

# Montana Board of Crime Control

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### *Project Update*

During the month of November the University of Montana Criminology Research Team (UMCRG) completed coding the transcripts for the 13 non-Tribal listening sessions that occurred over the summer. The project team will analyze these results and begin building the needs assessment survey to be distributed this winter to service providers statewide.

We also received the Federal permissions needed to conduct focus groups in 7 Tribal communities this winter. We are in the process of obtaining permissions from each of these communities. Below is a table detailing our progress. We anticipate the first of the 7 focus groups to be held in early January.

Community	IRB	Tribal Council
Fort Peck Tribes	IRB approval received on June 30, 2015	Presented and received authorization to proceed on 9/29/2015
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	IRB approval received on August 10, 2015	Presented and received authorization to proceed on 10/15/2015
Chippewa Cree Tribe	IRB approval received on October 27, 2015	Presented on 10/08/2015; authorization pending MOU (submitted to LeAnn Montes, Esq.)
Northern Cheyenne Nation	IRB approval received on May 28, 2015	Awaiting presentation date
Blackfeet Nation	IRB submitted; currently completing IRB committee's request for further information.	Presented to Tribal Council on 10/08/2015; authorization pending IRB approval.
Crow Nation	Application submitted	Awaiting presentation date
Fort Belknap Tribes	IRB application submitted; IRB committee review pending Tribal Council approval.	Awaiting presentation date

As with the listening sessions conducted over the summer, the Tribal focus groups will be recorded and transcribed so that they can be coded and analyzed in the same process. We will build a needs assessment survey specific to the themes uncovered by these 7 focus groups and distribute it to the service providers within Tribal communities.

For questions regarding Tribal support or focus groups please contact Dr. June Ellestad, the project coordinator and Tribal liaison, either by phone at (406) 207-6111, or by email at [june.ellestad@mso.umt.edu](mailto:june.ellestad@mso.umt.edu).

### ATTENTION

**The next project stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016. This will be a full day event. Please mark your calendars.**

## ***Introducing the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges***

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) is the technical assistance provider for the Montana Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth project. Based in Reno, NV, and in partnership with the University of Nevada and the National Judicial College, NCJFCJ provides resources, knowledge, training, and advanced judicial degree programs to improve the lives of families and children seeking justice.

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For the Montana project specifically, NCJFCJ will provide assistance by:

- Collaborating with our team to build a comprehensive network of stakeholders who, through multidisciplinary partnerships, balanced approaches, and data-driven strategies, will strengthen our ability to identify, intervene, and provide effective services to child and youth victims in a coordinated manner, no matter the system they enter.
- Provide tools, resources, and innovative assistance in developing and conducting a statewide needs assessment.
- Contributing to the development of an implementation strategy based on the results of the gap analysis/needs assessment.
- Develop materials that can assist other states in replication of these efforts.

NCJFCJ will also be facilitating the stakeholder meeting in Helena on February 4, 2016.

## ***Introducing Maegan Rides At The Door***

The Vision 21 team would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest stakeholder and project partner, Maegan Rides At The Door. Ms. Rides At The Door recently accepted the position of Director at the National Native Children's Trauma Center (NNCTC) following Marilyn Zimmerman's retirement in November. Ms. Rides At The Door has a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and has worked with NNCTC as a School Behavioral Health Specialist, with the YWCA facilitating Talking Circles, and as a sexual assault response advocate. She also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center, is a member of the Youth Homes Inc. Cross-Cultural Awareness Committee, and serves on the First Step Advisory Board. Ms. Rides At The Door has Tribal affiliations with Fort Peck Nakota/Dakota and Absentee Shawnee.

Ms. Rides At The Door is available by phone at (406)243-2644, or by email at [Maegan.Ridesatthedoor@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Maegan.Ridesatthedoor@mso.umt.edu).

## ***Want to Help?***

### Provide contact information

The project team is beginning to create the statewide needs assessment survey to be distributed this winter. In preparation for this we are building a survey recipient list. Our preference would be to distribute the survey directly to the individual providers within the agencies, as opposed to the agency heads. This enables us to conduct efficient follow up.

If you have any suggestions for building this list or are willing and able to submit a list of providers you work with it would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions about this process please email the [program manager](#).

### Screening tool committee

We are interested in establishing a committee to assist and advise in the creation of a new screening tool for victimized children in Montana. This committee should include a diverse group of individuals representing the different areas of the systems of care in the state. If you have previously worked on assessment or screening tools; creation, implementation, or evaluation, and would like to receive further information, please email the [program manager](#).

## ***Upcoming National and International Montana Project Presentations:***

Montana and Virginia are the only two states selected as demonstration sites and awarded funding for the Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth project. Each year the two sites and their teams will work together to present our progress and findings to other researchers, agencies, and providers. Currently there are two events scheduled for 2016:

**End Violence Against Women International:** Washington, DC March 22-24, 2016. For more information on this event click [here](#).

**79th Annual National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference:** Monterey, CA July 17-20, 2016. For more information on this event click [here](#).