

## December 2018 Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Update

<b>Compact signed 10/19/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 T/TOs signed the Compact</li> <li>• Those 18 T/TO's represent a total of 161 individual Tribes</li> <li>• These 161 Tribes represent 70% of Alaska's 229 Federally Recognized Tribes</li> </ul>
<b>Compact became effective 12/15/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 out of the 18 T/TOs received funding for FY18 which was for supporting start up activities and a FTE for half of the fiscal year</li> <li>• 14 out of the 18 T/TO's have received funding for FY19 thus far which is for a FTE for the entire fiscal year</li> </ul>
<b>Recap of year one</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 Tribes received copies of screened in &amp; screened out Protective Services Reports and many are engaging in outreach to offer support or services on cases OCS has screened out, where families would not have otherwise been contacted</li> <li>• T/TOs assisted in initial diligent relative searches and home safety checks for relatives to help ensure and expedite the placement of children with relatives whenever possible vs. stranger foster care</li> <li>• There has been a steady increase in number of Alaska Native Children in ICWA preference placements</li> </ul>
<b>Year two thus far</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 Co-Signers are taking referrals for relative searches</li> <li>• As of December 7, 2018, 141 referrals have been made and accepted, Co-Signers have added 558 relatives to ORCA, which will lead to more children being placed with relatives.</li> <li>• 94 Tribes are receiving copies of screened in &amp; screened out Protective Services Reports. Co-Signers continue to work to develop and explore ways to provide early intervention and prevention services to families involved in the screened out cases.</li> <li>• Co-Signers and OCS are meeting bi-weekly for training and technical assistance WebEx calls regarding Diligent Relative Searches</li> <li>• As of December 13, 2018, 4,494 Screened in/out PSRs have been distributed to T/TOs since distribution began 01/02/18.</li> <li>• Some Tribes are restructuring their child welfare programs to incorporate early intervention and prevention as a result of this increased access to this essential information</li> <li>• On a regional level, Tribal Co-Signers have reported earlier involvement in cases to offer support to families who are struggling that may prevent them from requiring more formal interventions later</li> </ul>
<b>2020 and beyond</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Signers developed 3-Year Strategic Plans which will help the State foreshadow the opportunities and funding needs moving forward</li> <li>• Co-Signers vary in readiness and capacity for taking over child welfare services from A to Z</li> <li>• There is agreement that a new framework is needed going forward that allows Co-Signers with existing child welfare programs the flexibility to provide more services while providing support to smaller Tribes to build their infrastructure, vs. all going at the same pace</li> <li>• Two more Scopes of Work are being drafted. Visits and licensing assist.</li> <li>• The future must include Co-Signers obtaining Title IV-E Agreements if their goal is to provide a full array of child welfare services for their Tribal members</li> </ul>