

Knowing Who You Are: A State and Tribal Partnership in Alaska

During the Tribal State Collaboration Group meetings in 2008, the State of Alaska's Office of Children's Services under the direction of Tammy Sandoval, tribal partners, and tribal organizations all agreed to train all workers in child welfare (state or tribal) under the same process. That process is called Knowing Who You Are. KWYA is a process created by Casey Family Programs and is supported by their agency in several states. Casey Family Programs helped Alaska create KWYA trainers and certifiers to keep Alaska self sustained in healthy racial and ethnic identification.

KWYA is a process for helping workers with racial and ethnic identity, while giving them some skills/activities to do with others on their own racial and ethnic identity journey. The KWYA process is a **3-part process** that includes watching a video (about 20 minutes long), completing an e-learning tutorial on-line (approximately 6 hours long), and then participating in the 2-day in-person workshop.

KWYA workshops have already begun to roll out statewide to tribal workers, state workers, and community partners. Professionals come together to work on their own journeys about knowing their own Racial & Ethnic Identity (REI), while learning skills to work with youth, families, and caretakers on their own REI journeys. Over 500 participants have been trained as of Spring/2011.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.casey.org/Resources/Initiatives/KnowingWhoYouAre/>

To register for workshops in Alaska, please reference the schedule below and contact:

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DATE	LOCATION
November 15 & 16, 2011	Anchorage
January 9 & 10, 2012	Fairbanks
January 10 & 11, 2012	Kenai
February 7 & 8, 2012	Wasilla
March (TBA), 2012	Bethel
May 15 & 16, 2012	Anchorage