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Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries
Tribal Court Improvement Program
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Project Title:
LCO Tribal Court Improvement
Program

**Lac Courte Oreilles Band of
Lake Superior Chippewa
Indians**
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Project Period:
60 Months

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Target Population:
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe

Geographic Area(s) Served:
Wisconsin

Agency Region:
ACF Region 5

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Organizational Description

The Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Indian Reservation is located within Sawyer County, Wisconsin. Reservation boundaries spread over about 77,000 acres of land consisting of forests, twenty-seven lakes and forty-three miles of rivers and streams are found on the reservation, and over 7,500 acres of the reservation are classified as wetlands. The Reservation also borders the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest that covers over a million and a half acres of the same topography.

There are about 34 individual communities spread throughout the reservation, some separated by over 25 miles. Total tribal enrollment is 7,803; the on and near BIA service population of the reservation is 2,515 members. The population of the reservation consisting of both Natives and non-Natives is estimated at 3,900 people.

Use of Program Funds

The Tribe will utilize the funding to perform a thorough assessment of the Tribal Courts handling of the current child welfare process. With the assessment findings, the Tribe will bring together multiple system stakeholders to engage in a collaborative process that will be focused on implementing interventions and make changes to practice policy increasing the safety, permanency and well-being of children and youth in the child welfare system. Stakeholders will include: court & legal personnel, tribal judge, ICW Director and personnel, Guardians Ad Litem, behavioral health, school representatives, child support, elder association, and current/past foster parents and children.

Expected Outcomes

This project will access and improve the current child welfare practice of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court by performing a comprehensive assessment, develop ways to increase efficiency and collaboration of the Court and the Social Welfare Department, develop training and resources for Court staff, and to develop and enlist volunteers to serve as Lay Advocates to assure the safety, permanency and well-being needs of the children are being met in a timely and complete manner.