



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
 - Video: *Bringing Our Children Home*
http://courts.ms.gov/trialcourts/youthcourt/webhelp/videos/yc_process/icwvideo/index.html
- 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
- Noon 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=YMGI3pKq4Y>
 - 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>
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Case scenario
- 11:30 a.m. *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl* (“Baby Veronica case”)
- Background
- Noon 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
- <http://goldwaterinstitute.org/en/work/topics/constitutional-rights/government-preferences/death-on-a-reservation/>
- 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