



Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this training institute, participants will:

1. Understand the historic relationship between Indian children and the United States child welfare policies that led to the enactment of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
2. Be able to follow and apply the basic provisions of ICWA.
3. Know best practices for state and tribal child welfare workers when ICWA applies to a state child welfare or adoption case.
4. Understand the value of viewing tribes as a resource, rather than an obstacle to quality services.
5. Learn how the federal child welfare system, laws, and financing have influenced our practice and the status of American Indian/Alaska Native children today.
6. Understand the interaction between ICWA and other relevant federal child welfare laws and how to support and increase compliance with ICWA.
7. Identify opportunities to increase collaboration between tribes and states to improve ICWA compliance and support tribal cultural practices.