Understanding ICWA—Agenda

**Day 1**

8:30 a.m.  Introductions
8:45 a.m.  Overview
9:00 a.m.  History of ICWA and current need for ICWA
  - Activity
  - Federal policy and its effects on Indian children, families, and tribes
  - Current status of Indian children in state child welfare systems
10:30 a.m.  Break
10:45 a.m.  Overview of the child welfare system and court processes
11:00 a.m.  ICWA: When does it apply?
  - Application
  - Activity

Lunch provided

1:00 p.m.  ICWA: When does it apply?
  - Notice
1:30 p.m.  ICWA: Who gets to hear the case?
  - Jurisdiction
  - Transfer

2:00 p.m.  Break
2:45 p.m.  ICWA: Emergency removals
3:00 p.m.  ICWA: What is the role of the tribe?
  - Intervention

3:30 p.m.  ICWA: What happens when a child is removed and placed outside the home?
  - Video: *The Heart of ICWA: Becky* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYMG13pKq4Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYMG13pKq4Y)
  - Active efforts
    - Activity
  - Standard of proof
  - Qualified Expert Witnesses
  - Placement preferences
4:30 p.m.  Adjourn for the day

**Day 2**

8:30 a.m.  Check in and questions
8:45 a.m.  ICWA: What happens when parental rights are involuntarily terminated and the child is placed for adoption?
  - Active efforts
  - Burden of proof
  - Qualified Expert Witnesses
  - Placement preferences
9:30 a.m.  ICWA: How do voluntary placements work?
  - Voluntary foster care
  - Voluntary adoptions
  - Rights of Adult Adoptees
  - Video: *The Heart of ICWA: Lukas* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quYwcvZQVEM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quYwcvZQVEM)
10:30 a.m.  Break
10:45 a.m.  Case scenario
11:30 a.m.  *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl* (“Baby Veronica case”)
  - Background

Lunch on your own

1:15 p.m.  *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*
• Who will this affect?
• How does ICWA apply now?

1:45 p.m. ICWA: How does ICWA interact with my state’s laws?
  • Using the highest standard to protect families
  • Tribal-State agreements
  • State ICWAs
  • Activity

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. ICWA and other federal laws
  • Fostering Connections Act
  • Title IV-E
  • Multi-Ethnic Placement Act
  • Interstate Compact on Placement of Children
  • Adoption and Safe Families Act

4:30 p.m. Adjourn for the day

Day 3

8:30 a.m. Check-in and questions

8:45 a.m. Additional ICWA considerations
  • Foster care licensing
  • Tribal customary adoption
  • Full faith and credit

9:30 a.m. Activity— ICWA elevator speech

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. How did we get here? — Perspectives on child welfare policy and practice
  • Family needs vs. federal funding in child welfare
  • Activity—Understanding and addressing systemic issues

10:45 a.m. Understanding and responding to ICWA challenges
  • Goldwater Institute video
  • Discussion

11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own

12:45 p.m. First Light—Video on Maine Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission
  • Discussion
  • What opportunities for truth and reconciliation are there in my state?
  https://vimeo.com/141218300

1:15 p.m. Activity: ICWA quiz

2:00 p.m. Overview of online resources
  • NICWA online resources
  • NARF Practical Guide
  • BIA ICWA Page

2:30 p.m. Review of the training
  • Any other questions?
  • How did we do?

3:00 p.m. Adjourn