

*TRIBAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT*



*This past Saturday, June 21, 2008, we had the first Informational Meeting for the membership. I am so sorry if you were unable to be there. The meeting went well with excellent questions and recommendations from those who attended. Judge Petoskey was able to join us and was very instrumental in answering questions and offering clarification of details pertaining to our Tribal Justice system.*

*The following chart helps to depict the difference between a western (adversarial) style court and a peacemaking circle:*

	<i>Courts</i>	<i>Circles</i>
<i>Participation</i>	<i>Restricted: primarily reliant on experts</i>	<i>Inclusive: primarily reliant on community</i>
<i>Decision-making</i>	<i>Adversarial</i>	<i>Consensus</i>
<i>Issues</i>	<i>Broken state laws</i>	<i>Broken relationship</i>
<i>Focus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• Past conduct</i></li><li><i>• Individual responsibility</i></li><li><i>• State legal requirements</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• Past, present, and future conduct</i></li><li><i>• Individual and collective responsibility</i></li><li><i>• Needs of all parties</i></li></ul>
<i>Tools</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• Banishment</i></li><li><i>• Punishment</i></li><li><i>• Coercion</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• Reintegration</i></li><li><i>• Healing/support</i></li><li><i>• Trust/understanding</i></li></ul>
<i>Procedure</i>	<i>Fixed rules</i>	<i>Flexible guidelines</i>
<i>Results</i>	<i>Winners/losers</i>	<i>Finding common ground to maximize all interests</i>

*If you would like a copy of the presentation, please contact me at:*

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