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Dear Tribal Leader:

We would like to invite you and/or your child welfare designee to trainings on the recently published final regulations governing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The final ICWA rule was published in the Federal Register on June 14, 2016 (*see* 81 Fed. Reg. 38778), and takes effect on December 12, 2016.

As many tribes noted in their comments on the rule, training is essential to ensuring that this new rule meets its potential for strengthening implementation of ICWA and reinforcing ICWA's protections for families and youth. This Department-hosted training will focus on providing information on the new rule's requirements for State courts and agencies and the role of tribes in the procedural and substantive protections afforded it.

The enclosed chart shows the current schedule for training sessions. Each session is open to tribes, State child welfare agency personnel, and State court personnel. Please consider having the designated ICWA agent or other representative from your Tribe attend an on-site training or webinar. Because space is limited, we ask that you RSVP to comments@bia.gov for each session you plan to attend, and submit your name and the location (or webinar) you plan to attend. Please note that some on-site locations are at government facilities that may include security screening, so plan accordingly.

Together, we can ensure that the new regulations fully benefit all Indian children, their parents, and their tribes and tribal communities.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Roberts
Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

cc. ICWA Designated Agent
Enclosure

U.S. Department of the Interior ICWA Training Schedule

Please check the following website for updates and training materials:

www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm, RSVP to: comments@bia.gov

Date	Time	Type	Location
Monday, August 15, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.
Thursday, August 18, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	St. Paul, Minnesota – Doubletree St. Paul 411 Minnesota Street St. Paul, MN 55101
Wednesday, August 24, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Oklahoma City, OK – Supreme Court of Oklahoma Judicial Center Auditorium 2100 North Lincoln, Suite 3 Oklahoma City, OK 73105
Wednesday, September 7, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Sacramento, CA – Secretary of State Auditorium 1500 11 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Thursday, September 15, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Albany, NY— Empire State Plaza Convention Center Meeting Rooms 2 & 3 Albany, NY 12242
Thursday, September 22, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Pierre, SD – Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center Amphitheater II 920 West Sioux Ave. Pierre, SD 57501
Wednesday, October 5, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Anchorage, AK – Embassy Suites Hilton Imagine Ballroom 600 E. Benson Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503
Wednesday, October 19, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Olympia, WA – Legislative Building on the Capitol Campus Columbia Room Sid Snyder and Cherry Lane SW Olympia, WA 98504-1034
Wednesday, November 2, 2016	9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Phoenix, AZ – Burton Barr Central Library The Pulliam Auditorium 1221 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85004
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.
Thursday, November 17, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.