

# **NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

## **Technical Assistance Site Report**



Prepared for Choctaw Band of Mississippi

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Dates of onsite technical assistance summarized in this report:  
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## Situation and Technical Assistance Request

The Choctaw Band of Mississippi requested training on safety assessment, analysis and planning for tribal child protective services staff.

### Site Visit

A two-day training session was conducted utilizing the Safety Intervention Curriculum for Tribal CPS Programs. Approximately 20 child welfare staff attended the training. The following topics were covered during the training:

- Effective Information Collection
- A Conceptual Framework for Safety Intervention
- Child Safety Decision-Making Throughout the CPS Assessment Process
- Safety Assessment Following the Investigation
- Safety Analysis: Determining the Level of Sufficiency
- Family Centered Practice and Safety Planning
- Identifying and Implementing In-Home Safety Actions

A follow-up site visit was conducted to discuss changes in practice based on knowledge and skills learned during the training and further training/consultation that might be needed. A new supervisor was recently hired who has extensive CPS experience. This supervisor has developed policies and procedures with accompanying forms which are consistent with the information presented during the safety intervention training session. These policies, procedures and forms have provided some much needed structure to the CPS process and resulted in noted improvements in practice.

### Next Steps

The goals of the original technical assistance request have been met and no further training or technical assistance is needed at this time.