



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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- I. **Invocation**
- 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. David Simmons, NICWA
 - c. How passage of the amendments changes the current system for tribal child welfare systems
 - d. What are the Title IV-E amendments? How do they operate?
- 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?