Becoming a Native American Parent Specialist



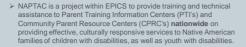
GREAT SPIRIT
Help me always
To speak the truth quietly,
To listen with an open mind
when others speak,
and to remember the peace
that may be found in silence



Cherokee Prayer

1st NAPS Co-Hort Group

Who is NAPTAC?



NAPTAC will also provide differentiated, targeted and intensive TA to parent centers requesting additional support to build their capacity to provide services to Native American parents of children with disabilities, as well as youth with disabilities.



Why become a Native American Parent Specialist?

Increase Knowledge

- > Expand Self-Awareness
- Learn about AI/AN History & Background
- > Explore Native Current Events
- ➤ Understand AI/AN Values
- > Develop Local Tribal Knowledge



Why become a Native American Parent Specialist?

Increase Skills

- ➤ Increase number of AI/AN contacts locally
- > Train Parent Center co-workers on Native content
- > Train AI/AN parents locally
- > Enhance personal communication skills



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Why become a Native American Parent Specialist?

Attitudes

- > Remain open to new ideas
- > Extend awareness of and respect for AI/AN culture
- ➤ Increase comfort level when outreaching and speaking to native families and youth
- > Heighten awareness of the need to serve underserved AI/AN families and youth





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