TRIBAL CULTURAL INDICATORS

Connection to Tribal Traditions and Practices
Description: Knowledge / participation in activities connected to Tribal traditions

Safe / Self-Sufficient: I am knowledgeable, fully engaged in cultural events, ceremonies and gatherings

Stable: I am aware of local cultural events ceremonies and gatherings but I do not always attend

At Risk: I have limited knowledge of cultural events, ceremonies and gatherings and do not participate

In Crisis: I have no knowledge of cultural events, ceremonies and gatherings and do not participate

Participation in Tribal Activities
Description: Connections to Tribal activities for individuals and families

Safe / Self-Sufficient: I have knowledge of Tribal activities and actively participate

Stable: I have knowledge of tribal activities and sometimes participate

At Risk: I have some knowledge or access to Tribal activities but do not participate

In Crisis: I have no knowledge or access to Tribal activities and do not participate

Knowledge of Family Lineage and Tribal History
Description:

Safe /Self Sufficient: I have much knowledge of my Tribal lineage and family history and believe it is a strength to me

Stable: I have some knowledge of my Tribal lineage and family history and know how this benefits and supports me

At Risk: I have limited knowledge of my Tribal lineage and/or of my family history and am not aware of why it’s beneficial to me

In Crisis: I have no knowledge of my Tribal lineage or my family history
**Extended Family Relationship**  
*Description:* Identification of available family and support relationships

*Safe / Self Sufficient:* I always have family / support relationships that can assist me

*Stable:* I have at least two reliable family / support members who can consistently support me

*At Risk:* I have limited family support who may not always be available to assist me

*In Crisis:* I do not have any immediate or extended family that I am aware of who can assist me

**Participation in Tribal Government Activities**  
*Description:* Spiritual education and government issues

*Safe / Self Sufficient:* I am aware of and have very good knowledge of traditional ceremonial practices, as well as community issues and structure, and I do participate and do my part as a Tribal member

*Stable:* I am aware of and have some knowledge of traditional ceremonial practices, as well as community issues and structure, and I am aware but do not participate very often

*At Risk:* I have some knowledge of traditional ceremonial practices and government issues and structure, but I don’t participate because I don’t see change or really understand it

*In Crisis:* I have no spiritual education knowledge or knowledge of how to become involved, or I cannot be involved, therefore I do not participate
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT
The Indian Child Welfare Act is created to support a cultural perspective and its program strengths are implemented by ICWA workers to build protective factors for children and families.

Knowledge of the Indian Child Welfare Act
Description: Protection of Indian children and families


Stable: I have some knowledge about the Indian Child Welfare Act and have utilized relevant services available to me.

At Risk: I have little knowledge of the Indian Child Welfare Act or whether it applies to me.

In Crisis: I have no knowledge of what the Indian Child Welfare Act is or how it relates to me.

Knowledge of Legal Rights
Description: Awareness of legal rights with child welfare / juvenile justice systems

Safe / Self Sufficient: I am knowledgeable of my legal rights and can advocate for myself.

Stable: I am knowledgeable of my legal rights but need assistance.

At Risk: I have some knowledge of my legal rights but do not know how to exercise them or where to ask for help.

In Crisis: I have no knowledge of my legal rights.

Reunification Stages in Court Cases
Description:

Safe / Self Sufficient: Completed all requirements of case plan for reunification. Children are returned to parents.

Stable: Completed most of the case plan for reunification required by the court. On track for reunification.

At Risk: Partially completed case plans for reunification ordered by the court.

In Crisis: Failing to complete services or case plan for reunification ordered by the court. In danger of losing children to permanency plan.
Matrix Outcomes Model, 2011