

**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
PONCA TRIBAL COURT  
3 YEAR PLAN  
2009-2012**

**YEAR 1: Enhance the current court system and develop strategies to update the court procedures and technology.**

1. Adopt 3 Year Plan: Tribal Council
2. Enhance Traveling Court at Omaha, Lincoln, Niobrara and Sioux City –conduct court sessions every other month.
3. Develop a Public Awareness Plan for the Tribal Court.
4. Develop a training schedule for Tribal Court staff and committee to increase current staff's administrative capability.
5. To pursue alternatives for court appointed advocates for the litigating parties of Ponca Tribal Court
6. Determine need to expand Court Personnel.
7. Complete Code Revision for the Ponca Tribal Court.
8. Research alternative court options such as Peacemaker's Court, Indigenous Justice court, Teen court, Wellness Court and mediation court alternatives to better utilize indigenous practices in tribal court and select those most applicable and beneficial to the tribe.
9. Review Tele-court options. Assess costs and security issues relating to its development and implementation.
10. Conduct Law and Justice Committee meetings monthly
11. Pursue funding sources for equipment and materials to enhance the physical appearance of the Ponca Tribal Court

**YEAR 2: 2010**

1. Develop a sustainability plan for Tribal Court
2. Evaluate efficiency of the Traveling Court –Implement best found practice for court off site
3. Implement a Public Awareness Plan for the Tribal Court.
4. Conduct and attend training to develop Tribal Court Capacity and increase current staff's administrative capability.
5. To pursue alternatives for court appointed advocates for the litigating parties of Ponca Tribal Court
6. Determine feasibility to expand Court Personnel to include a Tribal Prosecutor, Bailiff, Process Server, Law enforcement, court clerk.
7. Pursue additional funding for alternative court options such as Peacemaker's Court, Indigenous Justice court, Teen court, Wellness Court and mediation court alternatives to better utilize indigenous practices in tribal court.

8. Determine feasibility of Tele-court options. Assess costs and security issues relating to its development and implementation.
9. Conduct Law and Justice Committee meetings monthly
10. Determine the feasibility of utilizing new technology in the court
11. Acquire furniture and materials to enhance the physical appearance of the Ponca Tribal Court
12. Review the need for updated court management system.
13. Pursue any necessary MOU's to build the capacity of the Tribal Court system.

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**YEAR 3: 2011**

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1. Implement sustainability plan for Tribal Court
2. Evaluate effectiveness of Public Awareness Plan
3. Pursue funding for alternative court options as has been deemed in Year 2 as applicable and beneficial
4. Utilize knowledge gained in trainings to pursue additional programmatic systems for utilization in the Tribal Court
5. Determine the necessary staffing additions to sustain the tribal court system.

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