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Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reentry Agreement

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed in July between the South Dakota Department of Corrections, several other state and federal agencies and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe on creation of a reentry plan for reservation residents.

The MOA calls for those agencies involved to collaborate on utilizing existing resources, programs and services to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism through successful community reintegration; and to create a sustainable Native American Reentry Program that ensures coordinated culturally founded services and supervision for offenders released from correctional facilities in both South Dakota and North Dakota.



Representatives from 11 different agencies, including South Dakota, North Dakota, federal and tribal governments were represented during the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement July 7, 2015.

Participating agencies agree to establish a new level of cooperation, including creating a Multijurisdictional Reentry Services Team charter with a set of concepts and skills to provide focus and clearly define the team. This includes the team's purpose and mission, measurable and verifiable goals and objectives, and operating guidelines. The initial focus of the participating agencies is on creating strategies to reduce recidivism.

The agreement is historic in that a systematic review of common issues and the creation of a reentry model for a reservation that spans across two states and multiple jurisdictions have never before been accomplished.

The Reentry Services team will work in consultation with key federal agencies that will serve in an advisory capacity. Those agencies include the United States Attorney's Offices and United States Probation and Pretrial Services in both states.

The MOA will be reviewed not less than annually. The MOA does not limit or diminish the sovereign immunity of the Tribe.

Standing Rock Reentry MOA Involved Agencies
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
South Dakota Department of Corrections
North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
South Dakota Unified Judicial System
South Dakota US Probation and Pretrial Services
North Dakota US Probation and Pretrial Services
South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations
North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission
South Dakota US Attorney's Office
North Dakota US Attorney's Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services, Standing Rock Agency