

**APPLICATION REPORT**

**Project Name:** Indigenous Centered Practice Training  
**Applicant Organization:** So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project  
**Awarded Amount:** \$250,000e  
**Funding Announcement Name:** Promoting Service Access and Equity Grant



**PROJECT SUMMARY**

Indigenous Centered Practice Training Indigenous Centered Practice Training is a spin on the The Early Childhood Centered Practice Training which was funded with 2017/18 Disparity Funds through the Department of Developmental Disabilities. This project however will consist of outreach and 1:1 needs assessments for American Indian/Indigenous families, followed by a 3 hour workshop intended for the target population of parents/caregivers of American Indian and Self-identifying Indigenous children with developmental disabilities to impact disparities in POS authorizations by American Indian families. The catchment areas would include North LA, South LA, Eastern LA, and Lanterman areas. The goal is to help parents/caregivers develop a digital 1 page profile that is reflective and inclusive of Indigenous core values for the child to use with Regional Centers, schools, and other community agencies. We will have an outreach coordinator connect with American Indian families and have a Resource specialist work directly with families to provide resources that are specific to the family's unique needs. This project will be a culturally and linguistically responsive strategy that will lead to individual and family empowerment and improve access to services and supports for American Indian families. This project hopes to increase the outreach, identification, and education of American Indian families who want to learn more about and access to Regional Center services and other culturally competent agencies and organizations that will support their family's needs that will provide optimal health of their well-being. This training will require parents/caregivers to understand the needs of their child, how to ask questions and advocate for providers to improve their understanding of the service, and begin the lifelong process of promoting independence, self-determination, and inclusion in their child's life. Additional outcomes include that families are ready to identify the specific education and community supports that are needed to create the future they envision for their family and their child.

APPLICANT QUESTION	APPLICANT RESPONSE
<b>Applicant Eligibility</b>	
<b>Applicant Information</b>	
<b>1. Project Title</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
What is the Project Title?	Indigenous Centered Practice Training
<b>2. Awarded Amount</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
1	\$250,000e
<b>3. Organization Type</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Please check the box that describes your organization	Community Based Organization (CBO), 501(c)(3)
<b>4. Description of Organization/Group</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Provide a brief description of the organization/group (organization type, group mission, etc.). Explain what experience your organization has managing a program similar to the proposal and state the outcomes of that program.	<p>The So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project (SSSP) is a grassroots non-profit 501(c)3 program that promotes Indigenous education and wellness to empower Indigenous families in the urban setting through values, intergenerational relationship building, and community-based programming.</p> <p>In 2019 and early 2020, our organization conducted a Community Symposium Project (Mental Wellness Gathering Series) with the intent to provide the Los Angeles County American Indian/Alaska Native community and allies with access to culturally inclusive and responsive mental health services, education, resources, and information. 339 total participants attended the course of 5 different workshops conducted throughout 5 different SPA locations in LA County.</p> <p>Since the pandemic, we have shifted our programming to virtual online events to provide culturally responsive strategies to the Urban Native Community such as facilitating virtual talk circles, Indigenous Beading Circles, Parent Committee Support and Advocacy groups, and different education workshops which all have led to individual and family empowerment and has improved services and supports. We have had over 500 community members participate in our programming that has expanded beyond LA county and across the country.</p> <p>Additionally, Melissa Alcalá, co-founder of So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project (SSSP), is currently serving as a mentee of Eastern Regional Family Resource Center's GROWN program which increases diverse grassroots representation in the system of developmental services to individuals and families in the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center catchment area. Through training, she has been able to use her skills as an educator, advocate, and experience as a mother of a child with multiple disabilities, to help design and pilot community events that support to address the needs in Los Angeles' Urban American Indian Community.</p>
<b>5. Applicant in Good Standing</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Is the applicant in good standing with the California Secretary of State, California Franchise Tax Board, and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration?	Yes
<b>6. Subcontractors in Good Standing</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Are the applicant's subcontractors in good standing with the California Secretary of State, California Franchise Tax Board, and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration?	Not Applicable

