

**Substance Abuse and Child Welfare in Tribal Communities
Family Centered Services for Indian Children Impacted by
Family Substance Use Disorders**

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
11:00am – 1:00pm Pacific
(12:00pm Mountain, 1:00pm Central, 2:00pm Eastern)

Conference Call Line: (877) 885-6719
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AGENDA

11:00 am Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Janice M. Holt, M.A.
Program Specialist, ACF, Region 10

11:10 am Family Centered Services for Indian Children – Part I

Presenter: Nadja Jones, M.S.W. (Comanche/Onondaga)
Senior Community Development Specialist, NICWA

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 families affected by substance use disorders, and providing family support services. This first part 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. Discussion 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.

11:50 am Interactive Exercise and Questions and Answers

Moderator: Cathleen Otero, M.S.W.,M.P.A.
Deputy Director, NCSACW

12:05 pm Family Centered Services for Indian Children – Part II

Presenter: Nadja Jones, M.S.W. (Comanche/Onondaga)
Senior Community Development Specialist, NICWA

The second part of this webinar session will focus on the unique issues involved in engaging and helping family affected by substance use disorders through the various aspects of recovery. Discussion topics include recognizing the elements involved in the provision of services in a culturally unique community model, establishing healthy interdependence in families, cultural variables in family preservation models, and decision making models that work in tribal communities.

12:40 pm Questions and Answers

Moderator: Cathleen Otero, M.S.W.,M.P.A.
Deputy Director, NCSACW

12:55 pm Wrap up



Speaker Bios

Janice M. Holt, M.A., Program Specialist

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Janice Holt serves as a Program Specialist for the Administration of Children and Families (ACF), Region 10, Immediate Office of the Regional Administrator. Ms. Holt's role is in support of the mission of ACF: To promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities through federal programs. Ms. Holt recently joined ACF after 18 years of not-for-profit work in the areas of Child Welfare, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Affordable Housing and community partnerships working to address issues surrounding poverty, homelessness and incarcerated youth. Ms. Holt received her Master of Arts in Psychology (Existential Phenomenology) from Seattle University.

Nadja Jones, M.S.W., Senior Community Development Specialist

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Nadja Jones, M.S.W., a Comanche Indian, has worked throughout her career in the field of Indian Child Welfare. As a direct services provider in an urban Indian agency, she developed skills in reunification and preventive case management. Ms. Jones was integral in establishing a network of tribal relative care emergency placements throughout the upstate New York region. When Ms. Jones received her MSW from Arizona State University, she proceeded to work for the state serving under the state ICWA specialist. As a manager, she was able to direct both reunification and preventive services for the urban tribal populations of central Minnesota. While supervising family services programming, Ms. Jones collaborated with urban American Indian organizations who provide mental health services, substance abuse treatment and youth at risk shelters. Currently, Ms. Jones provides the direction for several contracts and grants that provide information and training to tribal and public constituents. Ms. Jones provides advisory and planning committee resources to various initiatives specific to systems improvement and capacity building. Ms. Jones provides in-depth technical assistance to federally recognized tribes and states specific to systems collaboration between child welfare, substance abuse services and the court system through the In-Depth Technical Assistance funded by the NCSACW.

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Cathleen Otero serves as the Deputy Director of the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. In this role, she develops and provides training and technical assistance to States and local jurisdictions to enhance understanding of the issues of parental substance use disorders in the child welfare system, encouraging the development of collaborative policy and practice. Ms. Otero received her Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration degrees from the University of Southern California.