



The Capacity Building Center for Tribes is part of the Children's Bureau's new Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative. The Collaborative is composed of three integrated Centers to serve Tribes, States, and Courts in building capacities to improve child welfare service delivery. The Center for Tribes is led by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, the University of Denver, the University of Southern Maine and Westat. We collaborate with Native organizations from throughout the country and seek guidance and direction on program development and implementation activities from a National Advisory Council – individuals with culturally-relevant and tribally-focused expertise in a variety of human services topical areas.

Types of Assistance

The Center for Tribes services include coaching, peer networking, distance learning, consultation, dissemination, product development, and capacity building assistance. In close collaboration with the Children's Bureau Central and Regional Office staff, services are identified in three categories:

- Universal services—designed to increase awareness, understanding, and engagement among a broad audience of agency and court professionals across the country.
- Constituency services—designed to enhance knowledge, skills, and relationships among groups of professionals and peer groups.
- Tailored services—designed to help individual Tribes, States and courts assess their needs; develop the capacities necessary to improve their performance; and achieve outcomes for children and families.
- Tribal Permanency Projects, designed to improve permanency planning for tribal children.
- Focused assistance for Tribal Title IV-E programs (either direct Title IV-E or through Tribal-State agreements).

Accessing Services

- Tribes may make an inquiry for services to Regional Office or Center for Tribes.
- Center for Tribes staff works with tribes to explore their needs.
- If it appears a tribe would benefit from tailored services, tribal staff and Center staff complete an assessment process that identifies current issues, strengths, capacities and desired outcomes to co-create a plan for child welfare organization or system improvement.

Each tribe receives recommendations that identifies the specific capacity building services that the Center for Tribes may provide.



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