

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Report



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Please indicate which responses were employed in this T/TA:

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Phone Consultation
- Referral to another NRC
- Referral to Other Organization
- Review of Policy and Materials
- Publications Provided
- Secondary Research
- Other

Technical Assistance Request:

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Social Services requested technical assistance on CA/N prevention training for families and the community. Technical Assistance was to include:

- Providing consultation on teaching school aged children how to protect themselves.
- Provide consultation to the Department trainers on working with the community on prevention, keeping kids safe, etc. This would entail an evening meeting with parents.
- Provide assistance in identifying a parenting training similar to *NICWA's Positive Indian Parenting Training*.
- Upon identifying a parenting training curriculum, providing a trainer who would train trainers, modeling the program for them by conducting a session with children in school and then a meeting with parents in the evening.

Site Visit

The National Resource Center for Child Protective Services contracted with National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). Miriam L. Bearse, MA MHP, Community Development Specialist for NICWA provided the TA reporting by mail that:

- The TA went well; clearly a lot of support and assistance is needed in dealing with abuse/neglect.
- The Tribe has a high prevalence of abuse with very little involvement by staff and community in the prevention of abuse and early intervention.

During the two day site visit Ms. Bearse:

1. Met with the ICW staff and human services staff, including a tribal judge and law enforcement officer, and provided training on early identification of abuse and assisting children who have experienced abuse,
2. Conducted a discussion and planning ways that the department on how they could work more effectively work with the community and jurisdictional authorities.
3. Met with the CPT members and provided training on sexual abuse, including the treatment of children who sexually offend against other children- as requested by the Tribe.
4. This led to a fruitful discussion, and brought up a set of issues that need further attention- in particular tribal court issues- in order for efforts to improve.
5. Met with 25 community members including several elder, presenting basic information on abuse and its effects, and information from NICWA's curriculum on developing tribal community-based prevention efforts.

Next Steps

The Department will submit an additional request to address key issues in more depth.