

Instrument 4: Interview Protocol for Tribal Leaders or Elders

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Study of Coordination of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services

INTERVIEW PROTOCOL for Tribal Leaders or Elders

The purpose of this interview is to learn Tribal Leaders' and/or Elders' insights regarding how the [program name] is meeting the needs of children, youth, and families in the Tribal community.

INTERVIEW INFORMATION:

TRIBE:

PROGRAM:

INTERVIEW DATE/TIME:

RESPONDENT 1:

RESPONDENT 2:

STUDY ID:

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INTERVIEWER(S):

Directions to interviewer – please inform the interviewee: An important part of this study is to gain a better understanding of the services provided through the [program name], how helpful the program's services have been for participating families and children, as well as how the program is working to address your community's needs. We would like to ask you some questions about your experience and perceptions of the project's service provision for [name of Tribe/Tribal organization] families. We anticipate that our discussion today will require at most 60 minutes.

Your participation is voluntary. All information gathered will be kept private and will not be shared with other members of the Tribe [or Tribal Organization] or the program. Individual responses will not be reported and all information will be aggregated for analysis and reporting purposes.

Would you like to proceed with the interview? Do you have any questions before we begin?

First we would like to get some background information.

A. Overview

1. Could you describe for us what you know about the [program name] and the program's work with families in your community?
2. Could you site some examples of the program activities?
3. What would you say are the key benefits of the program for the community?

4. Have you personally been involved with the *[program name]* either during the planning process, or subsequently?

If Yes → Have the program staff sought your input on topics/issues related to the program?

Could you give an example?

5. How do you stay connected or informed with the staff of *[program name]* and the things they are doing in the community?
6. From your perspective as a leader in the community, how does the *[program name]* fit into the Tribe's [or Tribal organization's] broader goals regarding services to families, children, and youth?
7. How does *[program name]* reflect the traditional Native values and cultural practices?
8. Do you think *[program name]* has accomplished the goals/changes that the program is seeking? Please explain.
9. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve *[program name]*?
10. Is there anything else you would like to add regarding the topics we have talked about?

Thank you!