

NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN TRAINING FORUM

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About NACTF

Since 2012, NIJC has received funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to conduct the Native American Children Training Forum (NACTF).

The purpose of the project is to address the unmet training needs of California tribes and tribal service providers who assist Native American children who are victims of child abuse and/or neglect or at risk of abuse and neglect.

Program Objectives in 2018

- 1) Enroll 2 or more staff members at each of the 18 tribal sites in 1 NACTF online course, and 90% or more of them complete and evaluate a course.
- 2) Conduct 3 training sessions for 25 or more participants.
- 3) Revise and expand the 1 short-term and 1 mid-term existing evaluation tools to capture information about the learning outcomes of diversely experienced tribal child welfare personnel with respect to systemic trauma and use them in the training sessions.
- 4) Develop a NACTF guidance webinar, conduct 2 live broadcasts for the 18 sites/hubs and obtain a written progress report from each site/hub.
- 5) Revise trainee evaluation surveys and NACTF log-in credentials to capture more detailed information on trainee demographics.
- 6) Analyze training needs data and produce a report on training gaps.

Upcoming Trainings

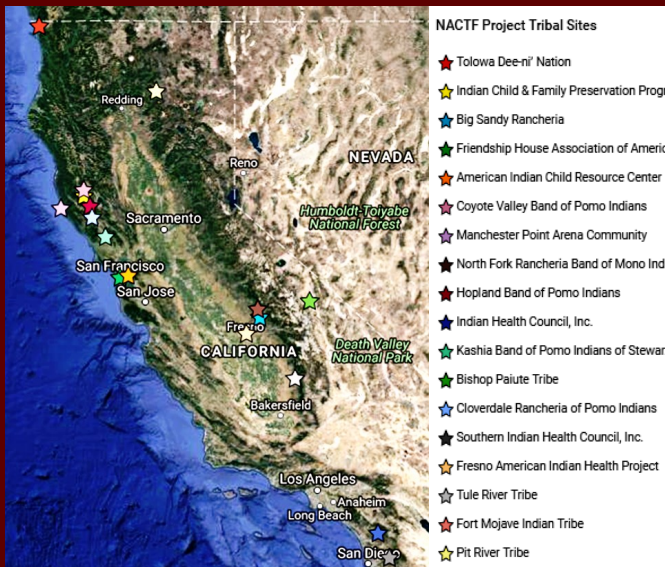
- ⇒ We currently have 8 NACTF online training courses available for free. Register today! For more information on how to register go to page, 3.
- ⇒ NACTF Guidance Webinar with all 18 Project Sites, date & location to be determined.
- ⇒ 3 training sessions, dates & locations to be determined.



<http://www.nijc.org/NACTF.html>

NACTF Project Sites

To assess and improve the telecommunications/information technology (IT) and training capacity of Tribes, Tribal organizations and Tribal agencies in California that provide services to Native American Children who have been abused and/or neglected, or are at risk.



Project Sites

Eighteen (18) tribes and community-based organizations participate in NACTF. These sites have received technical assistance to improve their capacity to engage in and/or provide ICWA related distance learning, professional networking and client support services.

NACTF Goals

- 1) To develop, pilot, evaluate and disseminate online training courses to assist service providers in their educational needs while elevating the capacity of service providers to participate in and provide online training courses and professional networking.
- 2) To provide distance learning opportunities for project sites to reach and educate a greater number of Tribal members including the Tribal Council.
- 3) To encourage tribes and organizations in a region to use the regional hub sites for remote training, web conferencing, a local classroom environment and workgroup meetings for ICWA related distance learning .
- 4) To encourage communication between project sites and NIJC.

Trainings & Online Classroom

The trainings and courses offered online are designed for child welfare workers, social workers, children's services providers, youth advocates, department of justice professionals, law enforcement professionals, elected Tribal officials, Tribal leaders, and all tribal staff or community partners who represent tribal interests in serving Native American children who have been abused/neglected or are at risk.



Message to Project Sites

Let's work together to improve and obtain better outcomes for Tribal children in the child welfare system.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide NACTF project sites with new updates about ICWA related issues, trainings, availability of new courses and resources.

Please send us information on upcoming trainings and we will add it to the newsletter every month to support you in reaching the NACTF community and statewide partners about your training events.

Very Respectfully,

Christy Garcia

NACTF Project Specialist

Quotes from Project Sites

"We are able to stream webinars and training to a larger audience. Having all staff in one room vs. being at their desk promotes learning and cross training."

"The enhanced Wi-Fi capacity allows us to have students, many of whom are high risk and victims of abuse and/or community violence, many do not have computers or Internet access at home. With our technology and equipment they are able to complete their school work and projects."

"The online pre-learning was easy and informative and I would ask my staff to participate."



Online Classroom

NACTF online training courses are specific to California and federal rules governing the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). We currently have the following courses available.

Tribal STAR: ICWA—historical, philosophical, and legal bases for ICWA of 1978, origins and legacies of historical distrust and trauma, and ICWA regulations.

ICWA 101—an introduction to ICWA, reporting and implementation procedures, placement preferences, preparing an ICWA case, and Tribal representative courtroom preparation.

ICWA Qualified Expert Witness—what is an expert witness, when to use an expert witness, and how they can and should be used.

Computer Literacy—the use and operation of commonly utilized computer programs, distance learning tools, and various online tools.

Active Efforts—what are active efforts, requirements to provide active efforts, and active efforts in ICWA cases.

Mandatory Reporting—mandatory reporting in CA; mandatory reporters and reportable forms of abuse; filing a report & consequences of failing to report.

Courtroom Decorum—strategies, approaches and recommendations to effectively prepare for successful outcomes in court appearances and all interactions with the court.

NICWA Positive Indian Parenting— includes a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Indian parents, its purpose and what it means.

How do I register for an online class?

To establish a user account and be enrolled in the courses [click here](#) or contact Barry at barry@nijc.org. It will take one to two business days to receive your username and password to access the courses. Once you log in, click on **Native American Children Training Forum** at: <http://nijconline.org/> to start the online courses.

Register Today!

Online Courses Mobile App

To use the Moodle Mobile app, you need to install it from the App Store or Google Play depending on which type of phone or tablet you use.

<https://download.moodle.org/mobile/>

1. Type the site address, <http://nijconline.org>, then click **Connect!**
2. Type your login info, click **Log in** (same login info you would use for desktop).

Once you are logged in, you won't have to sign in each time you use the app.



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NACTF Online Resources

The NACTF Online Resource Library contains training manuals, books, videos and other media you can download or peruse online.

Please follow the link to access training and technical assistance resources.

http://www.nijc.org/datasheets/calema_icwa_resourceslist.php

For questions or if you would like to add resources to the page, please contact Christy Garcia at christyg@nijc.org



Upcoming Trainings

3 training sessions will be conducted by December 31, 2018. Stay Posted!

Funding Opportunities

Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes

Deadline to apply is May 14, 2018

For more information go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298156>

Community Collaborations to Strengthen Family Connections

Deadline to apply is May 27, 2018

For more information go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298155>

Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program (Short Title: Native Connections)

Deadline to apply is June 22, 2018

For more information go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=304101>

ICWA Announcements

[New Indian Child Welfare Act Challenges On The Horizon](#)

[ICWA Guide for Tribal Governments and Leaders](#)

Out-of-State Trainings

May 21-23, 2018, in Reno, NV

[Elder & Child Abuse in Indian Country](#)

[Grant Writing for Tribal Agencies](#)

Please contact NIJC for more information.

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