

Yurok Wellness Court Professional Training

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Community Need Statement

- The Yurok Wellness Court works closely with Indigenous people who have experienced trauma, addiction, and lack of resources throughout their life. By partnering with the Yurok Wellness Court, we had the opportunity to learn from the Indigenous community that is being served and provide training to those working with Tribal citizens. Our community partner asked that we create a training that will be shown to those working with Yurok Wellness Court participants.
- This information is targeted to non-native social workers, probation officers, attorneys, clinicians, and other professionals working with Yurok Wellness Court clients. This training provides an immersive education to professionals working with Yurok Wellness Court participants. Along with relevant information about the Yurok Tribe, this training provides information about how to navigate the Yurok Wellness Court System and collaborate efficiently with Wellness Court staff to ensure the most successful outcomes for participants.

Theoretical Issues

- Indigenous Research Methodologies
- Empowerment Theory
- Strengths-based
- Trauma Informed

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- *The 2023 Cal Poly Humboldt Social Work Cohort*
- *Our supportive and patient family and friends*



Deliverable

Our finished project is a recorded video training, approximately one hour long. We gave a copy of the training to the Yurok Wellness Court. We also gave a copy of the slides to the Yurok Wellness Court, so that they may conduct their own live training using our materials.

Credibility Statement

We interned together at the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Social Services Department during the 2021-2022 schoolyear. Madalene stayed at Bear River Social Services for her 2022-2023 field placement, and Angelique went on to intern with the Yurok Wellness Court. There she learned about Wellness Court hands-on by providing Case Management for Wellness Court participants and performing other duties. Angelique is also studying for the Yurok Bar Exam.

Method

- Reviewed existing research and information.
- Had direct conversations with the Yurok Wellness Court Team and current and former participants.
- Used Angelique's hands-on experience as a Yurok Wellness Court intern.