



American Indian Enhancement Toolkit: Focus Areas Targeted to Reduce Disproportionality & Disparities

California System Improvement Plan and Federal Measures

The AIE Toolkit is designed to achieve the following federal outcomes:

- Reduce entries of American Indian / Alaska Native children into the foster care system
- Increase reunification of American Indian / Alaska Native children
- Decrease length of stay of American Indian / Alaska Native children in foster care
- Decrease time to permanence for American Indian / Alaska Native children

ICWA Compliance

The AIE Toolkit is targeted to increase compliance with the requirements of ICWA through teaching strategies and practices that support:

- Improvement in the identification of American Indian / Alaska Native children in the system, resulting in effective inquiry and noticing prescribed by ICWA.
- Improvement in the culturally appropriate placement of American Indian / Alaska Native children in the system as mandated by ICWA.

Prevention of Entry and Re-Entry of American Indian /Alaska Native Children in the Child Welfare System; Reduction in Disparities

The AIE Toolkit provides guidance for cultivating collaborative relationships between counties and tribal communities that yield multiple benefits for children and families.

- Collaborative efforts strengthen prevention by providing greater support to American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.
- Collaborative relationships also expand access to culturally appropriate services that can reduce disparities in the service array.