

## Recommendations for Working With Families With Native American Roots

- ✓ Ask who to include in meetings; address entire group
- ✓ Show respect; provide emotional support
- ✓ Learn communication style
- ✓ Use a pace comfortable to the family
- ✓ Offer assistance with explanations
- ✓ Offer services of an interpreter; discuss choice
- ✓ Explain questioning
- ✓ No assumptions about tribal practices
- ✓ Privacy of tribal ceremonies
- ✓ Do not remove child's markings and amulets
- ✓ Acknowledge ignorance; show respect
- ✓ Ask if it is a good time to visit
- ✓ Explain time lines/limitations
- ✓ Explain medical procedures in detail
- ✓ Assess beliefs about dolls and pictures
- ✓ Family choice; allow time for transition
- ✓ Provide opportunities to talk to other parents