

## Indigenous Practices Track

### Dedicated Sessions

#### **IP1 - Peacegiving: Tribal Justice on the South Oregon Coast**

*Don Owen Costello, Chief Judge, Coquille Indian Tribe*

Peace-giving is a means of conflict resolution created by the Coquille Indian Tribe and neighboring Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. It is administered by the tribes' courts under authority of carefully drafted ordinances reflecting the communities' expressed need for procedures that ensure judicial review, approval and support of outcomes reached by consensus among volunteer-assisted parties to the conflict and its resolution. Peace-giving Court's practice of such values as inclusiveness, due process, equal protection, respect, generosity, and restoration has facilitated the peaceable and enduring resolution of diverse conflicts involving numerous individuals, families and the tribal communities at-large. Peace-giving Court has earned the continuing trust and confidence of the tribes and nearby non-tribal communities. The presentation will be given by Chief Judge Don Owen Costello, and will feature notable cases, how peace-giving functions and was created, questions from the audience and discussion.

#### **IP2 - Restorative Justice Partnership in Indian Country**

*Gordon Keath, President/CEO, Project Challenge North Carolina, Inc.*

*Clarence Jackson Jr., Director Juvenile Services, Eastern Band of the Cherokee*

The Eastern Band of The Cherokee and Project Challenge have joined together to address community service needs for court involved youth. Combining Native customs with the restorative practices of specific court ordered community service works. Community services activities are designed to engage children within their own communities and bring true restoration. This type of community service fits Indigenous cultures very well. Throughout centuries tribal life has focused on healing, restoration and bringing members back in harmony with their life and community. Identifying community service activities that allow court involved tribal youth to experience customs and the helping of others has a natural healing effect. Just as with non-indigenous population's, court involved tribal youth tend to feel unwelcome and unwanted within the community. Through activities designed to engage the youth with those in need, youth gain a sense of belonging and value and feel they are a contributing tribal member.