

NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE RESOURCE CENTER FOR TRIBES (NRC4Tribes)

Webinar:

***“Everything You Always
Wanted to Know About the
NRC4Tribes”***

**Children’s Bureau T/TA
Network**

**Tuesday, February 12th, 2013
12:00PM-1:00PM PST**



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Webinar Overview

The purpose of today's webinar is to share some of the work that the NRC4Tribes is doing in response to Children's Bureau expectations and Tribal needs for this resource center.

Discussion will include:

Overview of the NRC4Tribes

Accessing Services of the NRC4Tribes

NRC statement how the National Resource Centers work with American Indian/Alaska Native Nations

Outreach to Tribes and T/TA Network through NRC4Tribes website

Who we are ...



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National Leadership

- ◆ A **National Advisory Council**, comprised of tribal child welfare professionals, tribal leaders, and community stakeholders from around the country discusses plans and activities of the NRC4Tribes and the larger T/TA Network, and provides recommendations regarding the Networks approach to serving Title IV-B funded tribal child welfare systems and improving practices with American Indians and Alaska Native children and families.



Establishing a shared vision...

In order to establish a shared vision for the NRC4Tribes, our Leadership Team - comprised of TLPI and its partner agencies - held a facilitated strategic planning session to plan the implementation of the NRC4Tribes. As four separate entities, staff recognized the importance of developing a common vision, mission, philosophy and guiding principles specifically for the NRC4Tribes.



The vision...

The vision of the National Resource Center for Tribes (NRC4Tribes) is to facilitate the empowerment of Native Nations to nurture the safety, permanence and well-being of American Indian/Alaska Native children, families and communities by offering culturally relevant information, resources and technical assistance so that the dreams and sacrifices of the ancestors are fulfilled and honored.



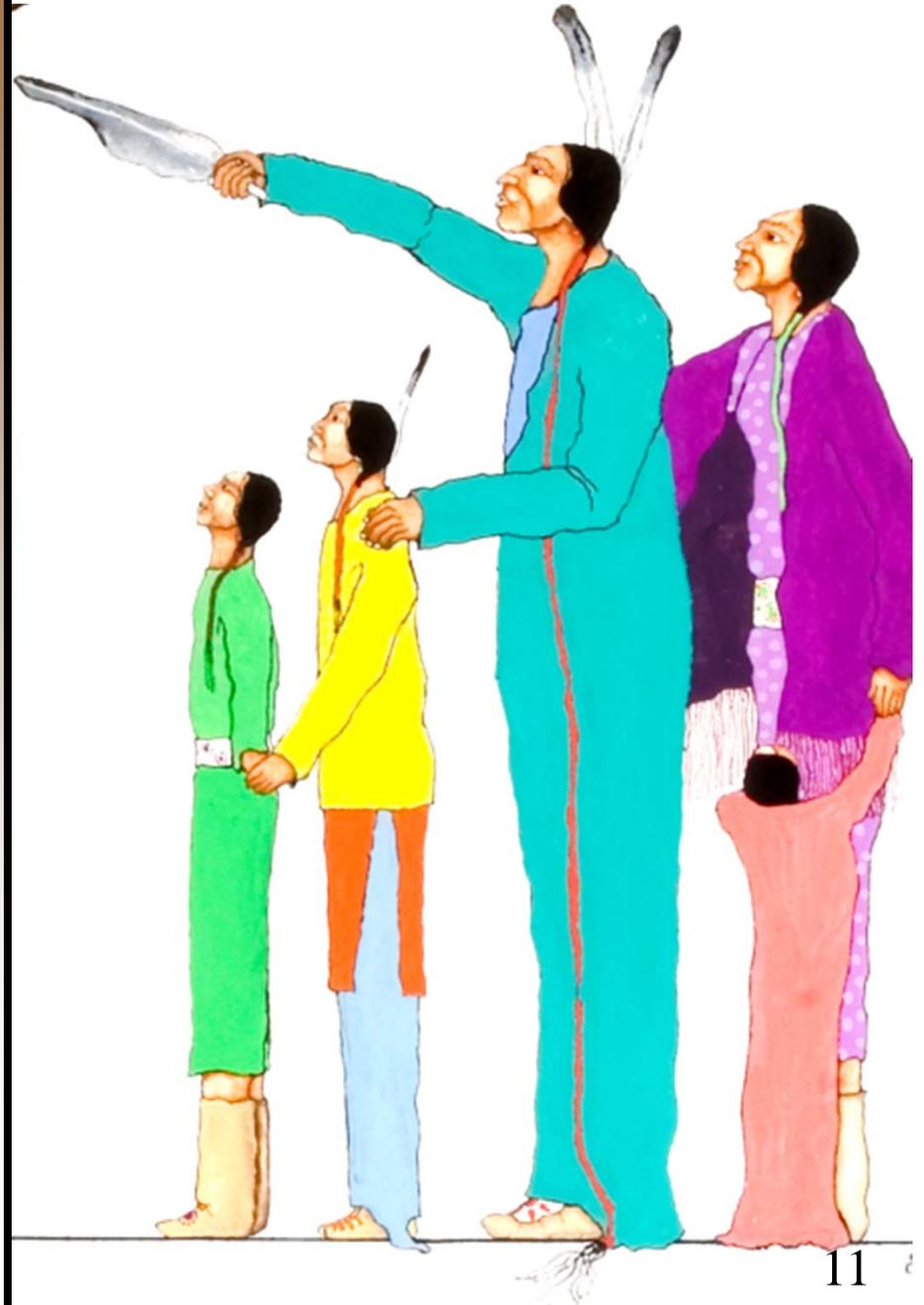
The mission...

