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TRIBAL ICWA ADVOCATES TRAINING PROGRAM

Active Efforts for Tribal Representatives

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This training provides Tribal ICWA advocates with a practical overview of Active Efforts requirements within dependency cases. Participants will examine the legal standards, identify services and interventions that qualify as Active Efforts, and develop the specific skills needed to document and support them effectively. The course also explores how Active Efforts guide meaningful family engagement and inform concurrent planning toward permanency. By the end, participants will understand how Active Efforts must be applied consistently throughout the entire life of a dependency case.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the difference between active efforts and reasonable efforts.
- Describe the purpose of active efforts within ICWA cases.
- Identify the legal requirements and standards of active efforts.
- Explain how Tribal Representatives can support agency or county social workers to implement active efforts in an ICWA case
- Identify the role of each stakeholder in providing and supporting active efforts.
- Recognize the shared responsibility of all stakeholders in supporting families through active efforts.
- Value active efforts as a culturally responsive and family-centered practice rooted in ICWA principles.

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This training session is intended for the following audience:

- Tribal Representatives
- Tribal Social Workers
- Other ICWA Advocates

Training Facilitators

Liz DeRouen is the Executive Director for the Indian Child and Family Preservation Program and has over 35 years of work experience in Tribal governance and social service programs.

Joanne Willis Newton is a lawyer and Tribal court judge who has specialized in federal law and Tribal law since 1999 and has served as a Tribal STAR trainer since 2013.

Virtual Training Session

Date: April 10, 2026

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

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