

California Outcomes and Accountability Task Force Child Welfare System Survey of Tribes

Please tell us who you are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Tribal Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal ICWA Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Agency Worker/Supervisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver: foster/adoptive/relative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney involved in child welfare system | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent whose family has been in child welfare system | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) |

1. What services to children and families do you think are the most effective in the following circumstances:

A. **Preventing children from being removed** from their families? (Please check up to 3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing services in the home (e.g., Public Health Nurse, Social Worker, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> School based programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting classes, mentoring or support groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training & assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individualized services to keep the child at home (Wraparound) | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family input into decision making (Family conferencing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance for stable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or family counseling/therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

B. **Helping parents to reunify** with their children when the child has been removed from the home? (Please check up to 3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting classes, mentoring or support groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-child visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training & assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family input into decision-making (Family conferencing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance for stable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or family counseling/therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive in-home services; home visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Reunification services provided by Child Protective Services (CPS) | |

2. When family reunification services are **not** successful and the child is not returned home, what services do you think should have been provided that were not provided? (Please check up to 3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting classes, mentoring or support groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family input into decision-making (Family conferencing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance for stable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or family counseling/therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individualized services to keep the child at home (Wraparound) | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training & assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive in-home services; home visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | |

3. When family reunification services are **not** successful and the child is **not** returned home, how does it seem to you that a case plan is developed to provide a permanent home for the child?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Unit decides | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker & parents/relatives discussion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Reunification Worker decides | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker & child discussion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption & Family Reunification Workers decide | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker & caregiver (foster parent/
relative caregiver) discussion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Having a third party help everyone involved reach decision (Mediation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Court decides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | |

4. What training do you think would be most useful for Indian tribes? (Please check up to 3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of how Child Protective Services (CPS) works | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College courses/extensions | <input type="checkbox"/> Conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of how court system works | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In services/in-house training | <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of ICWA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |

5. The State and counties carry out activities to make sure quality services are available to children and families in the child welfare system. What activities are you aware of? (Check all that apply.)

- A. County Compliance Review by State to requirements of Division 31 (placement regulations)
- B. Licensing of foster care providers (foster family homes, group homes, etc.)
- C. Investigations of alleged abuse/neglect in foster care
- D. Foster Care Ombudsman
- E. Child Death Review
- F. Foster care program audits of group homes
- G. Complaint investigations of children in foster care
- H. State technical assistance to counties
- I. Judicial Council reviews of court files
- J. Supervisor Case Staffing
- Other (specify):

6. Which of the above do you believe are effective in ensuring quality services? (Check all that apply.)

- A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J.

7. Do you feel that your input (opinions/ideas/concerns) regarding the child welfare or foster care system are solicited and/or heard by the county?

- Never Sometimes Most of the time Always

8. Do you feel that your input (opinions/ideas/concerns) regarding the child welfare or foster care system are solicited and/or heard by the state?

- Never Sometimes Most of the time Always

9. If you have opinions, ideas or concerns regarding your local child welfare or foster care agency do you know who to contact?

- Yes No

10. Are there any other comments that you would like to share with us?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Your response is essential to ensure that the Indian community's input is included in the Federal Review process. If possible please return the completed survey to CILS by fax, see the attached fax cover sheet for your convenience, by February 1st. However, even after February 1st, your input is still important. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly at the CILS Oakland office, 1-800-829-0284, Fax: 510-835-8045 or via e-mail at kimberlycluff@calindian.org, or contact your local CILS office.