

*Improving Services to Native American Infants & Young Children with Disabilities and
Their Families*



4th Annual

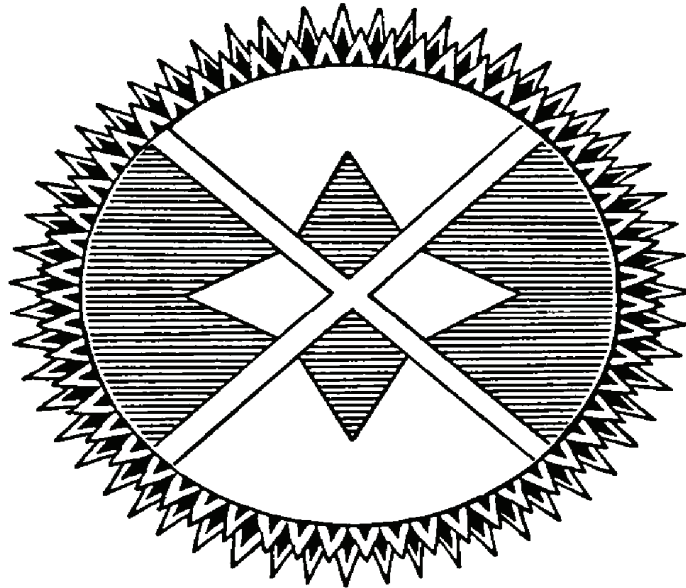
Tribal Gathering: *Partnering for Success*

March 24-25, 2011

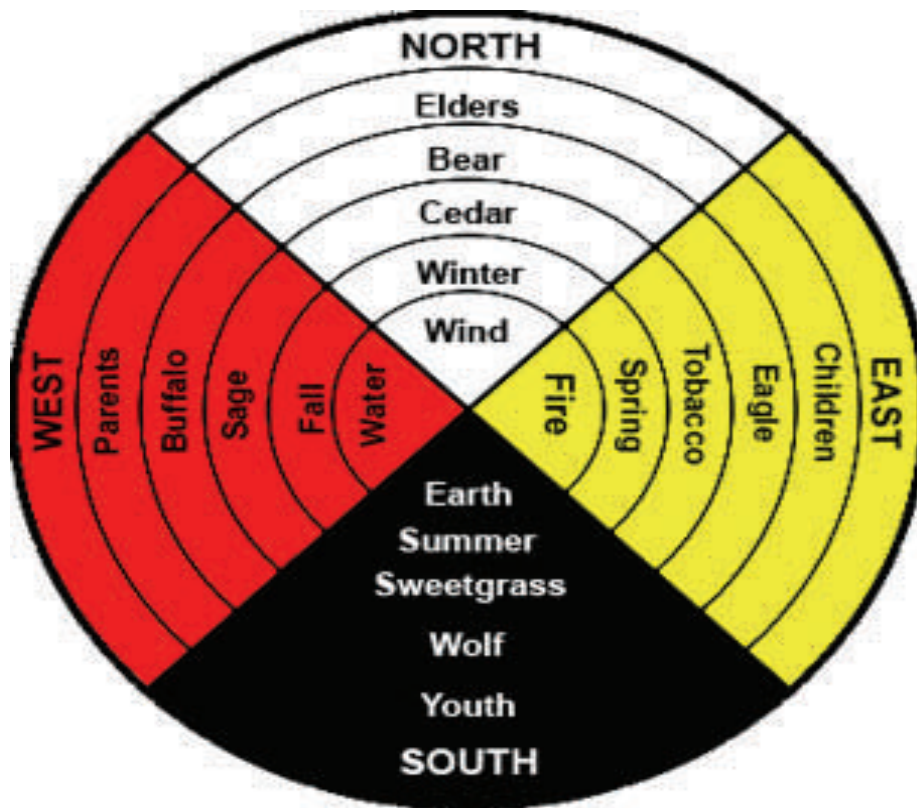
**Bad River Casino & Lodge
Odanah, WI**

***Culturally Responsive Child Find
in
Native American Communities***

**Pre-Conference Meeting
WI Inter Tribal Child Care Association
March 23—24, 2011
Time: Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00
Thursday 9:00 to 11:00**



The Medicine Wheel...a symbol that is encompassing of many different and separate aspects of the tribe's cultural worldview.



The various layers of meaning found in the medicine wheel are all united in that they individually depict many important values, yet also maintain the importance of interconnectedness between the people and nature.

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At this year's event, we will be taking a closer view at how *culturally responsive 'Child Find' in Native American Communities* appear, as well as define what Child Find means and who the stakeholders are that are impacted in this process.

Child Find is the first step in the process of identifying infants and young children who are eligible or potentially eligible for enrollment in early intervention programs and to receive special education services. In this process, we strive to ensure that all young children in tribal communities who are eligible for early intervention or preschool services are being identified.

