

# **EFFORTS TO RECRUIT AMERICAN INDIAN FOSTER PARENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

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# Overview of Grant Initiatives

- Primary Goal: Recruit 5-10 American Indian foster parents by end of fiscal year
- Secondary Goal: Improve retention of American Indian foster parents by developing culturally appropriate supports
- Tertiary Goal: Provide additional training to key stakeholders regarding use of Indian Child Welfare Act, ICWA in North Carolina

# Recruitment

- Overview of current strategies
- Partnership with DSS to expand strategies
- Determine protocol by county for licensing of foster parents

# Retention

- Informal Interviews with current and previous American Indian foster parents
- Phone interviews with licensing staff regarding recruitment and retention efforts within each county
- Develop culturally appropriate supports for American Indian foster parents

# Training

- Enhance understanding of current ICWA-related training provided to DSS professionals
- Partner with local DSS agencies to understand questions related to ICWA
- Work with key stakeholders to identify gaps in policy or barriers to effective implementation
- Work with tribal communities to identify aspects of culturally appropriate placements

# Questions?



# Survey Dissemination and Collection



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