?

We welcome all opinions and ideas. Some framing questions that we are interested in getting your feedback on are:

- To what extent does the current “evidence-based” paradigm influence your program and practice choices?
- How does the need for existing data or a program evaluation plan influence your decision to pursue funding opportunities?
- Which alternative approaches might NIJ consider when it comes to researching and evaluating programs and practices?
- What types of information would be okay to gather in order to better understand the effects of traditional cultural programs and practices on outcomes related to crime and justice?
- How should this information be collected? Who should collect this information? How should this information be used?

Any and all feedback will be greatly appreciated and thoroughly considered as we move forward with this process. If you have any suggestions, feedback, or questions, please contact us at TribalResearch@usdoj.gov.