Our mission is, as members of the Children's Bureau T/TA Network, to collaborate with Native Nations and our training and technical assistance partners to identify and effectively implement community, culturally based strategies and resources that strengthen tribal child and family services.



The philosophy...

Children are sacred and entitled to be cherished in a safe and nurturing environment with strong family, community and cultural connections. Their happiness and well-being includes nourishment of mind, body and spirit in order to fulfill their dreams throughout their journey toward becoming a healthy Elder.





Philosophy ...

To honor the sacredness, the NRC4Tribes believes:

- ...in the inherent **sovereign rights** and ability of American Indian/Alaska Native Nations to create, control and improve their own local child and family service systems for the healthy functioning of tribal communities.
- ... **empowerment and solutions come from within tribal communities** as they build upon their inherent strengths as sovereign nations since they are the source of cultural knowledge through elders, leaders and culture-bearers.
- ... the environment of disparity and despair in Indian Country and Alaska Native communities is the result of ongoing impact of colonization and **historical trauma**.
- ... the responses to child and family needs must include **culturally based solutions** that honor and respect the voice and choice of families.



Guiding Principles

The NRC4Tribes leadership team established principles that would guide our work with the Tribal Nations as well as with our technical assistance partners, these principles include:

- *Compassion*
- *Humility*
- *Responsiveness*
- *Respect*
- *Integrity*
- *Inclusion*
- *Seamless and Effective Service Delivery*

System of Care Values

In addition to principles guiding the work, the NRC4Tribes team agrees that system of care values are instrumental in the development and implementation of the work of the NRC4Tribes:

- *Least Restrictive*
- *Culturally Competent*
- *Community based Services*
- *Accountable*
- *Family and Youth Driven*
- *Interagency Collaboration*
- *Individualized and Strength-based*



