Native American Children Training Forum
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **I am unaware of our previous participation in the NACTF project. I would like more information on NACTF project and are we required to participate?**
   - 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 or at risk for child abuse and/or neglect.
   - A part of this year's grant, CalOES is doing an evaluation of the project to see how the technology resources, distance learning, and training has helped and impacted the sites that were selected in previous years to receive resources. The goal is to continue providing technical assistance to the eighteen (18) tribes and community-based organizations that participated in NACTF in previous years, to improve their capacity to engage in and/or provide ICWA related distance learning, professional networking and client support services. Project sites are <u>not required</u> to participate in the NACTF project. Nonetheless, we encourage all 18 sites to participate.
   - We do not know if CalOES will continue to fund the project in the future but we hope to be able to assist you as long as we have the resources to do so.

2. **Our site would like to continue to participate, what do we need to do?**
   As a project site, you will be asked to do the following:
   - Have 1 or more staff members from your site participate in 1 of the 2 live broadcasts of the NACTF guidance webinar (estimated time per webinar is 1 hour long);
   - Have 2 or more staff members enroll in 1 existing NACTF online, and complete and evaluate the course;
   - Complete a Yearly Progress Report Survey;
   - Renew a modified MOU with NIJC to receive further technical assistance.

3. **Is the MOU required to participate?**
   - No, the MOU is not required. We encourage you to still participate in the project.

4. Are project sites getting technology resources during this grant period?

- No, we currently do not have funding for new technology resources and/or upgrades. All trainings, online courses, and webinars are free.

5. What are the responsibilities and/or expectations of the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) and NACTF project sites?

NIJC's responsibilities include:

- Serving as the administrator and implementer of all NACTF project activities as outlined in the objectives.
- Coordinating an Expert Panel to guide the project and communicate needs from the field to the project.
- Issue monthly e-blasts on announcements, updates and availability of courses and trainings.
- Provide NACTF online course moderation and office hours for participants to answer questions and provide technical support.

NACTF Project Sites' responsibilities include:

- Assign a liaison to coordinate with NIJC in the identification, maintenance, and sustainability of IT resources at the project site.
- Have 1 or more staff members from the site participate in one of the 2 live broadcasts of the NACTF guidance webinar.
- Have 2 or more staff members enroll in 1 existing NACTF online course, and complete and evaluate the course.
- Promptly respond to document and information requests to receive resources (failure to promptly respond could result in loss of resources).
- Complete the NACTF Progress Yearly Report Survey, an end-of-project assessment which will identify project targets, goals, and needs in reducing the systemic trauma when handling and investigation of child abuse cases in tribal communities.
- Request technical assistance from NIJC in a timely manner for help in implementing resources or participating in project.
- Renew MOUs with NIJC to receive further technical support. If the MOU is a problem, please note that you can still participate as a site without renewing the MOU.

On-Board NACTF Checklist:

- Course Needs Assessment
- Course Sign-Up
- Guidance Webinar
- MOU Renewal
- Yearly Progress Report

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6. **What online courses does the NACTF project offer? How much time do they take to complete?**
    - NACTF online training courses are specific to California and federal rules governing the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
    - NACTF Online Courses include:
        o Tribal STAR: ICWA
        o ICWA 101
        o ICWA Qualified Expert Witness
        o Computer Literacy
        o Active Efforts
        o Mandatory Reporting
        o Courtroom Decorum
        o Child Abuse Investigative Protocols
    - All of our online courses are self-paced using Moodle (a web-based and mobile distance learning platform). The course duration varies. Each course is broken up into modules of 1-2 hours each. 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, go to http://nijconline.org/ and click on Native American Children Training Forum to start one of the online courses listed above.

7. **What's the difference between a NACTF online course and a blended training?**
    - An NACTF online course is a self-paced online course. This online classroom uses the Moodle platform which allows for synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous classrooms. Registration is required (see Question #6).
    - A blended training is a live training conducted both on-site and online. Currently, three regional trainings are scheduled. Please refer to our website for more information and to register (http://www.nijc.org/NACTF_it-and-training.html). The online portion is a live webinar during the training using ReadyTalk.

8. **Are the online courses and on-site trainings free?**
    - Yes, all of the NACTF trainings are free. The National Indian Justice Center's NACTF Project is funded by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

9. **How do I login to the NACTF Project online courses?**

- To establish a user account and enroll 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 listed above.

Step One	Step Two
• Login with the information provided from Barry's email. NIJC Moodle Username Password ☐ Remember username [Log in]	• To View Courses, click on ***Native American Children Training Forum*** Courses ▸ Native American Children Training Forum
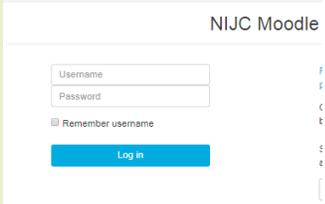
10. What type of technical assistance does the NACTF project offer?
- Help with registering training participants
- Help with advertising training sessions in our NACTF Monthly Newsletter
- Help using our NACTF online courses

For any questions and/or concerns regarding technical assistance, please contact:

Christy Garcia
Email: christyg@nijc.org
In your message, include the topic of your technical assistance need and a brief description. You will receive a confirmation email. Please allow 1-2 business days to respond.

11. What is the difference between NACTF trainings and NIJC trainings?
- NIJC trainings cover a wider array of trainings topics, can be requested, and cost a fee. NACTF trainings focus on Indian child welfare issues and are offered by NIJC through the NACTF grant for free.
- NIJC is a 100% Native governed, non-profit corporation with principle offices in Santa Rosa, California. NIJC was established through the collective efforts of the National American Indian Court Judges Association, the American Indian Lawyer Training Program, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in order to establish an independent national resource for Native communities and tribal governments.

- The goals of NIJC are to design and deliver legal education, research, and technical assistance programs which seek to improve the quality of life for Native communities and the administration of justice in Indian country.
- The NACTF is one of the many projects NIJC conducts. The NACTF project is funded by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).
- NIJC designs and conducts ON-SITE training tailored to specific needs. If you wish to discuss an ON-SITE, please call the above number or E-mail us at: tcoord@nijc.org
- For more information on NIJC visit: www.nijc.org

12. Where can I find additional information on ICWA related resources?

- The NACTF Online Resources is a searchable database of ICWA related resources. New resources are added to it on a continuous basis. Please use the link below to access ICWA related training and technical assistance resources we have accumulated. Some of these links will take you directly to resources. Where the resources are available only through select organizations or vendors you will be directed to the appropriate sites for additional information.
- For questions or if you would like to add resources to the page, please contact Christy Garcia at christyg@nijc.org
- NACTF Resources Online Link: http://www.nijc.org/datasheets/CalEMA_ICWA_Resourceslist.php