



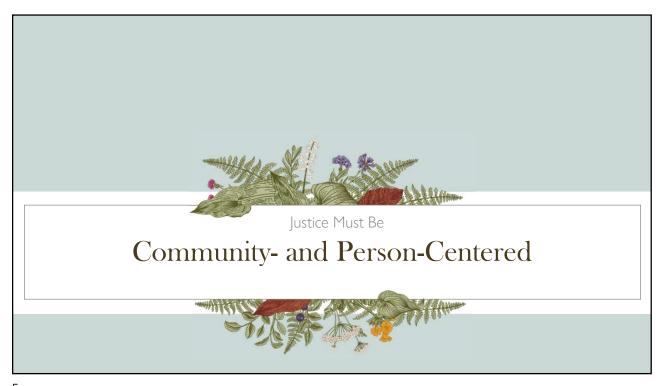
Tom Belt, Cherokee speaker, elder, and scholar—

"The words for medicine (nv wo ti, POJ) and to heal somebody (da nv wo di, മൌല്) are closely tied to the word for law (di ka nv wa dv sdi, പരംഗംഗം).

To heal is in the word law, meaning that which you go by to heal. It represents the concept of healing and makes it into a method. It becomes law; therefore, law is a method of healing. So, laws also mean medicine, and both have a message of healing. Laws are supposed to be used to heal and are used to keep you on the road or right path."

Lefler, Lisa J. & Belt, Tom N. Sounds of Tohi: Cherokee Health and Well-Being in Southern Appalachia. The University of Alabama Press, 2022.

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# Two Questions to ask Ourselves



What do people need?

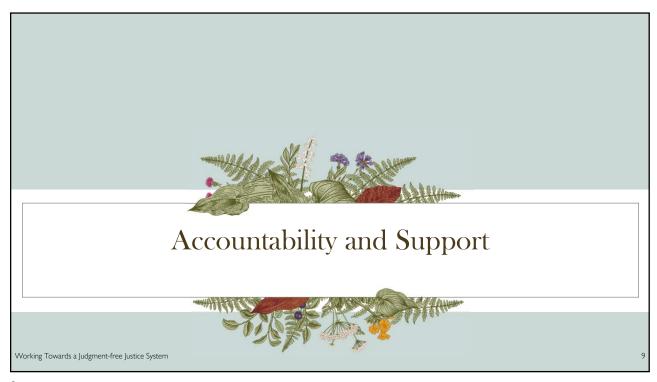
What do people want when they seek justice?

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# Justice is Accessible & Logical

- Welcoming
- Logical
- Navigable
- Independence
- End goal: Enable meaningful participation in the legal system

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# Creating Safety for Victims

- Real consequences
- Safety and deterrence
- Pre-trial/post trial supervision
- Create a safe courtroom
- Clear orders

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# Supporting Victims and Defendants

- Working toward real healing
- Be realistic about the nature of relationships/community
- Using the resources in the community
- Provide advocacy

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### Integration

- Break down silos
- Recognize where systems overlap
- Use those connecting systems to create better services

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### Results Based Accountability

- Starting with the end in mind
- Focus on turning the curve
- Three main questions
  - How much did we do
  - How well did we do it
  - Is anyone better off
- Don't jump straight to strategies

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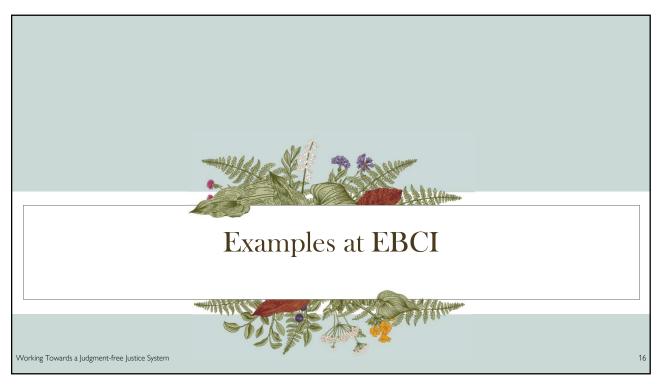
#### Data and Data Driven Work

- Helps take the personal feelings out of the discussion
- Decisions become more grounded
- Provides a solid starting point for determining how or which way to turn the curve

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# Program Building

- Family Safety Program
- Legal Assistance Office
- DV Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)
- Software Builds
  - Hopewel
  - TribaLex
  - OD Maps
- Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

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# Code Changes

- Elder Justice Code
- Kinship Guardianship
- Laws that Support Integration (especially information sharing)

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