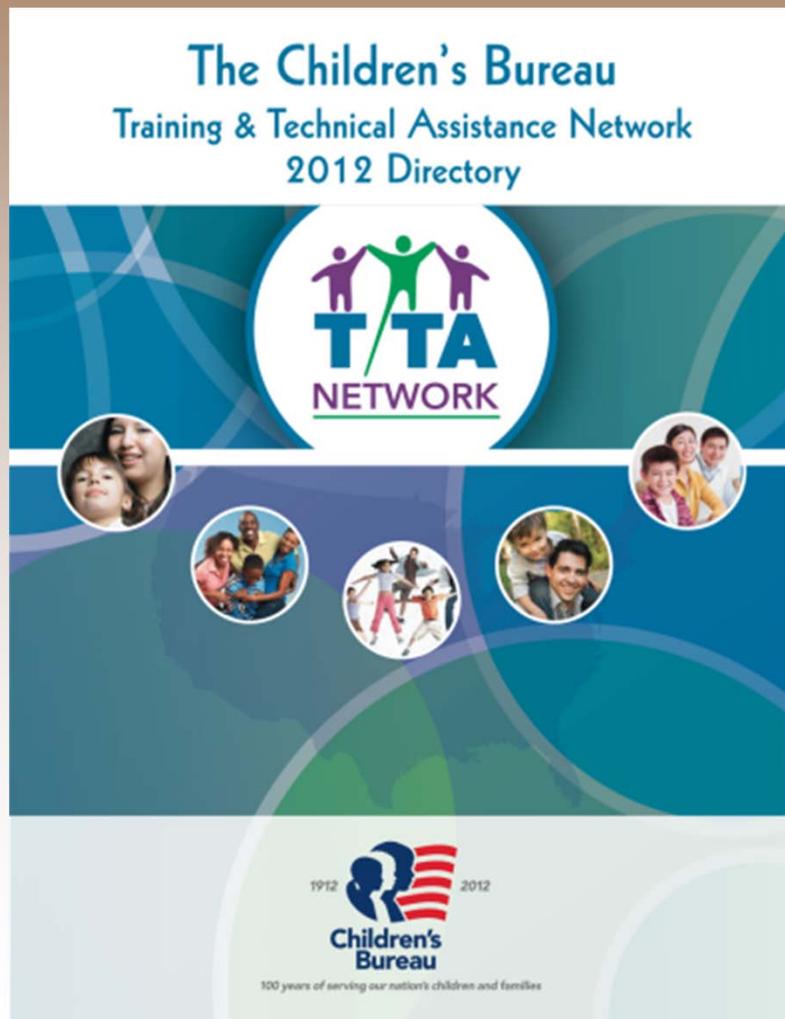
The NRC4Tribes Role in the T/TA Network

According to the HHS-2009-ACF-ACYF-CZ-0058 Funding Opportunity Announcement

◆NRC4T will become the Network's focal point for coordinated and culturally competent training and technical assistance to Tribes. The center is intended to successfully engage Tribes, to enhance their access to and utilization of the T/TA Network, to broker T/TA, to assist in the provision of T/TA as needed, to facilitate peer-to-peer consultation between Tribes regarding child welfare issues, and to increase cultural competence and sensitivity to Tribal voices in the T/TA Network and in State child welfare systems.

Children's Bureau T/TA Network Directory

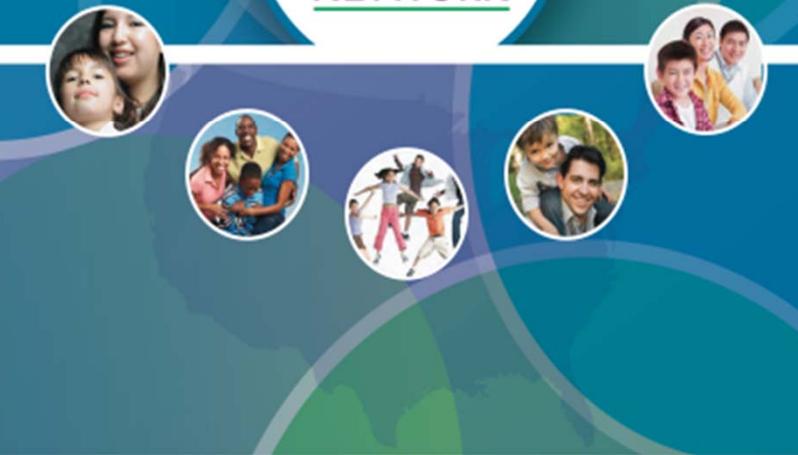
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/tta_network_directory_2012.pdf



- ◆ The CB Directory summarizes information on the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network, within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the T&TA Network is to build the capacity of State, local, Tribal, and other publicly administered or publicly supported child welfare agencies and family and juvenile courts through the provision of training, technical assistance, research, and consultation on the full array of Federal requirements administered by the Children's Bureau.

T/TA Network Brochure - NRC4Tribes (page 9)

**The Children's Bureau
Training & Technical Assistance Network
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**National Resource Center
for Tribes (NRC4Tribes)**
<http://www.nrc4tribes.org>

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The NRC4Tribes addresses child welfare needs identified by Tribes, supports efforts for improved Tribal child welfare practice, and works with Tribal child welfare staff to achieve greater safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families. The NRC4Tribes also promotes the delivery of culturally appropriate services to American Indian and Alaska Native children, youth, and families.

