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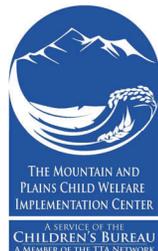
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Mountains and Plains Child Welfare Implementation Center (MPCWIC)

The HHS, ACF Children's Bureau (CB) has expanded its Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Network by establishing five new Child Welfare Implementation Centers.

The new Child Welfare Implementation Centers will expand the existing T/TA Network and will provide expertise in the implementation of change strategies through in-depth and long-term consultation and support to state and tribal child welfare agencies.



(For a description of the T/TA Network see <http://www.acf.gov/programs/cb/tta/index.htm#technical>)

Geographical Service Area

The geographical service area for the MPCWIC includes ACF Regions VI and VIII, and includes eleven States and sixty-six Tribal Nations.



Primary Goals

1. Establish an infrastructure of technical assistance to state and tribal child welfare agencies in Regions VI and VIII to promote system practice changes.
2. Provide intensive technical assistance to state and tribal child welfare agencies to develop and initiate Implementation projects for systemic practice.
3. Evaluate the process and outcomes of MPCWIC.

The MPCWIC will promote, strengthen and formalize peer-to-peer consultation and problem-solving between child welfare systems. Regular opportunities to share information, experiences, and lessons between state and tribal child welfare systems will be provided.

The MPCWIC is tasked with the responsibility to provide resources to state and tribal child welfare agencies in Regions VI & VIII to meet the goals of safety, permanency, and well-being criteria of the Child and Family Services Reviews or other analogous program needs assessments, reviews or program evaluations. Therefore the MPCWIC will provide an opportunity for states and tribes to meet the identified needs through intensive implementation center projects. MPCWIC anticipates funding sixteen (16) projects over the course of five (5) years with 20% to 30% of funded projects to include tribal agencies.

Regional Forums

Regional forums will be held in both regions (Regions VI & VIII). The Region VI Forum will be held in Arlington, TX on April 14 - 16, 2009 at the Hilton Arlington Hotel and UTA. The Region VIII will be held in Denver, CO on April 27—29, 2009 at the Red Lion Inn and Regional round tables will be held annually thereafter. The forums will begin the MPCWIC's activities and will build support and momentum for strategic planning and systemic improvement efforts across the regions. The forums will serve as a resource by providing the child welfare agency information on how to develop and submit a proposal for intensive implementation projects.

Partner Agencies

The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work, Judith Granger Birmingham Center of Child Welfare (UTA) is the primary agency for this Cooperative Agreement. The University of Denver, Butler Institute for Families, Denver, Colorado and The Native American Training Institute in Bismarck, ND, as partnering agencies, will assist in meeting the goals and objectives associated with this unique collaboration.

Additional Information

For more information on this Cooperative Agreement, the application process to apply for intensive implementation projects, applicant organizational toolkit, or additional information on the Region VI and VIII Forums please go to the Website www.mpcwic.org.

For further Information about the Children's Bureau Program, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>

About the Native American Training Institute

Faced with high need, geographic isolation, limited tribal capacity and scarce resources, the tribal child welfare agencies from the four Tribal Nations of North Dakota: the Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes (MHA Nation), and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, including the Trenton Indian Services Areas, united together to create the Native American Children and Family Services Training Institute, now known as the Native American Training Institute (NATI) in 1995.



The mission of the Native American Training Institute is to empower individuals, families and the community to create a safe and healthy environment so children and families can achieve their highest potential.

The mission of the NATI has changed somewhat throughout the years. Although we continue to work directly with Tribal Nations in North Dakota, much of our work occurs outside of the State and includes the following:

- Curriculum development
- Program evaluation services
- Unique, culturally-relevant and strengths-based training for human service providers working with Native populations
- Technical Assistance in strategic planning, tribal funding access for child welfare programs, program development, implementation strategies for systemic change and other areas

See our website for further descriptions of our products and services. www.nativeinstitute.org