We will take a look at how the statewide *Informed Referral Network* appears within tribal communities. First by identifying who the stakeholders are that encompass a tribal families' circle.

This year's Gathering is a time for early childhood partners to come together to take a close look at culturally responsive Child Find practices in Native communities. The goal of this event is to ensure that all infants and young children who are eligible for early intervention or preschool services are being identified and served.

Parent empowerment, involvement and role in the Child Find process are fundamental to making this goal a reality as well as identifying the stakeholders that encompass a tribal families' circle.

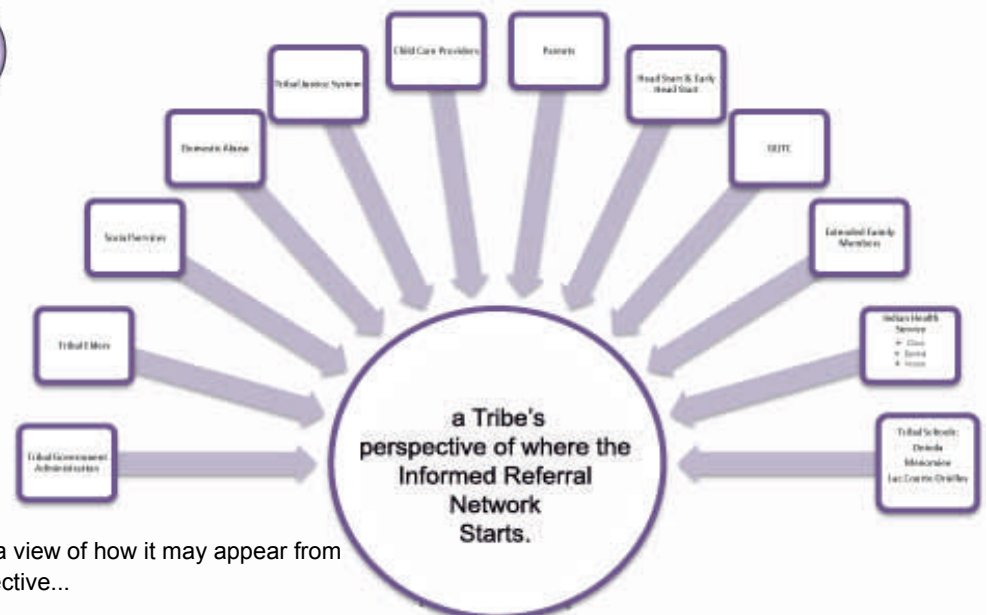
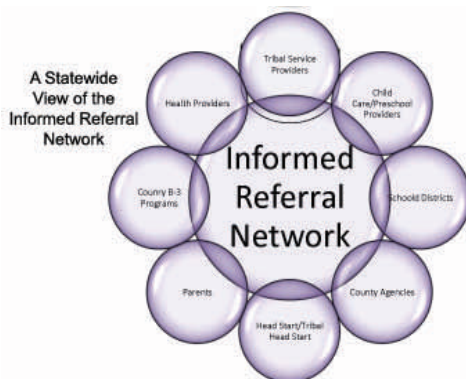
The goal of Child Find efforts and this event are:

Identify current and potential future child find practices that are responsive to families and are working in tribal communities, as well as define role, practices and responsibilities of all agencies involved in the process and practices that could be considered in local and state interagency agreements.

Utilize the "Informed Referral Network" in order to increase awareness of Child Find efforts among persons who most frequently come into contact with young children and develop a "road map" for families and others about how to access and secure services that may be needed.

Support participants in (a) understanding and appreciating their own cultural backgrounds, (b) reflecting on how their cultural background affects how they interact with others from different background than their own, and (c) understanding the cultural backgrounds of the children and families they serve so that they can respond appropriately.

Discuss the cultural differences that may exist between professionals and families on the meaning of disability, concepts of family structure and identity, parenting style, views of professionals' roles and services offered and communication styles.



...But let's take a view of how it may appear from a Tribe's perspective...

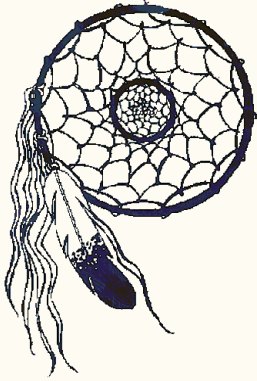
Targeted Audience



- ◆ County Birth to 3 Administrators, Service Coordinators & Providers
- ◆ Early Childhood Regular & Special Education Teachers
- ◆ Special Education Directors
- ◆ Other Related Service Staff (SLP, OT & PT)
- ◆ CESA Administrators
- ◆ WSPEI Liaisons
- ◆ Department of Public Instruction
- ◆ Department of Health Services

- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Tribal & Community Child Care Providers
- ◆ Tribal Head Start Directors & Disability Coordinators
- ◆ Tribal & Public School Administrators
- ◆ Higher Education Early Childhood Faculty
- ◆ Tribal Service Providers & Health Directors
- ◆ Tribal Council Members





It is an honor to have JP Leary return as facilitator for this year Tribal Gathering.