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<b>Grant Reapplication Information</b>	
<b>Grant Reapplications Only</b>	
<b>1. Grant Number</b> (Reapplications Only) What is the Grant Number of previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>2. Project Title</b> (Reapplications Only) What is the Project Title of previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>3. Project Start &amp; End Dates</b> (Reapplications Only) What are the Start & End Dates of the previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>4. Project Duration</b> (Reapplications Only) What is the Total Project Duration (in months) of the previously awarded project? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>5. 2016/2017 Award</b> (Reapplications Only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2016/2017. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>6. 2016/2017 Expenses</b> (Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was expended in FY 2016/2017. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>7. 2016/2017 Remaining</b> (Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2016/2017. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>8. 2017/2018 Award</b> (Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2017/2018. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>9. 2017/2018 Expenses</b> (Reapplicants) Enter the amount of funding that was expended in FY 2017/2018. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>10. 2017/2018 Remaining</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>

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(Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2017/2018. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>11. 2018/2019 Award</b> (Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2018/2019. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>12. 2018/2019 Expenses</b> (Reapplicants only) Enter the total amount of funding that was expended, or is anticipated, or is anticipated to be expended, in FY 2018/2019. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>13. 2018/2019 Remaining</b> (Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2018/2019. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>14. 2019/2020 Award</b> (Reapplicants only) Enter the amount of funding that was awarded in FY 2019/2020. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>15. 2019/2020 Expenses</b> (Reapplicants only) Enter the total amount of funding that was expended, or is anticipated, or is anticipated to be expended, in FY 2019/2020. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>16. 2019/2020 Remaining</b> (Reapplicants only) Subtract the Total Expenses from the Total Award to determine the amount remaining from FY 2019/2020. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>17. Total Awarded</b> (Reapplicants only) Combine the amounts included in FY 2016/2017, FY 2017/2018, FY 2018/2019, and FY 2019/2020 for the total amount awarded for the project. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	<b>Applicant Response</b> Not Applicable
<b>18. Initial Proposed Number of People Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>

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(Reapplications Only) Include the initial number of people projected to be served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>19. Actual Number of People Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) Include the actual number of people served. Explain why this number is different from the projected impact number. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>20. Regional Centers in Catchment Area</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) List all Regional Centers in the project catchment areas that the project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>21. Cities Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) List the cities your project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>22. Counties Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) List the counties your project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>23. City of Los Angeles</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) If your project has served the City of Los Angeles, list the zip code(s) and/or community(ies) your project has served. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>24. Activities to Date</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) Provide a detailed explanation of project activities to date. Include what the project has accomplished to date. From the start of the project to the date of reapplication, what are the key accomplishments? Have all activities been completed? If no, why not? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>25. Project Impact &amp; Outcome</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>

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(Reapplications Only) Provide a detailed explanation of project impacts and outcomes to date. Attach data (summary of pre-tests and post-tests), participant success stories to demonstrate project outcomes and impacts. Provide outcomes of your project's impact in serving the target communities. Using your attached data, provide a brief statement of key findings. If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>26. Project Objectives</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) What are the projects objectives in addressing disparities and what remains to be addressed/completed? Explain why these objectives have not been completed during the current grant period. Provide a brief description of the key lessons learned from your current project, if any. What were some of the challenges that prevented your project from meeting your objectives/measures? What are some strategies your organization plans to implement to address challenges, if any? If not applicable select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>27. Project Transition</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
(Reapplications Only) If awarded, how will your current project transition into the 2020/21 proposed project? How does your proposed project complement your current project? Does your proposed project expand or continue your current project, if so how? What activities, measures, or target groups are being added? Provide a summary of the differences and reasons why you are proposing the change. If not applicable, select Not Applicable.	Not Applicable
<b>General Application Proposal Summary</b>	
<b>1. Individuals Impacted</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Enter the projected number of individuals impacted.	100
<b>2. People Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
What is proposed number of people projected to be served?	40
<b>3. Duration of project</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>

