



Hedger & Walter, LLP

OVERVIEW: TELLING OUR STORY

This tool facilitates a shared vision of the values underlying nonprofits and joint-jurisdictional courts to guide the creation of the court and a shared vision for what it will look like and how those creating it and participating in it will know what is created is successful. Though this tool will get you started, it will be important to convene a team that develops a story/evaluation process that is culturally grounded, measures change, is meaningful to participants and the broader tribal community, and is conducted periodically.

Story Components	[Name of Joint-Jurisdictional Court]
<i>We know and believe</i>	Describe what you know about those your court will serve and what values you bring to this project.
<i>We advance our Vision of</i>	Insert vision
<i>... and seek to</i> (impact)	Describe presenting problems and root causes.
<i>By serving</i> (court participants)	Describe court participants.
<i>In</i> (geographic area)	Describe where court participants live.
<i>Through</i> (justice reimagined)	A joint-jurisdictional court (In which a tribal court and state court judge exercise their respective authority simultaneously. In our joint-jurisdictional court, a state court judge and a tribal court judge preside together over a docket that provides tribal members and non-tribal individuals, and in some cases their families, with a court supervised alternative that is trauma-informed and emphasizes community values and culture.)
<i>And emphasizing our competitive advantage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring together justice system partners to promote healing and protect public safety • To leverage tribal and non-tribal resources • To reduce administrative costs • To effectively deliver services that are culturally based • To achieve better results for individuals (families, and communities)
<i>We are sustainable by</i> (funding sources and other strategies: governance, education, and evaluation)	Describe funding and other strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe diversified fund development strategy that includes in-kind contributions, pooled resources, joint grants, etc. • Governance structure