



### What Is Urgent? Taking the First Steps Toward Change

The closing plenary reviews actions that can lead to building authentic, collaborative, and prevention-focused child welfare systems. Participants hear multiple perspectives and consider strategies for effective collaboration between child welfare agencies and community partners in the provision of prevention services, consider how prevention-focused systems can improve child welfare outcomes, and develop ideas for incorporating the principles of FFPSA into state and territory plans. Following the presentations, young adult and family representatives facilitate a discussion that explores the urgent first steps toward change.

#### Session Resources

1. **[Trust Based Relational Intervention \(TBRI\)](#)**

TBRI® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. TBRI® uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors.

2. **[National Native Children's Trauma Center](#)**

As a Category II Treatment and Service Adaptation Center within the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, the National Native Children's Trauma Center focuses on increasing service providers' ability to respond to the trauma-related needs of American Indian and Alaska Native children and youth in culturally appropriate ways.

3. **[Nebraska Children and Families Foundation](#)**

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation supports children, young adults, and families at risk, with the overall goal of giving the state's most vulnerable kids what they need to thrive.

4. **[Family First Virginia: Three Branch Model](#)**

The Virginia Department of Social Services launched the Three Branch Model in June 2018. The Three Branch Model, based upon The Three Branch Institute, is an initiative between the National Governor's Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, Casey Family Programs, and National Center for State Courts. It is designed to bring the three branches of government together to develop an action plan to address the most pressing child welfare issues.

5. **[Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center](#)**

The Defending Childhood Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center supports tribes funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Defending Childhood 2016 American Indian/Alaska Native Policy Initiative.

6. **[Collaborating With Courts to Promote Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents](#)**

This webinar presents an overview of how a family court judge works in collaboration with families, the child welfare agency, and stakeholders to improve family and children outcomes and significantly reduce the number of children in foster care. This 2020 National Foster Care Month webinar features Assistant Secretary Lynn Johnson, Associate Commissioner Jerry Milner, and interviews with Judge Trent Favre and parent attorney Lanie Roussel, who share court collaboration efforts in Hancock County, Mississippi. Key elements to their success include using a trauma-informed approach, keeping a focus on maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders, creating a visitation center to provide a homelike setting for parent-child and sibling visits, and holding monthly permanency hearings.

7. **Lifting Up Youth Voices: Storytelling as a Conversation Starter for Systemic Change**

This article from the June 2020 *Children's Bureau Express* provides information and resources about using storytelling in child welfare. The 2020 National Reunification Month theme is lifting up youth voices and recognizing the people that help families stay together. By lifting up the voices of youth currently and formerly in foster care, and by encouraging them to share their stories and expertise, agencies can help keep families together.