

ICWA Training Sessions

ICWA 101 - Beginning

The presentation provides an overview of the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act, including historical experiences of Native people which led to the passage of the Act.

Advanced ICWA

This presentation focuses on more in-depth examination of implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act through specific case examples. Implementation issues and strategies for handling problem situations will be discussed.

Fostering Connections and ICWA

The presentation examines how legislation passed 30 years after the Indian Child Welfare Act – Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act – can strengthen the placement provisions of ICWA through stronger emphasis on family inclusion, relative search and sibling placements as well as supporting tribal access to federal Title IV-E foster care resources.

ICWA and ASFA

The presentation focuses on the intersection of ICWA and the Adoption and Safe Families Act in identifying strategies to address culturally appropriate permanency planning for Native American children in state or tribal custody.

Tribal-State-Court Collaborations for Improved ICWA Compliance

Without tribal, state and court collaboration to address how ICWA can meet the needs of Native children, the goals of ICWA cannot be fulfilled as the law was intended. This presentation will address and identify successful strategies that have been implemented in various jurisdictions to improve collaborative efforts for improving outcomes for Native children in state or county foster care systems.

Children of ICWA – Perspectives from Native Foster Youth and Adult Adoptees

This presentation provides a view of the Indian Child Welfare Act from those who have experienced it first-hand. Adult adoptees or former youth in foster care share the experience of spending time in foster care systems as well as how connections to their tribes – afforded by ICWA – have impacted their lives.

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