

NEVADA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

The active remedial and rehabilitative efforts must be directed at remedying the basis for the parental removal proceedings; therefore, the type of services required depends on the facts of each case. This matrix aims to provide general guidance to help the family engage in culturally appropriate services that are unique to their needs. (The matrix is not inclusive of all culturally appropriate services it compares active vs. reasonable efforts in a child welfare case.)

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT- GUIDE TO ACTIVE EFFORTS MATRIX	
ACTIVE EFFORTS	REASONABLE EFFORTS
<p><b><u>Vigorous Diligent Search</u></b>: means conducting an ongoing and continuous process to identify, locate and contact custodial and non-custodial parents, putative father, maternal/paternal relatives, adult relative, fictive kin, friends, foster parents, legal custodians, community advocates, agency staff, other involved and committed persons regarding their interest in providing a temporary or permanent placement (on or off the reservation), for or adopting a child prior to or when the child is placed in foster care.</p> <p><u>Tribes are included</u> in the search to provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment for the child as soon as possible, thus avoiding long term placements in foster care and maintaining healthy adult connections. The child welfare worker can contact the Tribal Social Services, Tribal Enrollment Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and/or family support system to find relatives and/or Tribal affiliation and document the efforts.</p>	<p><b><u>Diligent Search</u></b>: Means conducting an ongoing and continuous process to identify, locate and contact custodial and non-custodial parents, putative father, maternal/paternal relatives, adult relative, fictive kin, friends, foster parents, legal custodians, community advocates, agency staff other involved and committed persons regarding their interest in providing a temporary or permanent placement for or adopting a child prior to or when the child is placed in foster care.</p>
<p><b><u>QUESTION</u></b>: Ask the parent, relatives, Tribe, and Indian caregiver: “Are there any other relatives that should be involved? Any grandparents?” (Use the Assessing for Indian Heritage form)</p>	
<p><b>Parenting: <u>Traditional Child Rearing Practices</u></b>: are shared beliefs within the tribal culture about the proper way to raise children. “Children are the greatest resource, and some Tribes have beliefs that the children are gifts from the Creator.” Each family has their own individual method of raising their children and may have adapted traditional to modern ways of parenting in the areas of discipline, spirituality, values, belief systems, and the parent may use extended family members for caregiving.</p>	<p>Parenting: Referral to a local parenting class.</p>
<p><b><u>QUESTION</u></b>: In order to understand their unique way of child rearing; ask the family, “what role does the Tribe or family have in raising your children, what are your methods of discipline, how do you teach your child?”</p> <p>Ask the parent if they would participate in Native American parenting classes. Sign up the parent for parenting classes at a local Native</p>	<p><b><u>Example</u></b>: Providing contact information to a parent for parenting classes they could sign up for.</p>

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<p>American health center or Tribal TANF agency and arrange transportation to/from their classes.</p>	
<p><b>Tribal Human Services Involvement:</b> most federally recognized Tribes may have a Social Services Director/Tribal Social Worker/ICWA Worker that may be able to support the plan. Check the list of designated agents for a representative from the Tribe that can participate in case planning and provide recommendations for the services. Request access to services that their tribal member may be entitled to and they can identify resources such as extended family, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, etc., (include extended family in case planning).</p>	
<p><b>TASK:</b> Engage the Tribal Social Worker/ICWA Worker at the onset of the case. Invite the Tribal Social Worker/ICWA Worker to participate via phone or in person in case planning meetings, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Prevailing social and cultural conditions:</b> are the tribal cultural norms – the family, their elders or grandparents may be able to define the customs that the family participates in, their beliefs, and value system will provide a greater understanding of the family dynamics and what the Tribe deems as socially and culturally acceptable.</p>	
<p><b>QUESTION:</b> Ask the Tribal Social Worker/ICWA Worker and the family about tribal traditions of child rearing practices. Example: Grandmother may have physical custody of the grandchildren and provide a stable environment for the grandchildren for long extended periods of time.</p>	
<p><b>Remedial Services:</b> meant to mitigate the issues that brought the child and family into the purview of the child welfare agency. Supports to keep the family intact and prevention funds can be used for these early services to the family. Example: Referrals to Housing, Tribal Housing, Section 8, food, clothing, family support services, assist with applications, appointment setting, and reminder phone calls, arrange transportation, and the use prevention funds .</p>	<p><b>Remedial Services:</b> Example: Referrals for Housing, Section 8, food, clothing, family support services, assist with applications, appointment setting, assist with transportation and use prevention funds.</p>
<p><b>TASK:</b> Ask the Tribal Social Worker if there are services available through the Tribe that can assist the parent and the family. Meet with the providers and coordinate culturally appropriate services for the family. Example: prevention funds for emergency assistance, diapers, utilities, help the family with day care, job applications, food stamp applications, local TANF applications.</p>	
<p><b>Health:</b> Culturally appropriate services through local hospitals, E.R. Centers, Medicaid applications and intake appointments, Indian</p>	<p><b>Health:</b> Referrals to Local Hospitals, ER Centers, Medicaid, Doctors, Dental, Optometry, EPSDT Immunizations, Nevada Early Intervention</p>