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What is the duration of the project? Enter Start & End Dates.	Start Date: 03/08/2021, End Date: 03/08/2022
<b>4. Duration of project (months)</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
What is the total duration of project in months?	12
<b>5. Regional Centers</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
List all Regional Centers in the project catchment areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North LA</li> <li>• Eastern LA</li> <li>• South LA</li> <li>• Lanterman area</li> </ul>
<b>6. Cities Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
List the city or cities your project proposes to serve.	Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley.
<b>7. Counties Served</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
List the county or counties your project proposes to serve.	Los Angeles County.
<b>8. City of Los Angeles</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
If your project proposes to serve the City of Los Angeles, list the zip codes and/or communities your project will serve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Los Angeles county including the communities of Alhambra and Whittier-<a href="http://www.elarc.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=4006">http://www.elarc.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=4006</a></li> <li>• Central Los Angeles county including Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena-<a href="https://lanterman.org/uploads/about/FDLRC_Catchment_Areas_Color.pdf">https://lanterman.org/uploads/about/FDLRC_Catchment_Areas_Color.pdf</a></li> <li>• Northern Los Angeles county including San Fernando and Antelope Valleys-</li> <li>• Southern Los Angeles county including the communities of Compton and Gardena-90001, 90002, 90003, 90007, 90008, 90011, 90018, 90037, 90043, 90058, 90059, 90061, 900220, 90221, 90222, 90240, 90241, 90242, 90248, 90255, 90262, 90270, 90280, 90723, 90746.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Community Based Organizations</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Will you be working with one or more Community Based Organization?	Yes
<b>10. Regional Center Data</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
If you plan to use regional center data for your project, indicate what steps you will take (or already have taken) to acquire it. For example, completing a data agreement, completing a data request, meeting with RC to discuss data availability/timelines, etc.	We plan to complete a data request and meet with RCs in the different catchment areas to discuss data availability and timelines. We also plan to meet with The Manager of Dive Inclusion, to see how we can further discuss data availability.
<b>11. First Project Type Selection</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Select your first project type.	Parent Education (online or in person trainings, etc)
<b>12. Second Project Type Selection</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Select your second project type (if applicable).	Engagement and Outreach (community events, etc)
<b>13. Third Project Type Selection</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Select your third project type (if applicable).	Family/consumer support services (coaching, enhanced CM)
<b>14. Multiple Organizations</b>	<b>Applicant Response</b>
Does your project include partnership with one or more organizations either as a co-applicant or subcontractor? If "yes", please upload a letter of support from each organization, that includes an explanation of their role in the partnership.	No