GOAL

Enhance the capacities of Tribal agencies, courts, and organizations to support successful child welfare programs and provide effective child welfare services

HOW WE HELP

- Broker T&TA for Tribes through the T&TA Network
- Function as a case manager in providing T&TA to Tribes
- Arrange activities to engage Tribes
- Support peer-to-peer mentoring and networking among Tribal agencies
- Support family-centered and community-based practices
- Develop and disseminate toolkits, resource manuals, and other products
- Offer training Webinars, conference calls, and other opportunities for information dissemination

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**National Resource Center for Recruitment
and Retention of Foster and Adoptive Parents
at AdoptUSKids (NRCRRFAP)**
<http://www.adoptuskids.org/nrc-recruitment>

The NRCRRFAP at AdoptUSKids provides T&TA to States, Tribes, territories, and courts (STTCs) to increase their capacity to recruit and retain foster, adoptive, and kinship families.

GOALS

Assist STTCs in building capacity to recruit and retain foster, adoptive, and kinship families and creating sustainable, systemic changes that support effective recruitment and retention efforts

HOW WE HELP

- Supporting STTCs in their efforts to develop a sufficient, diverse pool of prospective families that reflect the diverse characteristics of children who need foster and adoptive homes
- Increasing the effective use of cross-jurisdictional resources to facilitate timely permanence options for children who are waiting to be adopted
- Ensuring that recruitment, response processes, and retention are driven by promising practices and achieve desired outcomes for families and children

RESOURCES

A variety of publications, products, tools, and tip sheets on recruitment and retention topics, as well as a variety of on-site and off-site T&TA formats and delivery mechanisms are available. In addition, the AdoptUSKids Web site (www.adoptuskids.org/professionals/free-resources) houses many recruitment and retention publications and resources.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Address: NRCRRFAP at AdoptUSKids
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Contact: Alicia Groh, Interim Director

NRC4Tribes: How We Help*

- ◆ Broker training and technical assistance for Tribes through the T/TA Network
- ◆ Arrange activities to engage Tribes in accessing T/TA
- ◆ Provide direct training and technical assistance with Tribes
- ◆ Support peer-to-peer mentoring and networking among Tribal agencies
- ◆ Develop and disseminate toolkits, resource manuals, and other products
- ◆ Offer training webinars, conference calls, and other opportunities for information dissemination
- ◆ Facilitated Tribal/State problem solving
- ◆ New website featuring user friendly navigation and additional resources (www.NRC4Tribes.org)

Examples of Training and Technical Assistance

- ◆ Conducting Tribal child welfare program assessments to assist tribes in identifying strengths and challenges within their systems
- ◆ Indian Child Welfare Act training
- ◆ Assistance for States in working collaboratively with Tribes to develop improved State recruitment/retention plans focused on recruiting Native foster families
- ◆ Customary adoption as a permanency option
- ◆ Policies and Procedures development
- ◆ Practice model development

Other NRC4Tribes Initiatives Supporting Tribal Child Welfare Systems

- ◆ In addition to providing on-going training and technical assistance, the NRC4Tribes has conducted work through several national efforts:
 - Tribal Fostering Connections Gatherings (2010), addressing the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act
 - Pathways to Title IV-E Gatherings (2012), addressing access to Title IV-E resources
 - Work group focused on assistance in improving oversight of psychotropic medication for children in Tribal foster care systems (current)

There are several ways to begin the T/TA process ~ There are “no wrong doors”



Access T/TA through any of the following contacts:

- ① Contact the NRC4Tribes to discuss your need and we will assist you with completing the request
- ② Contact the Training and Technical Assistance Coordination Center (TTAC) to complete the TA request online
- ③ Download and complete the first three pages of the request form, save and email to the NRC4Tribes
- ④ Contact your regional office for assistance. For a listing of Regional ACF offices and the States they serve, visit the ACF Website

Continuing Work

- ◆ *Now entering our fourth year* the NRC4Tribes continues to reflect on our role within the Children's Bureau T/TA Network and how we respond to tribal needs in accessing training and technical assistance.

Clarifying the role ...

- The NRC4Tribes is the Network's focal point for coordinated and culturally competent child welfare training and technical assistance to Tribes, but...
 - The NRC4Tribes is not intended to be the *only* source of TA for Tribes.
 - Tribes may access training and technical assistance through any of the centers within the Children's Bureau national T/TA Network.

Focusing on Tribal needs...



- ◆ One way we are working towards serving as a focal point for coordinated and culturally competent T/TA is through the development of a statement on how National Resource Centers work with American Indian/Alaska Native Nations as well as outreach to tribes and the public through our website.

