

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report



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Technical Assistance Request

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians requested technical assistance in the development of policy and training related to safety assessment, safety planning, family assessment and case planning.

Site Visit

A site visit was conducted on July 20, 2006. Participating in the site visit were Ted Waukey, Director of the Mille Lacs Band's Family Services Program and Mary Jo Pankoke from the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services. Topics covered during the site visit included:

- Structure and current services provided by the Family Services Program;
- Issues faced by children and families on the reservation;
- Plans for the tribe to assume responsibility for investigating reports of child maltreatment;
- Education and social services available on the reservation;
- Tribal court;
- Current CHIPS caseload;

The safety intervention curriculum the NRCCPS developed for tribal CPS programs was reviewed. A plan was developed for training Mille Lacs Band's staff and staff from other tribes in the area. Tentative dates for the training were discussed and logistical details for the training were finalized.

Next Steps

Dates for safety intervention training are scheduled for October 30 and 31. A training-of-trainers approach will be used to develop the capacity of the Mille Lacs Band to provide safety intervention training on an ongoing basis.