

Core Principles

The Center for Tribes is committed to honoring and respecting the inherent sovereign authority and self-determination of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal Nations to govern, control, design, and improve their governmental institutions to support their children, families, and communities.

The Center for Tribes core principles include being:

- Culturally-responsive
- Collaborative
- Respectful
- Honoring Tribal sovereignty
- Outcome-focused

Service Recipients

The Center for Tribes supports American Indian and Alaska Native child welfare programs that receive Title IV-B or IV-E funding.

About the Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative

The Collaborative is a partnership among three centers – the Center for Tribes, Center for States, and Center for Courts. The Centers that form the collaborative work together to ensure the delivery of coordinated, inclusive, and well-informed capacity building services in order to achieve improved outcomes for children, youth, and families.

Contact the Center for Tribes!

The Center for Tribes has a team of Tribal child welfare specialists who work with Tribal child welfare programs to help assess their needs and work together to address those needs. Services are free and by request.

Reach us via email or phone:
info@cbc4tribes.org or
1-800-871-8702.

Visit us online:
capacity.childwelfare.gov/tribes and
tribalinformationexchange.org



Capacity Building
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The Capacity Building Center for Tribes (Center for Tribes) is a federally funded resource for Tribal child welfare programs. The Center offers an array of services, such as: products and tools, peer networking activities, and individualized expert consultation. Services are available at no cost to assist Tribal organizations with improving child welfare practice and performance.

The Center is part of the Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative, an initiative launched by the Children's Bureau in 2014. Centers in the Collaborative share common principles and a service delivery approach that promotes cross-system learning and partnership.

Service Areas

Universal Services are designed to spread useful information and practical resources to Tribal child welfare program professionals across the country. Products developed by the Center – web content, electronic publications, audio and video presentations, and others – support busy child welfare leaders who need useful, timely information about promising practices.

Targeted Services are designed to engage specific groups of child welfare leaders. These services build knowledge and skills and foster communication and supportive relationships among child welfare agencies. Virtual communities of practice, online learning courses, training academies, and facilitated peer networking activities promote learning and connections between peers who face similar issues and challenges.

Tailored Services provide individual technical assistance and support with Tribal child welfare programs to enhance their capacity through organizational change and system improvement. Training, coaching, consultation, and other services help agencies to assess their needs, develop or enhance their capacities to improve performance and services, and achieve positive outcomes for children and families.

Focused Assistance for Tribal Title IV-E programs (either direct Title IV-E or through Tribal-State agreements).

Who We Are

The Center for Tribes is a network of six organizations that collectively have many years of experience working with Tribes, States, and court systems in designing, delivering, and evaluating capacity-building services in Indian Country.

Center Partners:

- The Butler Institute for Families
- Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Key Center Collaborating Agencies:

- Cutler Institute at the University of Southern Maine
- University of Oklahoma
- National Native Children's Trauma Center, University of Montana
- Westat

Visit the Tribal Information Exchange at tribalinformationexchange.org! It is an information and resource-sharing service focused exclusively on Tribal child welfare.



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