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154 ICWA Cases

PRACTICE ITEMS AND OUTCOMES

- Timely Notice
- Timely Identification
- Tribal Presence
- Appropriate Findings
- Preferred Placement

Placement

Reunification

Timely Permanency

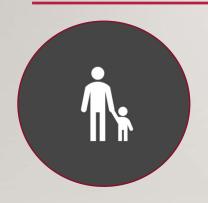
PREDICTORS OF PREFERRED PLACEMENT

Average application (construct)

Mother and Father's presence across life of the case

Presence of parent's attorneys across the life of the case

PREDICTORS OF REUNIFICATION



Mother's Presence Throughout the Case

Average Application of ICWA

Tribe Presence at Initial Hearings

Enhanced ICWA ____ Application



Reunification

PREDICTORS OF TIME TO RETURN HOME



Time to confirmation of ICWA status



Tribe present at initial hearing

PREDICTORS OF TIMELY PERMANENCY



Tribal
Representative
Present at
Hearing





KEY TAKEAWAY

- Cases that apply ICWA better also have better outcomes.
- Tribal representation early in the case is important.
- Interventions to support better implementation of ICWA (e.g., ICWA Courts) can contribute to better outcomes for families.

ICWA COURT EXAMPLE



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Identify opportunities to support tribal representation early in the process.
- Build relationships between state court and tribe.
- Support opportunities to implement best practices.
- Prioritize collecting accurate and meaningful data
 - ICWA cases
 - Application of ICWA in practice
 - Effectiveness of interventions
 - Outcomes meaningful to families



QUESTIONS?

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