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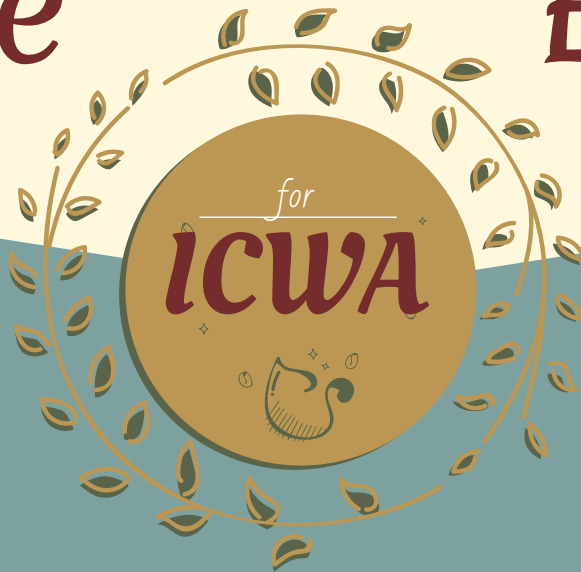
NORTH DAKOTA ICWA IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERSHIP

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1 Comprehensive Assessment

Conduct a **comprehensive assessment** of the circumstances of the Indian child's family, with a focus on **safe reunification** as the most desirable goal

2 Appropriate Services

Identify **appropriate services** and help the parents to overcome barriers, including **actively assisting** the parents in obtaining such services

3 Identify, Notify, & Invite

Identify, notify, and invite representatives of the Indian **child's Tribe** to participate in providing **support and services** to the Indian child's family and in child and family team meetings (permanency planning), and resolution of placement issues

4 Diligent Search

Conduct a **diligent search** for the Indian child's extended family members, and **contact and consult with extended family** members to provide family **structure and support** for the Indian child and the Indian child's parents

5 Culturally Appropriate Services

Offer and employ all available and **culturally appropriate family preservation strategies** and facilitate the use of remedial and rehabilitative services provided by the child's Tribe

6 Frequent Visits

Support **regular visits** with parents or Indian custodians in the most **natural setting** possible as well as **trial home visits** of the Indian child during any period of removal, consistent with the need to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the child

7 Siblings

Take steps to keep siblings together whenever possible

8 Montior

Monitor **progress and participation** in services

9 Community Resources

Identify community resources (housing, financial, transportation, ental health, substance abuse, and peer support) and **actively assist** the Indian child's parents or, when appropriate, the child's family, in **utilizing and accessing** those resources
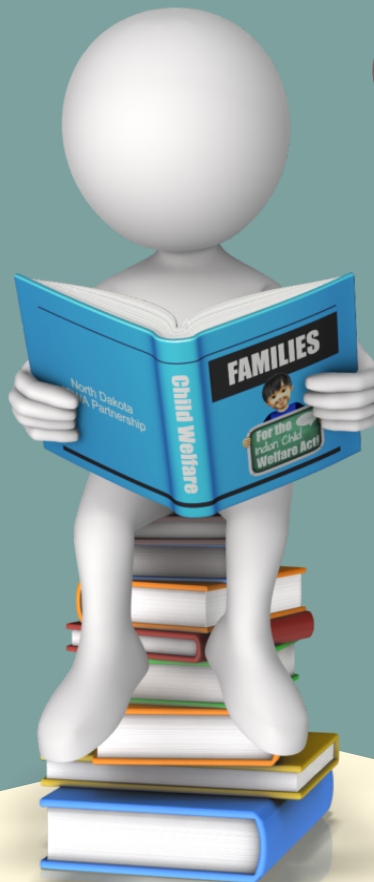
10 Alternative Services

Consider **alternative** ways to address the needs of the Indian child's parents and, where appropriate, the family, if the optimum services do not exist or are not available

11 Post Reunification

Provide **post-reunification** services and monitoring

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