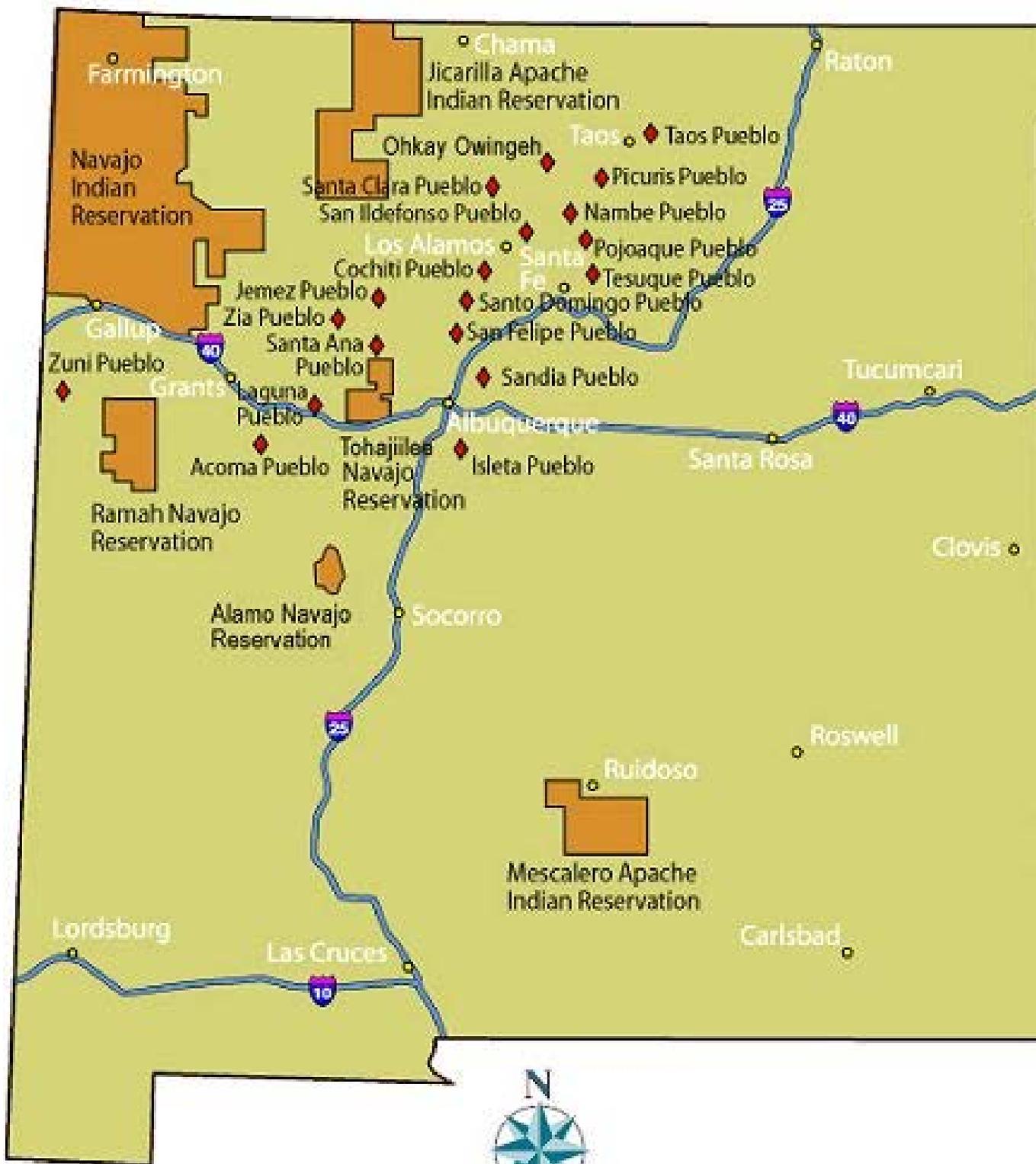
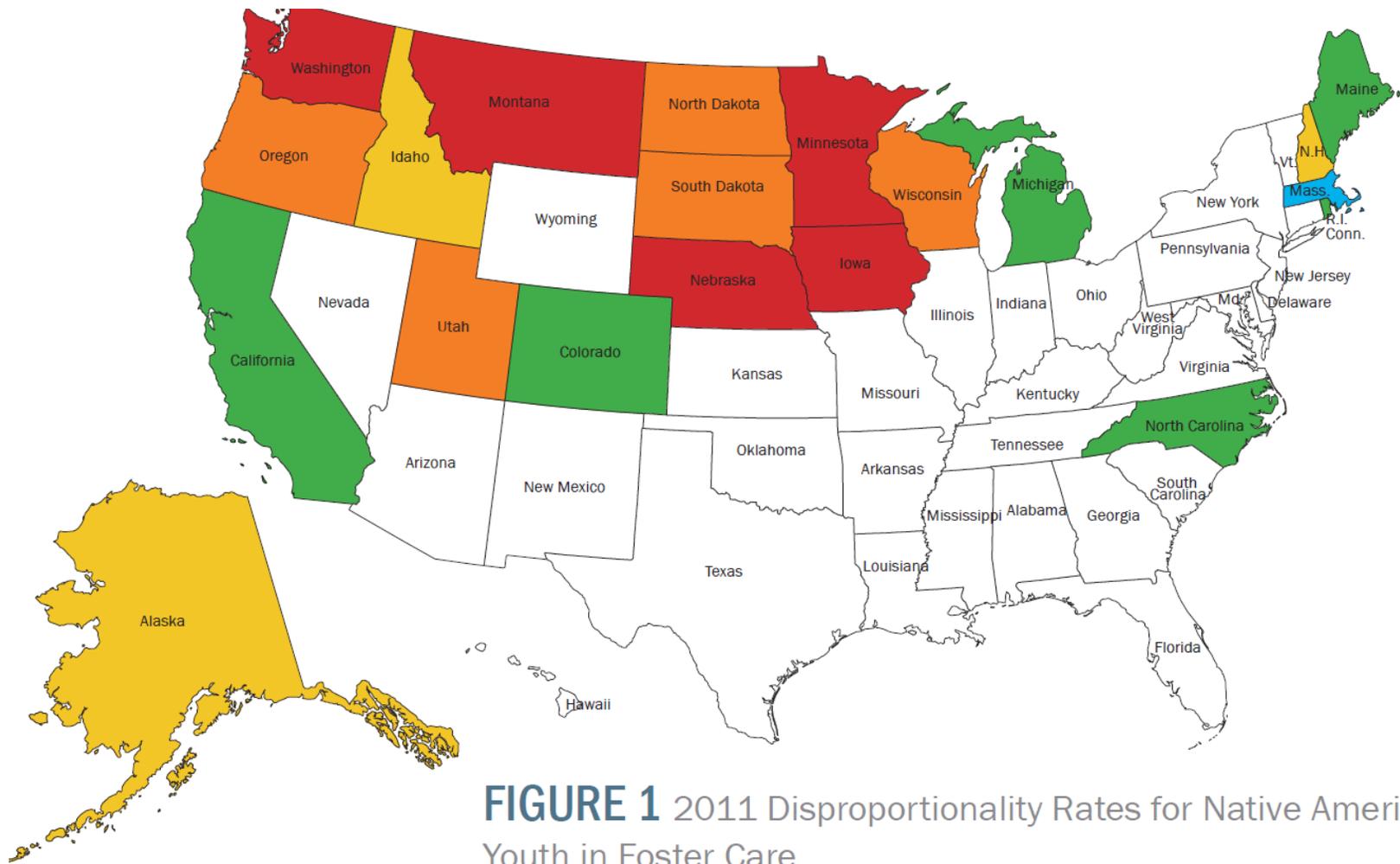


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At your table answer questions

- 1. Thoughts on film?**
- 2. What does sovereign mean?**
- 3. What is institutional racism?**
- 4. Do you think you have an issue with over-representation of American Indian children in your state?**

“We know that Indian kids in foster care settings where they are *disconnected* from *siblings, family*, and their *culture* are at much greater risk for behavioral and mental health problems.”

Dr. Antony Stately, University of Washington

“It’s a different way of looking at it, but for our children, they don’t belong just to the mother and the father, they don’t belong just to the grandparents, they belong to the *community*...”

Rose-Margaret Orrantia, South Dakota State University



Indian Child

Welfare Act



1

Notice

States that know or have reason to know that an Indian child is involved in a child custody proceeding must notify the identified Tribes by **certified mail**

2

Active Efforts

States *must* make active efforts to provide services to prevent the breakup of the family.

3

Placement

Absent good cause, placement of an Indian child shall be in accordance with ICWA placement provisions

Advocate



Day to Day Practice

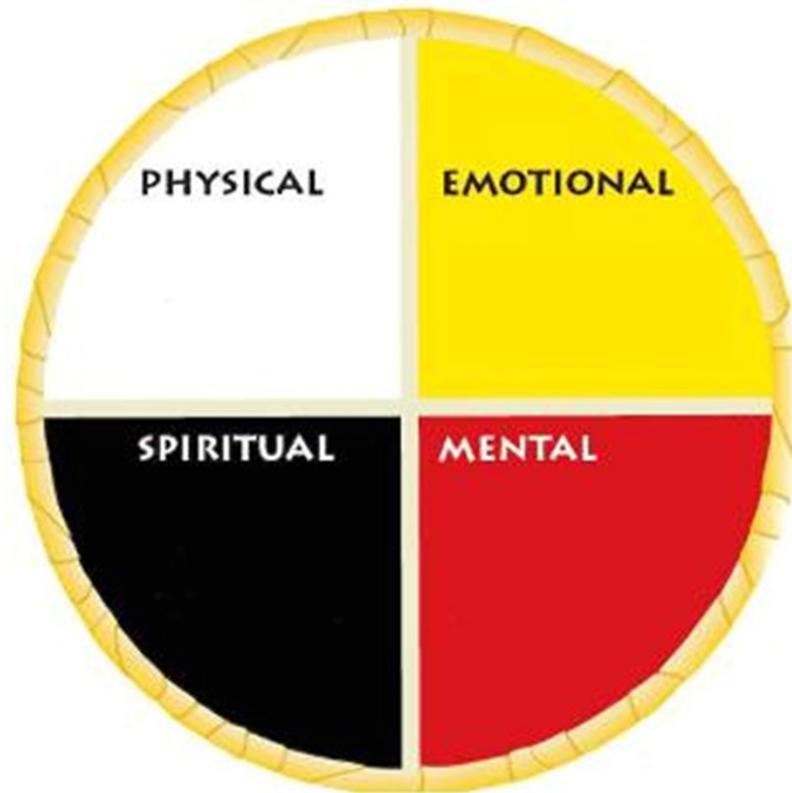


Image: *Medicine Wheel, White Earth*

Attend to the physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental well-being of the child you are serving.

Keep culture at the center.

KEEP ASKING

- **Was there follow up?**
- Did the child attend the event, class, etc.?
- **How can we improve access to the tribal community?**
- Does the child have a sense of cultural belonging?
- **What other resources could we engage?**



Thank You
for caring enough to fight
for my future