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)

Established Partnerships:
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Casey Family Programs
Annie E Casey
American Bar Association
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...
Who is responsible for Impact on our Native youth?