



NICWA
National Indian Child Welfare Association
Protecting Our Children • Preserving Our Culture

ICWA Basics with Regulations & Guidelines Update Sample Agenda

Day 1

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| 2:00 p.m. | Introductions | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jurisdiction• Transfer |
| 2:15 p.m. | Overview | 11:45 a.m. | ICWA: Emergency removals |
| 2:30 p.m. | History of ICWA and current need for ICWA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity• Federal policy toward Indian children, families, and tribes• Current status of Indian children in the child welfare system | 12:00 noon | Lunch (provided) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Video: <i>Bringing Our Children Home</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJCqeauLvY8 | 1:15 p.m. | What is the role of the tribe? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intervention |
| 4:30 p.m. | Adjourn for the day | 1:45 p.m. | What happens when a child is removed from their home? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video: <i>The Heart of ICWA: Becky</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYMG13pKq4Y• Active efforts |
| | | 2:30 p.m. | Break |

Day 2

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| 8:30 a.m. | Check in/questions | 2:45 p.m. | What happens when a child is removed? (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active Efforts Activity• Standard of proof• Qualified expert witness• Placement preferences |
| 8:45 a.m. | Overview of the child welfare system/court process | | |
| 9:00 a.m. | ICWA: When does it apply? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application of ICWA• Activity | 3:45 p.m. | What happens when involuntary termination of parental rights and adoptive placement are pursued? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active efforts• Standard of proof• Qualified expert witness• Placement preferences |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break | | |
| 10:45 a.m. | ICWA: Notice | | |
| 11:15 a.m. | ICWA: Who gets to hear the case? | 4:30 p.m. | Adjourn for the day |



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Day 3

- 8:30 a.m. Check-in/questions
- 8:45 a.m. 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>
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*
("Baby Veronica case")
- 11:15 a.m. Case Scenario
- 12:00 noon Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m. How does ICWA interact with my state laws?
- Using highest standard
 - Tribal-State agreements
 - State ICWA laws and policy
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn