Understanding and Applying ICWA: Purpose, Strategies, Practice, and Resources

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Virtual Training via Zoom

Faculty

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9:00 – 9:15	Introductions and Learning Objectives
9:15 – 10:00	 Historical and Cultural Perspectives Leading to the ICWA Federal Indian Policy Timeline: Dealing With the "Indian Problem" Boarding Schools & Adoption Project: Policies and Practices Necessitating the ICWA
10:00 – 10:30	 Trauma: Historical, Personal, and Intergenerational Overview of Trauma Disproportionality Then and Now What Disproportionality Means for Indian Children
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	Understanding and Applying the Requirements of ICWA, Regs, and MIFPALegal Authority and Definitions

- When ICWA Applies
- Tribal Lineage Inquiry by Social Services Agency and Court
- Active Efforts and Active Efforts Determination
 - o When?
 - Required Court Findings
 - Documentation
 - Definitions

11:45 - 12:00 Questions, Wrap Up and Adjourn

Faculty and Planning Committee

Hon. Jamie Cork, District Court Judge, Dakota County
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