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SOLE SOURCE POSTING

The Department of Children, Youth, Families (“DCYF”) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) to provide In-Home culturally responsive Positive Indian Parenting, Train the Trainer sessions to Washington State Tribal Nations and DCYF staff.

Western parenting programs often fail to address the unique challenges faced by American Indian and Alaska Native parents, children, and families, and they neglect the rich tribal traditions and knowledge passed down from generation to generation. Positive Indian Parenting is designed to meet the needs of both Native and non-Native parents, relatives, caregivers, foster parents, and others who strive to be more positive in their approach to parenting. Positive Indian Parenting is implemented within a tribe and/or community serving American Indian and Alaska Native people. Participants may enroll voluntarily or be mandated to participate. The Positive Indian Parent training for facilitators is intended for tribal child welfare workers and other personnel who work with AI/AN children and families. Positive Indian Parenting offers participants a structured exploration of traditional American Indian and Alaska Native values concerning parenting and helps participants apply those values in a modern setting.

The training workshop for facilitators aims to prepare tribal child welfare personnel to successfully implement the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum in their tribes. Facilitators of Positive Indian Parenting must be trained and certified by the National Indian Child Welfare Association. Interested facilitators are required to participate in a three-day workshop that focuses on how to successfully adapt and implement the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum. Those who complete the workshop are then qualified to deliver the curriculum directly to clients, or to train child welfare personnel within their tribe to facilitate. During the workshop, a lead trainer helps facilitators to think about how to adapt the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum to their tribe’s culture and needs. Positive Indian Parenting is designed to be offered in a group setting or to individual families through in-home delivery.

To assist in the expansion of culturally responsive service availability for native families, and understanding that Positive Indian Parenting is a prevention service the Tribal Nations of Washington State indicate works for local families, DCYF is seeking a contract with the model developers.

The contract will be issued on or about August 1, 2024. The dollar value for this contract is estimated at \$45,000.00, inclusive of the services required during the period of performance of the contract through 7/31/2025. At the discretion of DCYF and approval from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES), and provided funding is available, this contract may be extended for an additional two (2) years, in one (1) year term intervals, through May 31, 2027.

Those who believe they have the necessary qualifications are required to submit a capability statement detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements by July 18, 2024. The statement must detail the applicant’s experience, ability and organizational capacity to provide the following services:

- Model Developer Train the Trainer Sessions.
- Knowledge of Indian family structure and child rearing customs.

- Knowledge of and experience with Indian Tribe's unique culture.
- Knowledge in traditional indigenous practices to raise children.
- Knowledge of both federal and Washington State Indian Child Welfare Acts.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the intent of DCYF to make a sole source award of this Contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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