NRC Statement on How We Work with American Indian/Alaska Native Nations

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Summarized T/TA Recommendations

Recommendation	Implementation Strategies
Recommendation 1: Support the strengthening of the tribal child welfare program infrastructure to improve practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRC4Tribes and the T/TA Network should partner with tribes to identify gaps in infrastructure, provide T/TA to address these gaps in order to improve organizational effectiveness of tribal child welfare programs, and address the specific T/TA needs identified in the needs assessment. In partnership with tribes, NRC4Tribes should examine and utilize innovative strategies from across the T/TA Network and the field in order to build program infrastructure and capacity.
Recommendation 2: Support the use of culturally based practices in tribal child welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRC4Tribes, with support from its partners in the T/TA Network, can assist tribes in developing tribally specific and culturally informed practice models that reflect the values and practices that keep children safe and connected to culture, extended family, and community. NRC4Tribes can also assist tribal child welfare programs to articulate the cultural values and practices that underlie their programs' approaches to practice; determining whether there is relevance in identifying how mainstream child welfare practices can be modified to align with cultural values and practices, such as the different boundaries that may exist between tribal clients and tribal workers, and how these can be operationalized.
Recommendation 3: Partner with the T/TA Network to support the development of MISs for tribal child welfare programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRC4Tribes can partner with the T/TA Network, and particularly the National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology (NRC4WDT), to support dissemination of knowledge, and promote the development of MISs for tribal child welfare programs.
Recommendation 4: Promote the development and maintenance of successful tribal foster care and adoption (permanency) programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NRC4Tribes can work in partnership with the National Resource Center for Recruitment and Retention of Foster and Adoptive Parents (NRCRRFAP) at AdoptUSKids and other members of the T/TA Network to improve the program infrastructure necessary to keep children in their families and tribal communities and maintain their connections to tribal culture and tradition; assist tribes and states in an effort to work collaboratively to develop agreements that support traditional or cultural practices in foster care and adoption; and support effective implementation of Title IV-E grants.

Recommendation 5: Support the strengthening and improvement of tribal/state relationships

- The NRC4Tribes and the T/TA Network should work with tribes and states to determine whether T/TA requests by state agencies have an impact on tribes within the state in question; develop structured mechanisms of communication; improve the ability of tribes to access Statewide Automated Information Systems (SACWIS); identify and address cross-training challenges; and address the repercussions of long-standing historical trauma and distrust.

Recommendation 6: Build tribal child welfare peer networks

- The NRC4Tribes and its partners in the T/TA Network should identify and utilize the collective experience, skills, and knowledge of tribal child welfare programs by establishing peer networks that provide tribes with a way to assist and support one another.

Recommendation 7: Address workforce issues in tribal child welfare programs

- The NRC4Tribes and the T/TA Network can work with tribes and tribal child welfare programs in an effort to address workforce issues such as staff recruitment and retention, professional development, agency climate and culture, and overall organizational effectiveness.

Recommendation 8: Enhance multidisciplinary collaboration for prevention services

- The NRC4Tribes and the T/TA Network can assist tribal child welfare programs in their efforts to collaborate with community-based programs and providers in family preservation efforts and to partner with tribal and state courts to develop innovative prevention approaches that can keep children connected to family, tribe, and community.

Recommendation 9: Ensure a targeted T/TA that meets the individualized needs of tribes

- The NRC4Tribes, and other NRCs and Implementation Centers, should facilitate tribal T/TA by working collaboratively and effectively to ensure that the T/TA provided by the Network meets the individualized needs of tribes.
- NRC4Tribes should develop culturally based assessment protocols; recruit, train, and support a team of American Indian/Alaska Native consultants for the T/TA Network; and help broker T/TA for the Network.

Recommendation 10: Partner with other federal agencies within the ACE, the BIA, and others to model effective systems of care that will support tribal child welfare programs

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NRC4Tribes Website

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Welcome to the NRC4Tribes

The National Child Welfare Resource Center for Tribes (NRC4Tribes) is the newest resource center within the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) National Network. The NRC4Tribes is designed to improve child welfare systems and to support Tribes and States in achieving sustainable, systemic change that results in greater safety, permanency, and well-being for children, youth, and families.

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- Intertribal Collaboration

Map of the United States with state abbreviations: AK, HI, WA, OR, ID, MT, ND, SD, WY, NE, IA, MO, KS, OK, TX, AZ, NM, CO, UT, NV, CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, TX, LA, MS, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, VA, WV, OH, PA, NY, ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, DC.

Questions? Comments?



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