

PEACEGIVING COURT PHILOSOPHY

The Peacegiving Court calls on old ways and the wisdom and experience of Tribal Elders.

It addresses those in conflict as whole persons in order to find the root causes of inappropriate or irresponsible behavior.

It focuses on restoration in the community.

It mentors individuals on traditional ways while inviting them back into the fold of the Tribal community.



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Ultimately, the Peacegiving Court seeks to attain peace through healing.

Healing the hurts that caused the behavior and healing the tear in the fabric of the community caused by the behavior.

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**Confederated Tribes of Coos,
Lower Umpqua and
Siuslaw Indians**

The idea of mutual giving speaks for the Northwest. I like "Peacegiving" because you can't make peace, you can only offer it.

-A Tribal Elder

► PEACEGIVING COURT

Peacegiving Court was born out of the spirit of giving common to the Native inhabitants of the Pacific Northwest. For the modern day Tribes of the South Coast of Oregon, it is the result of a collaborative effort to create an alternative means for conflict resolution and restorative justice.



The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Tribal Council created the Peacegiving Court to provide for a traditional way to resolve modern day issues. Elders from the Tribes play an active role in Peacegiving and mentoring.

Peacegivers serve as “keepers” of the circle guiding topics for discussion.

HOW WE APPROACH PEACEGIVING

Peacegivers seek the best means to encourage communication among the participants in each particular case.

Peacegivers employ a variety of proven methods to foster communication and understanding.

In the circle, everyone is of equal importance and all opinions are valued equally.

- ◆ **MENTORING**
- ◆ **MEDIATION/FACILITATION**
- ◆ **PEACEGIVING /TALKING CIRCLES**
- ◆ **ADDRESSING UNDERLYING CAUSES**
- ◆ **CEREMONY**

JURISDICTION

The Tribes’ ordinances grant the Peacegiving Court authority to act on any matter transferred to it by the Tribal Court if the parties agree to the transfer.

In its initial stages, the court focused its work on matters involving juvenile offenders.

The range of matters being brought to Peacegivers has broadened as the tribe has gained experience with the court.

HOW CASES ARE ASSIGNED



- ◆ The Chief Judge of the Tribal Court may assign a case to Peacegiving Court at several stages of the judicial process:
- ◆ Prior to criminal charges being filed at the request of the Prosecutor;
- ◆ At the initial hearing when process is explained to the parties;
- ◆ At a pre-trial hearing when issues regarding the upcoming trial are discussed;
- ◆ Before a disposition hearing after the evidence has been heard;
- ◆ The parties in conflict ask for the case to be referred to Peacegiving Court;
- ◆ Occasionally, the Chief Judge will request that the defendant be involved with the Peacegiving Court.

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