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BUILDING POSITIVE COLLABORATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TRIBES AND STATES TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES

WEBCONFERENCE # 9

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Collaboration has as its Latin roots, – *com* and *laborare* – meaning “to work together.” Collaboration can be viewed as the process by which several agencies or organizations make a formal, sustained commitment to work together to accomplish a common mission.

Collaborations at their best can be challenging, but gratifying in that all parties interests are represented and served. In this web cast, viewers will be provided with insights and strategies for building positive collaborations between Tribes and States as they work with children, youth, and families.. Our guests will provide an overview of current collaborative efforts on a national perspective and we will take a closer look at the types of collaborative efforts currently operating between the tribes and the state of North Dakota.

Have a question for the panelists?

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Carolyn Morrison LCSW (Muskegean) has worked at the National Indian Child Welfare Association for the past four years and currently serves as Director of Community Development for Child Welfare. Carolyn brings to her work over twenty years experience developing family service program for both the general population and tribal communities. Previous work experiences in Mental Health, Indian Child Welfare, Social Services, Domestic Violence, Child Care, and Elders programming have sparked a passion for developing culturally competent, family centered, strengths-based programs that are responsive to community needs. She is experienced at providing training and technical assistance on a variety of topics for both states and tribes. She believes that positive state and tribal relationships are critical for providing effective services for Indian children and families.



Don Snyder has 32 years of child welfare experience which includes 25 years in supervisory capacities at the regional and state level. He currently serves as the State Permanency Manager which includes foster care, adoption, independent living, refugees, interstate compact, state lead for the child and family service review (CFSR), and criminal background checks.

He is on the National Board of Directors for the Association of Foster Care Managers and serves on the Adopt US Kids work group.

Don is married to his wife Greta and they have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren.



Vincent Gillette is a member of Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations, Fort Berthold, North Dakota. Vincent began his career working as a residency counselor at the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center in 1978. In 1983 he began working in the County Social Services as a CPS/Foster Care worker.

In 1992 he became the Director of Sioux County Social Services. Sioux County is one of only eight counties in the nation that is totally encompassed on an Indian Reservation. Sioux County and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, on the North Dakota side, cover the same land.

Vincent is married to Connie and they have two children and have raised a nephew. Vincent and Connie have three grandchildren. Vincent is proud to have served in the United States Army for three years.

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On Site Training and Technical Assistance

The Training and Technical Assistance division of the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning is responsible for providing on-site training and technical assistance to public, private, and Tribal child welfare agencies around issues related to the provision of quality foster care services and timely permanency planning for children in out-of-home care.

As is mandated by the Children's Bureau, our work is currently prioritized toward providing technical assistance to States, Tribes, and US Territories that are implementing Program Improvement Plans (PIPs) in order to achieve substantial conformity through the child and family services reviews.

On Site and Off Site Information Services

The NRCFCPPP offers cutting edge information services to State, Tribal, and other publicly supported child welfare agencies to promote family-centered practices that support the safety, permanency, and well-being of children while meeting the needs of their families. Information is provided in the following formats:

- NRCFCPPP Web-Based Information Services with links to our partner organizations CWLA and NICWA - www.nrcfcppp.org
- NRCFCPPP Weekly Update - an electronic weekly newsletter provided at no charge to subscribers, sign up for Weekly Update on the home page of this website
- NRCFCPPP State Information Response - on an as-requested basis, the NRCFCPPP responds to information requests from States and Tribes
- A Range of High Quality Family-Centered Practice and Child Welfare Publications - topically arranged on our website, downloadable for free on this website
- Training Curriculums in English/Spanish - downloadable for free on this website
- NRCFCPPP Quarterly Webcasts - focusing on a wide range of family-centered practice and permanency planning related issues, these are broadcast live and then archived on this website; see our home page for the most recent webcasts
- NRCFCPPP Semi-Annual Newsletter - shines the spotlight on national promising and best practices in the field, it is a web-based publication archived here on this web site
- NRCFCPPP Teleconference Series - focusing on a wide range of family-centered practice and permanency planning related issues and coordinated with our partners at CWLA

The National Resource Center for Family- Centered Practice and Permanency Planning

is committed to increasing the capacity and resources of State, Tribal and other publicly supported child welfare agencies to achieve permanency for youth and children in out-of-home care. To do this, we advocate for a mix of...

- Family-centered and strengths/needs-based practice approaches
 - Community-based service delivery
 - Cultural competency and respect for all families
 - Open and inclusive practice
 - Non-adversarial approaches to problem-solving and decision-making
 - Concurrent rather than sequential consideration of all permanency options
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