

## **A Community-Based Restorative Court**

*Collective Voices offers a training focused on program development for a restorative model of justice.*

*Included are a variety of tools for how to plan, structure, and implement a sustainable Community-Based Restorative Court.*

Collective Voices offers the theory, framework, and implementation of a community-based restorative court model. The intended outcome of a Community-Based Restorative Court (CBRC) is to repair harm, reduce risk, and rebuild community.

A CBRC can receive referrals from law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, Tribal Court, the community. The CBRC goal is to help neighborhoods and communities repair harm that is caused by crime by work with victims, offenders, residents, and community stakeholders in order to help provide a non-traditional approach to restoring balance and harmony in neighborhoods affected by crime.

Depending on the needs of the community and the vision of the tribe or agency initiating this model, the CBRC can provide youth or adults who have committed misdemeanor law violations an opportunity to appear before a group made up of community members (prior to being charged) to ensure accountability, determine alternative sanctions and to help repair the harm done to the victim of the crime. It can also seek to help the offender with issues related to employment, healthy relationships, basic needs, and other personal matters in order to prevent re-offending.

The whole process will be victim-based, offender-focused, and community-driven.