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Tribal Court Improvement Program

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## Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

**Award Number:**

90CS2029

**Project Title:**

CSKT Tribal Court Improvement Program

**Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes**

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**Project Period:**

60 Months

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**Target Population:**

DHRD's child welfare staff and the staff of the various components of CSKT's legal system, as well as members of the reservation community and of other Tribes

**Geographic Area(s) Served:**

The Flathead Indian Reservation - Bitterroot Salish, Upper Pend d'Oreille, and Kootenai Tribes, located in rural northwestern Montana

**Agency Region:**

ACF Region 8

**Organizational Description**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) has operated with ACF, Children's Bureau Tribal Court Improvement funding since 2012. The program will be administered by CSKT's Department of Human Resource Development (DHRD). DHRD's child welfare program administers an array of prevention, intervention and family support programs. DHRD manages over 20 federally-funded programs that include collaboration with diverse partners, cross-system referral and capacity development, community engagement, evaluation and performance measures.

**Use of Program Funds**

- Development of a Tribal Court Improvement Program Team (TCIP Team) comprised of representatives from DHRD, Tribal Court, Tribal Prosecutors Office, Tribal Defenders Office, as well as other stakeholders. The team will be responsible for providing input to project staff, guiding project activities such as the completion of a court assessment and a project Implementation Plan, developing and implementing cross-system training, and developing a Child Welfare Wellness Court Proposal.
- Completion of a Court Assessment by month 10, whose recommendations will inform program activities during Years 2-5.
- The provision of extensive cross-system training for child welfare program staff, legal personnel and other stakeholders; improvement of the handling of ICWA cases through the provision of an annual ICWA conference for tribal and non-tribal justice system personnel and other stakeholders; and outreach to the community through media and community meetings held to educate the public about the child welfare and tribal court systems.

**Expected Outcomes**

The project will improve the effectiveness of the Tribal Court's child welfare practices; and improve collaboration between DHRD's child welfare program, the Tribal Court system, and other key stakeholders to identify and work towards shared goals that improve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in the child welfare system.