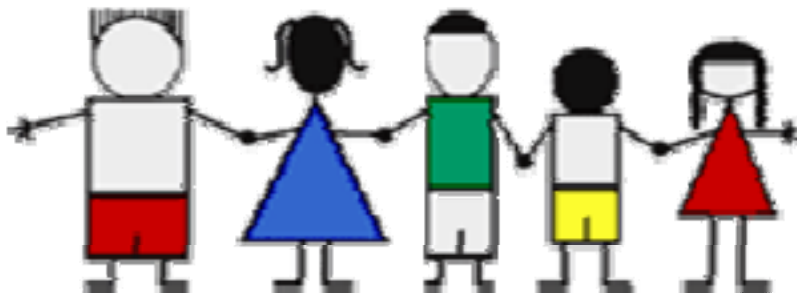




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Introduction to the Children's Bureau's Training and Technical Assistance Network

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Children's Bureau's Training and Technical Assistance Network

Purpose:

Build capacity of State, local, tribal, and other publicly administered or publicly supported child welfare agencies and family and juvenile courts

Training, technical assistance, research, and consultation on Federal requirements administered by the Children's Bureau



Children's Bureau's Training and Technical Assistance Network

Structure:

- 31 Organizations
- Major Categories:
 - Child Welfare Implementation Centers (5)
 - National Resource Centers (10)
 - Quality Improvement Centers (5)
 - Information Dissemination, Coordination and/or other funded T/TA Providers (11)

T/TA Network Directory:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/tta/cbttan.pdf>



Child Welfare Implementation Centers

- Northeast and Caribbean IC
- Atlantic Coast IC
- Midwest IC
- Mountains and Plains IC
- Western and Pacific IC

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National Quality Improvement Centers

- QIC on Non-Resident Fathers
- QIC on Privatization of Child Welfare
- QIC on Early Childhood
- QIC on Differential Response
- QIC on Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System

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National Resource Centers

- NRC for CW Organizational Improvement
- NRC for Child Protective Services
- NRC for Permanency & Family Connections
- NRC for CW Data & Technology
- NRC for CW Legal & Judicial Issues
- NRC for Adoption
- NRC for Youth Development
- NRC for In-home Services
- NRC for Tribes
- NRC for Recruitment and Retention of Foster & Adoptive Parents

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National Resource Center for Tribes

Mission:

To collaborate with Native Nations' training and technical assistance partners to identify and effectively implement community, culturally based strategies and resources that strengthen tribal child and family services.

<http://www.nrc4tribes.org/>



A Member of the Child Welfare System
A Member of the TTA Network



NRC for Tribes - Services

- **Coaching, mentoring and support** for the successful implementation of technical assistance
- **Toolkits, resource manuals, and other products for dissemination**
- Encouraging Tribal access and **use of the CB's training and technical assistance (T/TA) services**
- Provide direct **Training and Technical Assistance**
- **Increase cultural competence** and sensitivity to Tribal voices in the T/TA Network and in State child welfare systems
- Follow up on needs identified through the **National Tribal Child Welfare Needs Assessment**



Information Dissemination, Training, and Technical Assistance:

- National TA Center for Children's Mental Health
- Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health
- National TA and Evaluation Center for System of Care Grantees
- NRC on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare
- National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center (ALA Resource Center)
- NRC for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (FRIENDS)

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Information Dissemination, Training, and Technical Assistance *(cont.)*

- National Child Welfare Workforce Institute
<http://www.ncwwi.org/acad.html>
- Child Welfare Information Gateway
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>
- TA to State Legislators on the CFSR
- National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN)
- **Training and Technical Assistance
Coordination Center (TTACC)**

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Key Goals

- To support the provision of coordinated, integrated TA service delivery across the NRCs and ICs
- To improve communication across TA providers
- To improve communication between TA providers and the Children's Bureau
- To strengthen a shared identity and common approach to TA services
- To increase the familiarity of States, Tribes, and Territories with the T/TA Network



Primary Responsibilities of TTACC

- Track all T/TA requests
- For TA requests involving multiple TA Providers or when multiple providers are working with a Tribe of a State, TTACC:
 - Tracks and coordinates the T/TA requests
 - Coordinates assessment of T/TA requests
 - Coordinates assessment and planning calls
 - Facilitates development of work plans
 - Monitors progress and implementation of work plans
 - Facilitates conversations to address issues when they arise



Primary Contact at TTACC for T/TA Requests:

T/TA Coordination Specialists

- Assigned to specific ACF Regions
- Work from home offices throughout the nation
- Possess years of child welfare experience at both the field and central office level



Who are the T/TA Coordination Specialists?

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Accessing T/TA Services from the Network:

- No wrong door for accessing T/TA
 - Regional Office
 - NRCs or ICs directly
 - Your T/TA Coordination Specialist at TTACC
- T/TA is free, available on-site, and tailored to meet your needs
- Many other services available in addition to formal, on-site T/TA

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New T/TA Delivery Framework

Making improvements to:

- Better serve States, Territories, Tribes and Courts
- Become more coordinated and provide more seamless services
- Build stronger partnerships
- Better assess State and tribal needs
- Provide more effective T/TA



How do you make a request?

- Explore what type of training or technical assistance you may need
- Complete the **Request Initiation Tool** and submit it to the Regional Office for review and a decision to authorize an assessment
 - Pages 1 -3 of the Request Initiation Tool: you complete on your own or we can help you
 - Pages 4 – 8: The T/TA Network member* will work with you to complete these sections.

*T/TA Network member refers to the NRCs, ICs, Children's Bureau's Central and Regional Office staff, TTACC, and, as appropriate, CFSR leads.



Assessment and Plan Development

- 1st step in the approval process following the initial request is the **authorization for an assessment**
- Participate in an assessment related to your request
 - Assessment may include onsite and offsite time
 - Complete Standard Assessment Tool
- Work with the NRC and TTACC to develop a **work plan** for how the need will be addressed, including a plan for sustainability
- Submit the work plan to the Regional Office for review and **approval to provide onsite support**



Impact on You:

- No change in 'open door' policy
- No change in delivery of individualized, tailored services
- New standardized tools
- Enhanced assessment process
- Two decision points:
 - 1) authorization of an assessment
 - 2) approval of the work plan
- TTACC will coordinate services when multiple NRCs are working with you
- Whenever Tribes are involved, directly or indirectly, the NRC4Tribes will be notified
- Continued responsiveness to your requests



Remember ~

- T/TA is focused on building capacity
- When you are tasked with a new directive or initiative, you are not alone!
- Support throughout the T/TA process
- TTACC is a regional resource



Find the T/TA Network On-Line

For information and links to each National Resource Center, Quality Improvement Center, Implementation Center and related training resources visit:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/tta/>

Find the Request Initiation Tool:

<http://www.ttaccportal.org>



*Thank you for your time!
Contact us with any additional
questions.*

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