He is of Cherokee and Delaware descent. He serves as the American Indian Studies Consultant at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction where his primary responsibilities involve training, instructional support, and technical assistance related to the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized tribes and bands in the state. He is the co-founder of the American Indian Studies Summer Institute, a professional development opportunity designed to improve teaching and learning about American Indians and educational outcomes for American Indian students. He is a member, and former Board Member, of the Wisconsin Indian Education Association, and a founding member of the WIEA "Indian" Mascot/Logo Task Force. J P Leary is also a doctoral student in Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

It is of great delight to have Donald Rosin, "BO" as his is know to his family and the community of Odanah as co-facilitator and presenter.

Don is member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Don attended Marquette University in Milwaukee and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Ashland. Don's prior work experiences include: working for a Chicago social service agency, coaching girls' basketball and boys' baseball in northern Wisconsin, as well as working in an Emotional Behavioral Disabilities classroom and a Home School Coordinator in Ashland, WI. For the past 15 years he has



advocated for Native American families who have children and young adults in special education. Currently he works for WI FACETS, a parent training and information center, based in Milwaukee, as well as for the WI Culturally Responsive Education for All: Training and Enhancement (CREATE) initiative. He serves on the NICHCY National Advisory Board, the National Multi-Cultural Workgroup, Wisconsin Family Ties Board, WSPEI Advisory Board, local Ashland school board and has served as chairperson of the Indian Education Committee for the past 11 years. Don is a proud father of six children and grandfather of five grandchildren. He lives by his beliefs, *"It is empowering parents that makes the outcomes for their children that much better. We are here to pave the path for our future generations."*

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

Thursday March 24, 2011

12:00—1:00 Registration

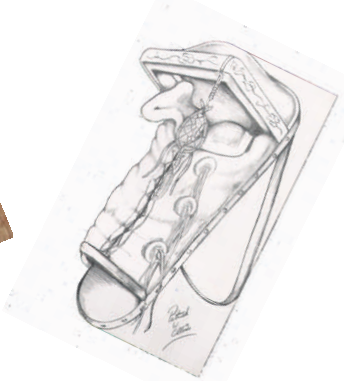
1:00—1:30 Welcome, Purpose, Blessing
Introduction of Key People

Culturally Responsive Child Find in Native American Communities

4:30—5:30 Break

5:30 Social

6:00 Traditional Dinner
Bad River Elders—Guests



Friday March 25, 2011

7:30-8:00 Breakfast

8:00-8:15 Review of Day One, Key Points

8:15-10:30 Roles of Parents, Tribal Service Providers,
County Birth to 3, School Districts
Professional Session
Parent Session

10:30-11:00 Break

11:30-12:30 Next Steps of Connecting the work .

12:30-1:00 Lunch & Networking

1:00-Continue...Connecting the work.

2:30 Closing Ceremony

Registration Form *NO Registration Fee*

Name	M.I.	Last Name
Registrant's Title		Department or Program Name
Agency/Tribe Name		Address
City/State		Zip code
Email Address <small>(Required for confirmation purposes)</small> Work: _____ Home: _____		
Work Phone Number: <small>(Area Code)</small> <small>(Required for confirmation purposes)</small>	Cell:	Fax <small>(with area code)</small>
County	School District	

Mail, Fax or Email Registration Form to:

MAIL TO: GLITC-Birth to 3 Program
P. O. Box 9 - 2932 Highway 47 Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538
FAX TO: 715/588-7900 or **EMAIL:** ptorres@glitc.org

Exhibitors Welcome

We encourage each Tribal Nation, County B-3 Agency, and School District to bring materials and resources which showcase your efforts in serving young children and their families. The intended purpose is to learn about each other's programs and to generate ideas for future collaboration and partnerships.

Display Table Registration: YES ___ NO ___ Contact Person: _____
(If Different than above)

Each exhibit space consists of on 6 foot draped table with one chair. Tables are limited. Electricity in NOT available.

Lodging Information

Call for Reservations (800) 795-7121

A block of rooms is set aside at a Special Rate.
Please ask for the **Tribal Gathering** Room block.
This rate is guaranteed through March 15, 2011.

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U.S. Highway 2 - Odanah, WI 54861

If you have questions regarding the Conference please call:
Pamela Torres: (715) 588-3324, Ext. 104 OR Email ptorres@glitc.org

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Ask for "Tribal Gathering" block of rooms. Hotel reservation deadline:
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Located 10 miles east of
Ashland, Wisconsin on U.S. Highway 2

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