Sessions 5: ICWA, Child Protection in the Era of COVID-19

Course Description:

The COVID-19 pandemic had drawn greater attention to the plight of abused and neglected children. Maltreatment incidence is likely on the rise, given the combination of social isolation, increased economic precarity, and heightened caregiving burden for children who would typically be in school or day care.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought long-standing Child Welfare System problems to the forefront while also identifying pragmatic opportunities for system improvement.

This course will briefly touch the following questions: What can we learn from the pandemic—and federal, state, and local governmental responses—about the cracks in the child welfare system? What lessons can be carried forward post-pandemic?

Learning Objectives:

2. Recognize and explain techniques for protecting children through a pandemic.
3. Recognize the practical impact on tribal child welfare programs.