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ABSTRACT:

The University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare proposes to support professional education for American Indian students committed to working in child welfare. Objectives of the Native American Scholars Project are: 1) to enhance child welfare service delivery by providing educational traineehips to Native American social work students; 2) to develop a competency-based field model that exposes social work students to the tribal/ state agency, and family preservation, foster care and adoption providers involved in the delivery of child welfare services to Indigenous families; and 3) to enhance child welfare service delivery to Native American families through the infusion of a strengths-oriented cultural competency model into social work curriculum. The program will fund seven Bachelors of Social Work or Masters of Social Work students each of the five years for a total of 14-35 students (depending upon the mix of students funded for one or two years). The proposed initiative incorporates: an advisory board; special outreach efforts; academic mentorships; a competency-based field model; culturally based, strengths-oriented coursework; statewide expansion and postgraduate support and tracking. Along with curriculum enhancements, this project will produce a cadre of social workers who have advanced knowledge and skills in culturally competent practice with Native American families.

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