



# ICWA: Understanding the Legal Challenges

September 11-13, 2019  
Peppermill Resort & Casino  
Reno, Nevada

## Protecting Tribal Children & Tribal Culture

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On September 11-13, 2019 the National Indian Justice Center will conduct a training session on the **Indian Child Welfare Act: Understanding the Legal Challenges**. This training session will focus on the impacts of the BIA's 2016 Regulations on the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act, as well as legal challenges to the constitutionality of ICWA. This session will also touch on cases involving Tribal Customary Adoption. In these cases, the child's tribe may elect for a Tribal Customary Adoption as an appropriate permanent plan if the family is unable to reunify. This session is intended for tribal social workers, ICWA advocates, county social workers, and those who work with tribal children. Participants will receive a training manual, and a certificate of achievement upon completion of the training session.

## This Session Will Examine



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- Historic Foundation for the Adoption of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978
- Review of the BIA Regulations
- Review of Brakeen and other cases questioning the constitutionality of ICWA
- Overview of the Challenges to the BIA Regulations
- Intersection of Regulations and Certain State Laws Implementing ICWA
- Define Tribal Customary Adoption (TCA)
- Explain the purpose of Tribal Customary Adoptions
- Explain the difference between TCA and other placement permanency options
- Determination of a Child's Membership in a Tribe
- Notice Requirements and Timelines
- Good Cause to Deviate from ICWA Placement Preferences
- Applicable Standards of Evidence
- Guidance on ICWA Definitions and Terminology
- Understand the requirements and standards of Tribal Customary Adoptions
- Explain the process and procedures of Tribal Customary Adoptions
- Examine the impact of the new revised regulations & guidelines

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## Lodging

### The Peppermill Resort & Casino

2707 South Virginia Street

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This training will be conducted at the Peppermill Resort & Casino in Reno, NV. All individuals are responsible for their own lodging and per diem. The Peppermill is holding a block of rooms at a rate of **\$80.00 (single/Double)** per night plus tax (13%), and a \$2.00 per room, per night, tourism surcharge, the \$30 a night resort fee will be waived, for participants. **This special room rate will end on Friday August 31, 2019.** To establish charging privileges, guests will be asked to provide the hotel with a **valid credit card.**

**Register early!!**

## Tuition

The tuition fee to attend this training session is \$575 per person. **The deadline to register is Friday September 6, 2019.** Please complete the registration form and return by mail, e-mail, or fax to:

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### Cancellation Policy:

Participants must call and cancel at least 30 days prior to the scheduled training to receive a full refund. If you do not cancel within 30 days prior to a scheduled class a \$60.00 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds or credits will be provided for no-shows and cancellation notifications received on or after the conference or seminar.

## Registration Deadline is Friday September 6, 2019

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