

Tribal Infrastructure Development: IVE Implementation State Pass Through Agreements

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Mission: To assist tribal members and families achieve independence, self-sufficiency in order to achieve healthy, productive communities; and to provide culturally appropriate quality services.

IVB Goals

- Goal 1: Completion and Implementation of direct and/or state Title IV-E Child Welfare agreement and program.
- Goal 2: Foster Care Recruitment and Retention.
- Goal 3: To assist 20 families annually who are at risk of referral, from having their children involuntarily removed.
- Goal 4: To maintain at least a 75% success rate for reunification, long term guardianship or Tribal Customary Adoption for Yurok children in foster care that are co-case managed with Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

Timeline to IVE

- IVE State Agreement – 2010
- Indian Child Welfare Policies and Procedures – 2016
- Children’s Ordinance – 2016
- Various Workplans
 - Collaborative Workplan with CDSS - 2021

IVE Matters

- The largest proportion of these children are under the jurisdiction of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and have ongoing negative outcomes under the care of these systems.
- The Yurok advocates fighting for the safety and well-being of Yurok children spend countless hours advocating for these children and families and attempting to reform these systems with little shown improvement. This lack of improvement continues in spite of an Attorney General Judgement in Humboldt County mandating reforms.
- As the largest Tribe in California, Yurok has a very high number of children involved in the state child welfare system and at the time of the writing of this report that number is approximately 190 children.
- Because of the large number of children that the Tribe would need to care for, resources to provide these services have been an ongoing barrier. Title IV-E funding as the primary mechanism for tribes and states to fund these types of services has therefore been an ongoing goal for the Tribe since 2009. Over the last 12 years there have been starts and stops towards this goal.

Infrastructure Development - Title IVE

- Startup funds, Welfare & Institutions Code, Sec. 10553.1
- Capacity Assessment
- 6 month workplan
 - Fiscal claiming
 - Eligibility
 - Access to Systems
 - AFCARS Reporting/Case Management System
 - Minor's Attorney
- 3 Year Plan