



Post-Permanency Support For Tribal Nations



A Service of the Center for Enhanced Post-Adoption Support

Supporting Tribal Child Welfare Systems to Meet the Needs of Children and Families Who Have Created Permanency Through Guardianship, Customary Adoption or Adoption

A unique opportunity to develop and implement post-permanency services for tribal families is being offered through a new federal Children's Bureau initiative.

The National Center for Enhanced Post-Adoption Support (the Center) is funded by the Children's Bureau, an office of the Administration for Children & Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Spaulding for Children leads this initiative in partnership with Child Trends, Harmony Family Center, the National Adoption Association, Raise the Future and the Center for Adoption Support and Education.

The Center recognizes that termination of parental rights and formal adoption is not often the preferred permanency option for children served by tribal child welfare systems. Instead, guardianship or customary adoption, often with relatives, are more frequently the choice to achieve permanency for children who are unable to return to their parents.

The Center is a hub for universal and on-site technical assistance and other resources to support the capacity of tribal nations, states, and territories to develop, implement and sustain comprehensive, culturally responsive and accessible post-permanency services.

Tribes are encouraged to participate in this project and request technical assistance that can support the development and implementation of post-permanency services.



Comprehensive Resource Library

Child welfare staff at the sites can access tools, documents, tip sheets, articles, podcasts and other materials about post-permanency services to enhance their programming.



Universal Technical Assistance

Child welfare staff have access to peer groups, quarterly center chats, webinars and individualized assistance to help them find resources and specific information related to post-permanency services.



On-site Technical Assistance

Tribal Nations can partner with the Center to enhance their post-permanency continuum.

Fast Facts

Tribal Nations, States, and Territories may receive on-site technical assistance

Each year during the five-year project, the Center will identify five new sites as partners and will provide them with on-site technical assistance. Through these partnerships, each site will participate in a post-permanency program assessment. The assessment will identify what post-permanency services, if any, are in place. The assessment will also identify what services may be needed to provide comprehensive services for children and families in need of more intensive support. The Center team members will then partner with the site to implement and develop a sustainability plan.

Each site will receive funding to cover some of the costs associated with this work.

Improved Permanency Rates

Child welfare agencies have taken great strides to increase their permanency rates. As more children and youth achieve permanency, offering a comprehensive array of post-permanency services has become even more important for all child welfare systems. Research has shown that post-permanency services have led to:

- Fewer placement disruptions
- Improved parenting skills and understanding of children and youth's challenges
- Higher levels of family functioning and cohesion,
- Fewer emotional and behavioral problems of children and youth, and
- Increased parental ability to cope with those challenges if they persist.



Contact the Center

Interested in the on-site technical assistance or just want to learn more about how the Center can help your site, contact us at:



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