

Oregon State-Tribal Partnership Grant

State-Tribal Partnerships to Implement Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare
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Grant Overview

Purpose is to create and implement intergovernmental partnership models to jointly develop and operate a plan to effectively implement best practices in Indian child welfare services to preserve families of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes; protect children; and ensure that children remain connected to their families, communities and culture.

First Year Planning

The first year of the project must be dedicated to planning, assessment, and relationship building. State and tribal partners are expected to work together to identify priorities and necessary resources. The planning year shall culminate in an implementation plan. In the first year, the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) seeks to complete the following:

- Identify steering committee members and hire project director
- Work with the Klamath Tribes to create a subaward to put through the approval process
- Discuss possible sites for ICWA Courts in Oregon
- Implement OJD ICWA data dashboard and business processes
- Identify subcommittee design and members around focus areas
- Finalize implementation plans of projects

Partners

The project partners consist of tribal and tribal government representatives and organizations in Oregon that work with child welfare. It is the hope and intent to expand this group to include more subject matter experts including individuals with lived experience and expertise.

Currently, the steering committee includes representatives from tribal social services, ODHS, OJD, DOJ, and defense attorneys. Once subcommittees are developed, there will be the need for other perspectives and voices who have interest in one of the main areas of focus.



Main Areas of Focus

ICWA Courts

- Expand ICWA Courts outside of Klamath's ICWA Court

Preservation/Prevention

- Subaward to Klamath Tribes to work on Family preservation
- Possibility to subaward for other projects

Data Collection

- Focus on OJD Dashboard and information gathered for ORICWA Report

On-Demand ICWA Training

- Recorded training available for all those involved in ICWA cases

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