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Enhancing Basic Skills for Tribal/First Nations Child Welfare Workers Sample Agenda

Effective interviewing skills

- Introduction to social work interviewing
- Cultural considerations in interviewing
- Ethnographic interviewing

Assessment, case plans, and care coordination

- Elements of a culturally based assessment
- Case plans that help families achieve their goals
- Care coordination

Essential elements of working with substance-abusing families

- Substance abuse and tribal/first nations child welfare
- Basics of addiction and recovery
- Roles and strategies that support rehabilitation and recovery

Writing effective court reports

- The worker and the court
- Communication with the court
- Guidance for effective court reports

Case records and documentation

- “Who is it for?” values and principles of case recording
- Standards for documentation
- Challenges of electronic versus paper records