



NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

JUSTICE & EDUCATION PROJECT
INTRODUCTION TO TRIBAL LEGAL STUDIES
STARTING October 19th, 2020



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The American Indian Youth Engagement Court (AIYEC) project, is a diversion-based project that will serve our San Diego County Tribes which are challenged with incidents of juvenile delinquency. Intertribal Court of Southern California (ICSC) is in the development of a Native Youth Peer Diversion Court where Native Youth will have the opportunity to hear and assist in the adjudication process of the juvenile offenders. To accomplish this, we are developing our Native Youth Peer Decision Makers (Youth Decision Makers) training project that will engage our Youth Decision Makers and guide them in their decisions within the Youth Court.

For more information please email: info@airprograms.org

Requirements: Student *should* be 10th - 12th grades (*exceptions can be made*)

- ✦ Motivated to complete the course and pursue higher education
- ✦ Have a overall gpa of 2.5 / or / *have a recommendation of a site coordinator*
- ✦ Students will be required to meet in cohorts within their community throughout the course at least once a week for academic review
- ✦ Students are required to meet for midway meetings and a final presentations

Introduction to the Legal System Course - 1 Semester Unit Starting: Sept. 21st 2020 Ending: Oct. 2nd 2020/Completed

This course provides an introduction to the American Legal System, including the sources of law and the systems by which the law is administered and enforced. This course will also review the origins of law and how it developed into the current legal system. This class will also cover the U.S. Constitutional, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Legal Research and how to brief a case.

Introduction to the Tribal Legal Studies - 3 Semester Unit Starting: Oct. 19h 2020 Ending: Dec. 12th 2020

This course provides a broad overview of the most important issues involved in tribal legal studies, including an overview of tribal government, the history of tribal court systems, legal structure of tribal courts, tribal court criminal and civil jurisdiction, roles in tribal court systems, due process, appellate courts, the Indian Civil Rights Act, Public Law 280 and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Students receive an introduction to the basic concepts of legal studies with emphasis within contemporary tribal legal issues. The course addresses tribal common law and traditional dispute resolution methods, including the examination of the incorporation of custom and tradition into the Tribal court system.