

Cultural Placement Agreement

Between

Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services

And \_\_\_\_\_  
Foster/Relative Placement Provider

As identified by the Indian Child Welfare Act, placement of American Indian/Alaskan Native children sets forth standards that govern where Indian children qualifying for foster care or adoption may be placed. This agreement is between:

\_\_\_\_\_ and DHS regarding the  
(Provider)  
placement of \_\_\_\_\_  
child(ren)

-To ensure the child's cultural connections, traditions and tribal identity. Such continued family, cultural, and tribal ties are within the spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

-The provider agrees to assist and encourage the child(ren) in learning about his/her tribal culture and heritage, traditions and community connections. This includes contact with the child's tribal representative, attending cultural and tribal community events, or attending or participating in activities provided by local or tribal agencies that provide culturally specific events. DHS also encourage the child's provider to promote the child's heritage by reading books, viewing videos or researching other appropriate media that instills the child's sense of self and identity/cultural heritage.

-The provider agrees to consult with the child's DHS or tribal caseworker before making any physical changes to the child's appearance, such as cutting the child's hair or other culturally significant actions.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
DHS Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **ICWA SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**The purpose of this Service Agreement is to ensure that this family receives culturally appropriate services and to assist the child(ren)'s return to a safe and stable environment.**

**Date of Initial Service Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY:**

**Parents' Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child(ren)'s Names/ages** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Strengths and Resources:**

- **Stability – How long has this family lived in the area?**
- **Involved with Indian organizations, etc.?**
- **Practice tribal teachings?**
- **Strong ties to the Reservation and extended families?**
- **Employed, education, income and housing?**
- **Knowledge of the community's social service agencies (non-Indian) or Indian people who are employed for these agencies?**
- **Extended family in the area?**
- **Support of the other Indian families and friends?**
- **Eligible for IHS Services?**
- **Knowledge of the Indian Organizations and Services?**

**Needs of the Child(ren):**

- 1. Continue to meet the child(ren)'s daily teaching of respect by their parents and Elders, which is consistent with cultural and tribal customs. This can be accomplished by PLACEMENT with the Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Elders or other Indian families.**
- 2. SAFETY: The child(ren) need to feel safe with extended family – “Relative or Tribal Placements.”**
- 3. Appropriate CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (i.e., Pow Wows, gatherings, spiritual services, etc).**
- 4. Use of tribal and cultural practices by the family (i.e., MENTAL HEALTH, HEALING SWEATS and use of HERBAL MEDICINE and PRAYER).**
- 5. EDUCATIONAL: Tutoring assistance, JOM and Title IX Indian Education Services, etc.**

**SERVICE PLAN: [Parents and children]**

**CHILDREN:**

- 1. PLACEMENT of Indian child(ren) with relative or Tribal members to ensure the continued teachings of cultural activities and customs.**
- 2. CULTURAL SERVICES: Sweats, Story Telling sessions, Pow Wows, Drumming and singing and dancing, etc.**
- 3. Refer for Title IX Indian EDUCATION and JOM services for the children.**
- 4. Subcontract with the child(ren)'s Tribal Elders for MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (i.e., Spiritual Leaders or Medicine People).**

**PARENTS:**

- 1. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES that are culturally competent.**
- 2. PARENTING PROGRAMS that offer a cultural component to “Positive Indian Parenting.”**
- 3. MENTAL HEALTH counseling treatment that is consistent with the tribal customs and culture.**

**NOTE: The Medicine Wheel and other Tribal customs are used in many of the tribes' ceremonies for healing practices.**

**It is understood that this agreement will remain in effect from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. This service Agreement will be shared with other parties/professionals to this case and may be modified over time as progress is made or completion and the child(ren) are returned to the parent(s).**