

INTERTRIBAL CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PARTNERSHIP  
UPCOMING TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Native American Motivational Interviewing in Child Welfare  
June 11 & 12, 2009  
Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI  
Registration: 8:30 A.M.  
Workshop: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
Fee: \$36 for Partnership Members, (\$ 250 for non-members)  
Presenter: Kamilla Venner, Ph.D.

**Description:** This training will teach the fundamentals of motivational interviewing with Native American populations. The program will provide an introduction to motivational interviewing techniques that may be applied to promote healthy behavioral changes in parents and families served in the child welfare system. The training will include ideas for integrating motivational strategies into your work with children and families. The two-day session will be interactive with the opportunity for participants to practice skills designed to motivate people to make changes. Training videos, demonstrations, and practice exercises will be included.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Demonstrate an increased understanding of the spirit behind Motivational Interviewing and the key components of the approach including the use of communication skills to work with people as partners as they consider personal behavior change.
- Practice fundamental Motivational Interviewing skills and techniques that focus on helping clients strengthen motivation to change specific health behaviors.
- Explore options for incorporating Motivational Interviewing strategies into your own programs.

**Resource:** Each participant will receive the manual for Native American Motivational Interviewing plus additional handout materials.

**Trainer Information:** Dr. Kamilla Venner is an Athabascan Native American from Alaska. She currently works at the University of New Mexico as an Assistant Professor of Psychology. She is associated with the University's Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions. Dr. Venner has extensive experience in Motivational Interviewing with American Indian populations and has been identified as the foremost presenter in the country on this topic.