

Substance Abuse and Child Welfare in Tribal Communities: A Two Part Webinar Series

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Part 1 in the series, "Substance Abuse and Child Welfare in Tribal Communities"

This session examines the delivery of family-centered services in the context of the recovery model and community response. It introduces the worker to the scope of such services and focuses on three main topics: providing family preservation services, assisting substance-abusing families, providing family support services. The workshop is designed to provide the Indian Child Welfare (ICW) worker with an understanding of the importance of these services, which keep children with their own families, and the role of these services in family preservation. The topics include supporting families that are separated from their children, identifying traditional positive supports, and building understanding for the historical issues that surround tribal child welfare.

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Part 2 in the series, "Substance Abuse and Child Welfare in Tribal Communities"

NCSACW and NICWA have worked together to integrate the Relational Worldview Model and the 10 Element Framework to support administrators in developing and maintaining collaboration in Tribal communities. The Relational Worldview Model incorporates the Tribal thought of balance and harmony in relationships. There are four major factors that must come together in balance: context, mind, body, and spirit. This Relational Worldview Model views family problems as resulting from an imbalance between these factors. NCSACW uses a 10 Element Framework of system linkages to organize planning efforts of substance abuse treatment, child welfare and courts to improve outcomes for families with substance use disorders involved in the child welfare and family court system.

The Promoting Safe and Stable Families act recently funded six Tribal community programs under the Targeted Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse. This panel presentation involves representatives from four of these tribes who are currently working to create system-wide linkages between their Tribal community and State or county level departments of child welfare services and substance abuse treatment services. System linkages to be discussed include screening and assessment of parents with substance use disorders and coordinating the service linkages for parents' treatment and child safety. Particular strategies to be discussed include developing Memoranda of Understanding and staffing meetings to establish and maintain collaborative relationships.

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