

# INDIAN CHILD AND FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

## MISSION

The Indian Child and Family Preservation Program (ICFPP) is an all Indian Tribal non-profit corporation and a consortium of tribes formed to provide Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) advocacy and comprehensive array of other services.

## SUCCESS STORY

In 2000, Five children were removed by CPS from drug addicted mother. Father was incarcerated at the time. ICFPP intervened and placed all five kids with immediate Indian family members in multiple homes. When father came home he retrieved all his children. Together with ICFPP staff, relatives, Tribe, and service providers, Father created a culturally-appropriate service and safety plan. Father worked hard to meet all the conditions of parole, succeeded in parenting classes, graduated from drug and alcohol treatment program, and worked closely with counselors and teachers regarding the children's progress. ICFPP even assisted Father in obtaining a well-paid job. In 2010, Father is clean, off parole, and continues to raise all children as a single-father with the support and guidance of the ICFPP staff, family, and Tribal community.

## FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES OFFERED BY ICFPP:

- ◆ Recruiting and licensing Indian foster homes
- ◆ Offering individual, marital and Family counseling referrals
- ◆ Conducting home studies and overseeing supervised visitations
- ◆ Advocating for Indian children in the courts and school systems
- ◆ Researching Tribal enrollment eligibility
- ◆ Consulting with organizations and tribes on ICWA compliance
- ◆ Specialized "In-Service" training for ICWA Advocates/ Tribal Representatives
- ◆ Providing cultural outreach and traditional activities for Indian families
- ◆ Serving Tribes, Courts, and Parties as Indian ICWA Expert Witnesses

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