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Tribal Court Improvement Program
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Award Number:
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Project Title:
LTBB Child Welfare Court
Improvement Project

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of
Odawa Indians**
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Project Period:
60 Months

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Target Population:
The target population for this
project is key stakeholders
involved in implementing LTBB
Child Welfare.

Geographic Area(s) Served:
The LTBB service area covers 27
counties in Northern Michigan
and the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Agency Region:
ACF Region 5

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Organizational Description

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) is a federally recognized Indian tribe by reaffirmation of the U.S Congress through passage of Public Law 103-324 on September 21, 1994 (see attached Proof of Legal Status in Appendices). LTBB is governed through its Constitution that establishes three distinct branches of the Tribal Government: Judicial, Legislative and Executive.

Use of Program Funds

Project activities will be centered on the following goal and objectives:

GOAL- Enable LTBB Tribal Court to use a Family Preservation Model to strengthen LTBB family units

Objective 1: Within the first 12 months, *conduct* an assessment of how Tribal Courts can enhance family & community engagement child welfare proceedings

Objective 2: Within 18 months, *submit* LTBB's Child Protection Statute for sponsorship to more consistently achieve permanency for children

Objective 3: Within 18 months, *develop* a comprehensive Family Preservation Court

Objective 4: Following the assessment, *implement* changes to LTBB Tribal Court's approach to child welfare through the application of a Family Preservation Court

Expected Outcomes

The prevention of unnecessary separation of LTBB children from their families and increased number of families reunified. This outcome will strengthen family preservation within the LTBB Community.