

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND FAMILY RESILIENCE TODAY



Prevention.
Intervention.
Respect.

Many prevention models in Indian Country build resilience by using Tribal cultural values, the transmission of family traditions, and the experiences of Tribal youth. Guided by these values, traditions, and experiences, Tribal community initiatives have shown great promise in developing resilience-based models for child abuse prevention. The experiences of Tribal communities suggest that these approaches are often effective in enhancing family resilience and reducing the risks of harm to children and adults—yet rarely have these strategies used collaborative community-based evaluation to demonstrate their effectiveness.

The **Center for Native Child and Family Resilience** (the Center) supports and enhances resilience-related approaches to Tribal child welfare by developing evidence-based standards

PROJECT GOALS:

As part of a Children's Bureau initiative to raise awareness of Tribally engaged prevention and intervention efforts, the Center will partner with Indian Tribes to examine solutions for healing the ongoing family trauma persisting in the aftermath of the numerous historical injuries shared by many Tribal communities, including the break-up of Indian families and child removal.

The Center works in partnership with Tribal communities to:

- **HONOR** effective Tribal community and practice-based models of prevention;
- **PROMOTE** awareness and use of culturally relevant child maltreatment prevention services that are supported by practice-based evidence in Tribal child welfare systems;
- **IMPROVE** holistic services for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children affected by child abuse and neglect;
- **DEVELOP** models of cultural, community, and trauma resilience;
- **BUILD** the evidence-base of Tribal child welfare knowledge and practice through evaluation; and
- **TRANSFER** knowledge from project findings to the field.

of care. The Center embraces the unique opportunity to honor these valiant community efforts that improve Native family resilience and to help empower Tribal communities of care by using culturally engaged, community-based evaluation models to demonstrate the effectiveness of these efforts and disseminate Native solutions to the field.

Who we are:

Sponsored by the Children's Bureau, the **Center for Native Child and Family Resilience** is a partnership between JBS International, Inc., the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and Mathematica Policy Research that honors and develops knowledge of culturally relevant practice models, interventions, and services that contribute substantively to child maltreatment prevention efforts and family resilience.

WHAT WE DO:

The Center will:

- **PRODUCE** a *publicly available registry* of models and programs turned up during an extensive literature search identifying prevention efforts and intervention programs in Indian Country and an environmental scan of all efforts and models being used in Indian Country that are not documented in literature.
- **SUPPORT** up to *five Tribal projects* that help build the capacity of the Tribe to further develop, implement, and replicate a model from the registry.
- **ENGAGE** with significant knowledge resources—cultural, academic, and evaluative—and the insights of Native elders and academics *to evaluate community-implemented* models of child abuse prevention and intervention.



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