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<p>Health Services (IHS) &amp; Tribal clinics. There are local non-profit Indian agencies that have specialized service providers for Native Americans: Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Nevada Urban Indians, and the Las Vegas Indian Center. IHS/Tribal Clinics may have Dental, Optometry, Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic Testing, Immunizations, and refer to Nevada Early Intervention Services (if appropriate); child welfare worker can provide and arrange transportation, set appointments, and make phone calls. The family can define their own tribal traditional healing through prayer, traditional medicine and indigenous plants.</p>	<p>Services.</p>
<p><b>TASK: Ask the parent if they want to work with their Tribe's healing center and call the center and schedule the appointment and provide transportation; Find a therapist through the Tribal Social Worker/ICWA Worker and arrange the session.</b></p>	
<p><b>Psycho-social &amp; Rehabilitation Programs:</b> Referrals and appointment scheduling for assessments and evaluations, parental capacity assessment, and provide timelines for completion; these types of rehabilitative services include: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnosis, IHS, Substance Abuse Counseling, Domestic Violence services or Traditional Healing Programs which include: talking circles, healing ceremonies, and sweats. Transportation to and from the appointments. Examples: Washoe County referral to Family and Youth Intervention Program, Wraparound in Nevada, and Intensive Family Services. <b>Visitation:</b> scheduling, reminder calls, and transportation for the parent and children/sibling groups.</p>	<p><b>Psycho-social &amp; Rehabilitative Programs:</b> Referral for evaluations, parental capacity assessment, provides timelines for completion, FAS Diagnosis, referral to Specialists, and/or Substance Abuse Counseling. (Examples: Washoe County referral to Family and Youth Intervention Program, Wraparound in Nevada, and Intensive Family Services) <b>Visitation:</b> scheduling, reminder calls, and transportation for the parent and children/sibling groups.</p>
<p><b>TASK: Call the local tribal health facility and find out if these types of services are available and schedule the appointment by coordinating with the family, arrange transportation. Speak with youth prevention coordinators, or providers at a local Native American health center, and find a group time/class that works with the family's schedule.</b></p>	
<p><b>Mental Health:</b> Indian Health Services, Mental Health Counseling and therapy, Psychiatry, Psychotropic medication monitoring, referrals to Wraparound in Nevada, and the application of the medicine wheel at the tribal healing center, traditional healing through prayer. Local service providers in Nevada include Statewide Native American Coalition, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Nevada Urban Indians and local tribal healing centers for federally recognized tribal members; eligibility criterion may be diverse.</p>	<p>Mental Health: Psychotropic Medications, Referrals to Wraparound in Nevada</p>
<p><b>Question/Task: Are there tribal services that would be culturally</b></p>	

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<p><b>appropriate for this child/family in the area? Call the provider and fill out the intake application with the client and arrange transportation and assist with appointment setting/scheduling by phone calls.</b></p>	
<p><b><u>ORDER OF PLACEMENT PREFERENCE:</u></b> Engage the Tribe and check to see if they have the resources or know of a relative placement that is appropriate for the child.</p>	