

Native American Children's Alliance
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Dear Director:

The Native American Children's Alliance (NACA), with funding support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is pleased to announce an opportunity for Native American/Alaskan Native communities to **apply for free training/technical assistance** in the development of Native Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and/or Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) that will serve children who have been sexually abused.

About Our Organization

Since 1999 NACA has worked to help protect Native children who are victims of child sexual/physical abuse. As a grass-roots, national, inter-tribal non-profit organization we provide training, technical assistance, advocacy and resources to help communities establish Child Advocacy Centers. CACs provide child-friendly services to victimized children and their non-offending parents/guardians. This model of multidisciplinary teamwork for child sexual abuse investigations and intervention is considered a best practice. There are over 600 CACs in the United States and less than 5 accredited programs are located in Indian Country. CACs coordinate professionals who work together to reduce the trauma to children and enhance the response to child victimization ensuring that appropriate protection and services are provided.

About This Initiative

Tribal governments, Native non-profit organizations and urban Indian centers are welcome to apply for free training from NACA in the development of Native child advocacy centers and or multidisciplinary teams. We will conduct on-site and off-site trainings with monthly telephone/email consultations to the selected applicants. We will provide the, training materials and cover all costs for the trainers travel to the selected community.

The applicant will be responsible for providing the training space, audio visual equipment and meals/snacks as well as disseminating information to the individuals they want trained. The selected applicant will work with NACA in determining the content and format of the training sessions. On-site trainings will be limited to two days.

If funding permits, two on-site trainings may be scheduled. Monthly follow-up phone calls and emails will be offered in order to provide on-going support. The applicant will be invited to attend NACA's National Cross-Mentoring training, which will be held in December 2009.

Attached below please find the application form. Return your application to NACA by **July 6th**. The applicants will be notified by **July 14th** if they have been selected to participate in the project. The training schedule will be determined by July 28th. If you have any questions please contact NACA at: 216-373-6862 or by email at: Linda@nativechildalliance.org. To learn more about us, please visit www.nativechildalliance.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Logan, MSW
Executive Director

Application Form

Native Child Advocacy Center Development/MDT Training 2009

Please fill out this application form and include required attachments and return to NACA via email or the postal service. Must be received by **July 6th**.

Name of Tribe/Organization applying_____

Contact

Name_____Title_____

Address:_____Zip code:_____

Phone:_____Fax:_____email:_____

Do You currently have a MDT_____Yes _____No. If yes, please include your Memorandum of Agreement

Have you started planning for a Child Advocacy Center/MDT?_____Yes_____No.

If yes, please explain where you are in your planning efforts.(you may use a separate page or the space below:). If you have an MDT is it currently meeting?

Is your tribe/organization ready to begin the training by August, 2009?

A tribal resolution stating support of CAC/MDT development is required for programs that are under a tribal government. Please attach with this form.

A letter from the Board President indicating Board approval to develop a CAC/MDT is required from non-profit organizations.