

## Module 9: Access

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- Access to Reports/Records During Proceeding
- Alternative Methods of Participation

*This module is important to ensure all parties and participants have access to the child custody proceeding to protect their rights under the Act.*

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### Access to Reports/Records During Proceeding

- Each party to an emergency proceeding or a foster-care-placement or TPR proceeding under State law involving an Indian child has a right to:
  - Timely examine all reports and other documents filed or lodged with the court upon which any decision may be based

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### Participation by Alternative Methods

- Court should allow alternative methods of participation in State-court child-custody proceedings involving an Indian child, if it possesses the capability
  - Examples: participation by telephone, videoconferencing

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- Court should allow alternative methods of participation, such as participation by telephone, videoconferencing