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# Oregon ICWA Data

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# Overview

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- ▶ Disproportionality
- ▶ ICWA Compliance
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# Why Data?

- ▶ Data helps us see **patterns**
- ▶ **Informs** our decision-making process
- ▶ Shows us where to ask more **questions**

# Descriptive

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## ICWA Eligible in a Placement

- ▶ 292 kids in care
  - ▶ 5% of total population
- ▶ Average age: 10.1
- ▶ Average length of time in care: 34.3 months
- ▶ Average number of placements: 4
- ▶ Most common placements
  - ▶ Non-relative foster home
  - ▶ Relative foster home
  - ▶ Residential Facility

## Not ICWA Eligible in a Placement

- ▶ 5592 kids in care
- ▶ Average age: 9.2
- ▶ Average length of time in care: 28.2 months
- ▶ Average number of placements: 3.5
- ▶ Most common placements
  - ▶ Non-relative foster home
  - ▶ Relative foster home
  - ▶ Kith/kin foster home



# Disproportionality

November 2012- October 2017

- ▶ **Assessments** on an ICWA eligible child were **founded 36% more often** than those of a non-eligible child
- ▶ ICWA eligible children **entered foster care 45% more frequently** than non-eligible children
- ▶ Likely impacted by multiple systems impacts, as well as historic trauma and lack of relationships between these systems (ie. DHS) and tribal communities.

# Disproportionality

November 2012- October 2017

- ▶ A child who is ICWA eligible **exited to a guardianship 139% more often** than their non-eligible peers.
- ▶ While reunification is the preferred outcome, when that is not possible ICWA & Oregon Tribal-State agreements prefer guardianship to adoption.



# Initial ICWA Compliance Findings

January 2017- November 2019

- ▶ Requested by ICWA Compliance Case Mapping Subcommittee in 2019
- ▶ Reviewed 108 cases over 6 different decision points, 9 cases/18 observations per decision point
- ▶ Primary purpose was a fiscal analysis of the cost of doing a statistically significant study



# Initial ICWA Compliance Findings

January 2017- November 2019

- ▶ Very initial findings, small sample size
- ▶ Screening 50-75% compliant
- ▶ Assessment, Removal, Permanency, Guardianship, Adoption, less than 25% compliant
- ▶ Areas of struggle: Active Efforts, Ongoing Collaboration with the Tribe



# Initial ICWA Compliance Findings

January 2017- November 2019

- ▶ Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act (OICWA) passed in 2020
- ▶ Changes to policy, practice and systems are currently in place for all involved/impacted systems
- ▶ Larger compliance study will be revisited.

# Takeaways

- ▶ There are strong **patterns** of outcomes for Tribal children & families
- ▶ Case-specific & trend data can spark interest in how you **make your decisions**
- ▶ Data + Information can better equip you to **ask questions** in your critical role



Questions?

