



**SUPPLEMENT – CECANF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS BASED UPON TESTIMONY FROM JULY 15, 2015
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN**

Data

1. Provide specific data about AI/AN child fatalities by having law enforcement distinguish child and adult homicide victims.
2. FBI identifying key data that Tribes could track that the BIA could collect. FBI should ask BIA to use NIBRS – National Incident-Based Reporting System) or to request that BIA provide more detailed child specific information.
3. Link data between Tribal child welfare and Tribal law enforcement.
4. More reporting upfront to BIA of Tribal and State child welfare cases involving AI/AN children.
5. Provide training and TA to Tribes around collecting data and building data systems.

Research

6. Longitudinal research about the leading factors related to child fatalities of AI/AN children, 18 and under, it may be possible to integrate a longitudinal research component in the Tiwahe Initiative (a partnership between HHS, DoJ, and DoI) currently being piloted in four tribes.

Developing a Relationship between States and Tribes

7. States without positive and/or extensive relationships with Tribes should look to examples of states with established and effective relationships with Tribes, particularly related to understanding the Sovereignty of Tribes – positive examples are Washington and Montana.

Relevance of BIA's ICWA Guidelines

8. A question was posed as to whether ICWA compliance strengthens safety measures for AI/AN children. ICWA does not address the needs of all AI/AN children; ICWA specifically addresses AI/AN children identified through a State child welfare agency. Therefore, compliance with ICWA is not sufficient alone to identify and address the needs of all AI/AN children.

Tribes' Access to Title IV-E

9. Make Title IV-E more conducive to Tribes, including providing capacity building resources upfront to make Title IV-E more accessible and provide more flexibility for Tribes seeking to administer their own child welfare programs.
10. Provide TA for the development of the Tribal child welfare workforce.

There were a couple of asks of Commissioners to have more information on data elements currently collected through Tribal law enforcement data systems and more detail on what Fostering Connections and recent efforts to increase Tribal access to Title IV-E were intended to accomplish