



## Capacity Building for Tribal Child Welfare Systems: Improving Services for our Children and Families

Sunday, October 19, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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### AGENDA

- I. **Invocation**
  - a.
- II. **Introduction and Overview [30 mins]**
  - a. **Group Introductions**
  - b. **Overview: Erik Stegman, NCAI Policy Research Center**
    - i. Using the Community of Practice Concept
- III. **Background on Title IV-E: New Funding Access [30 mins]**
  - a. Jack Trope, Association on American Indian Affairs (?)
  - b. How passage of the amendments changes the current system for tribal child welfare systems
  - c. What are the Title IV-E amendments? How do they operate?
  - d.
- IV. **Title IV-E Implementation Issues for Tribal Governments: [30 mins]**  
**David Simmons, NICWA**
  - a. Assessing current capacity and potential benefits
  - b. Planning for start up – key considerations in program, policy and fiscal
  - c. Training of key staff and care providers
  - d. Data collection
  - e. Evaluation
- V. Break [10 mins]
- VI. **Developing an Action Plan to Build Capacity [80 mins]**
  - a. Co-facilitated by David Simmons, NICWA and Erik Stegman, NCAI Policy Research Center
  - b. Brief review of previous CoP Meeting (Erik)
    - i. How our previous discussion can inform action planning
  - c. **Identifying and Developing New Resources to Build Capacity for Child Welfare Systems**
    - i. Highlight of tools/resources that were discussed in March
    - ii. In light of the IV-E amendments passing, what new tools/resources do we need to develop?
    - iii. What resources currently exist, but need to be re-packaged or marketed differently and more effectively?
    - iv. What are the largest information gaps? How can the PRC help cultivate new research that will assist in capacity building?
  - d. **Developing strategies to bring tools and resources to a more diverse group of stakeholders.**
    - i. Stakeholder inventory

1. Brainstorm all the different stakeholders
  2. Identify those groups who still aren't at the table
- ii. Are there any other "cornerstone" partners with whom we should be working?
  - iii. How can we market new tools and resources to those who aren't at the table?
  - iv. What kind of "information products" do different stakeholders need?