

## **Coordinated Adult and Juvenile Probation**

### **Parties: Yurok Tribal Court and Counties of Del Norte and Humboldt, California**

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#### Description:

With help from a major grant from U.S. Department of Justice, the Yurok Tribal Court is entering into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the two local counties to officially sanction the co-monitoring of offenders and to establish protocols for the transfer of cases and assist in securing state court recognition of tribal court orders.

One MOU, with Humboldt County, provides for joint supervision of tribal members sentenced to ankle monitoring for curfew compliance and alcohol consumption. The tribal court may recommend or refer a tribal member for placement in the program, which is limited to minimum-security inmates and low-level offenders related to substance or alcohol abuse. Other MOUs provide for the tribal court to conduct mental health screening, treatment planning, case management, and court monitoring for juvenile offenders and adults in Del Norte and Humboldt counties. The ultimate goal for the Yurok Tribe is to assume jurisdiction over all these cases, exercising its concurrent authority. In the meantime, the state and tribal systems have agreed to allocate parts of the process to the entity that can be most effective in addressing problems of substance abuse and associated offenses.

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