

Tribal Law and Policy Institute Tribal State Collaboration Webinar Series

Crossing the Bridge:

Tribal – State - Local Collaboration

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Today's Webinar:

- Discuss collaboration generally
- Quick review topics in the resource
- Discuss best practices and lessons learned

Why do jurisdictions collaborate?

- **Relationships**
 - Trusting relationship and champions built into the project
- **Recent fiasco or missed opportunity**
 - Parties come together over issue but there are no real deadlines
- **New laws or regulations**
 - Parties come together about a compliance issue which may or may not have deadlines
- **Same challenge**
 - Because many issues cross jurisdictions



Overview of the Resource

A planful approach to collaboration

2 Sections



Internal Planning



Working with Your Partner

Each section has
same basic topics

Difference is in
the details

Set Goals

- What?
- How?

Gather Your Team(s)

Set Timelines

Assess Readiness to Collaborate

Set Internal Ground Rules

Acknowledge History and Context

A photograph of a woman and a young child sledding down a snowy hill. The woman, wearing a black jacket, is sitting behind the child, who is wearing a blue jacket and a black hat. They are both smiling and appear to be enjoying the activity. The sled is blue and they are sliding on a patch of snow with some dry grass visible. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Goals

What do you want to
accomplish?

- Learn each other's system?
- Develop a joint court system?

Goals

How deeply do you want to work together?

Ask yourself: which works best for your situation?

- Minimal levels of cooperation—some efforts to provide help to the other jurisdiction so that both operate more efficiently
- Full cooperation—the organizations work together so that they each operate at maximum efficiency, but operations are completely independent.
- Collaboration—jurisdictions actively seek to help the other operate better through some interactive efforts
- Co-creation - working together to create systems and tools to maximize results for each through joint efforts at all possible levels



Assess Readiness to Collaborate

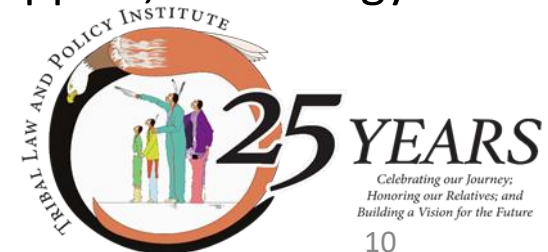
Suggested survey questions prompt self reflection

From the relational

- I am/we are ready to let go of the status quo
- I am/we are willing to have hard conversations and try to work through them

To the practical

- Our leadership supports our desire to collaborate (and is willing to provide necessary resources, such as staff time and meeting space)
- We have the organizational capacity to enable partnering (e.g., administrative support, technology tools)





Breakout discussion groups

What was a successful collaboration you were involved in?

Tips to share?

What was an unsuccessful collaboration you were involved in?

Tips to share?

When we come back together we'll share

Coming back together as a group

- What strengths did others build on to create a successful partnership?
- Did others have similar problems?
- What success story struck you the most?
- What did you hear that will help you the most in your work?





Questions?

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