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<p><b>15. Leverage &amp; Strategies</b></p> <p>Describe how your organization will leverage and build upon strategies, collaborations, and lessons learned to continue to address the identified disparities after completion of the project. How will your project continue its work after the grant funding has concluded?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Our organization will leverage and build upon the post survey data and analyze and listen to the participants remarks and feedback about the workshops and resources provided, determine next steps on how to continue to address the identified disparities after completion of the project. We hope to also identify strong American Indian parent leaders during can continue to provide this training for other parents, so it becomes sustainable.</p> <p>Furthermore, we will analyze the attendance data and population of potential eligible RC individuals to determine why American Indian families are not seeking RC services in the area. We will use this data to inform decision making on how to move forward with decreasing the disparity for potential future projects.</p>
<b>Target Population</b>	
<p><b>1. Target Groups Served</b></p> <p>Select all groups the project will serve. If you select "Pacific Islander" or "Other" use comment section to list all groups.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Native American , Other (list)</p>
<p>Applicant Comment</p>	<p>Participants who self-identify as "Indigenous" from parts of Mexico and Central America.</p>
<p><b>2. Number of Target Group Served</b></p> <p>For each target group selected in previous question, list number served.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>We have served Over 700 American Indian/self-identifying Indigenous served in different capacities (education workshops, cultural events, community/talking circles, support group)</p>
<p><b>3. Languages</b></p> <p>Select all Languages the project will serve. If you select "Other" please list all languages.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Other (list)</p>
<p>Applicant Comment</p>	<p>English will be the only language this project will serve.</p>
<p><b>4. Age Groups Served</b></p> <p>Select all Age Groups the project will serve. If you select "Other" please list groups.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Three to 21 , Birth up to Three (Early Start)</p>
<p>Applicant Comment</p>	
<b>Project Application</b>	
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<p><b>1. Project Summary</b></p> <p>Provide a clear and concise project summary that includes a defined target population, catchment area, and project design. Specifically describe what your project will accomplish and how it will benefit the community served.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p><b>Indigenous Centered Practice Training</b></p> <p>Indigenous Centered Practice Training is a spin on the The Early Childhood Centered Practice Training which was funded with 2017/18 Disparity Funds through the Department of Developmental Disabilities. This project however will consist of outreach and 1:1 needs assessments for American Indian/Indigenous families, followed by a 3 hour workshop intended for the target population of parents/caregivers of American Indian and Self-identifying Indigenous children with developmental disabilities to impact disparities in POS authorizations by American Indian families. The target areas would include North LA, South LA, Eastern LA, and Lanterman areas.</p> <p>The goal is to help parents/caregivers develop a digital 1 page profile that is reflective and inclusive of Indigenous core values for the child to use with Regional Centers, schools, and other agencies. We will have an outreach coordinator connect with American Indian families and have a Resource specialist work directly with families to provide resources that are specific to their unique needs.</p> <p>This project will be a culturally and linguistically responsive strategy that will lead to individual and family empowerment and improve access to services and supports for American Indian families. The project hopes to increase the outreach, identification, and education of American Indian families who want to learn more about and access to Regional Center services and other culturally agencies and organizations that will support their family's needs that will provide optimal health of their well-being.</p> <p>This training will require parents/caregivers to understand the needs of their child, how to ask questions and advocate for providers to improve their understanding of the service, and begin the process of promoting independence, self-determination, and inclusion in their child's life. Additional outcomes include that families are ready to identify the specific education and community resources that are needed to create the future they envision for their family and their child.</p>
<p><b>2. Organization Experience</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>

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<p>What experience does the organization/group have working with the target population?</p>	<p>The So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project (SSSP) is a grassroots non-profit 501(c3) program that has directly worked with the target population for over 10 years in different capacities. For example, early 2020, our organization conducted a Community Symposium Project (Mental Wellness Gathering Series) with the intent to provide the Los Angeles County American Indian/Alaska Native and allies with access to culturally inclusive and responsive mental health services, education, resources, and information. We currently provide trainings, culturally inclusive and appropriate workshops, support groups, talking/community circles, and more with the target population.</p> <p>Additionally, Melissa Alcalá, co-founder of So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project (SSSP), is currently serving as a mentee of Eastern Regional Family Resource Center's GROWN program which increases diverse grassroots representation in the system of developmental services to individuals and families in the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center catchment area. Through this training she has been able to use her skills as an educator, advocate, and experience as a mother of a child with multiple disabilities, to help design and pilot community events that provide support to address the Los Angeles' Urban Native Community.</p>
<p><b>3. Underserved Target Populations</b></p> <p>Explain how the target population(s) are underserved using RC POS data or other data as supporting evidence of the disparity.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>The POS data shows only a total of 46 consumers listed across the Eastern LA (9), South LA (0), North LA (37), and Lanterman (0) Catchment areas for the American Indian population of RC clients. include people who self-identify from Indigenous communities from Southern and Central America who also live in these areas.</p> <p>According to the LA county's Native American Commission's Office, "The City of Los Angeles holds the second largest percentage of Native Americans in the United States, totaling around 54,236 people in Angeles County, home to more Native Americans/ Alaska Natives than any other county in the United States, totals around 140,764 people." Therefore, the American Indian Urban population is underrepresented and is not reflective or responsive of the community's needs. Although, "American Indian/Alaska Native children receive special education labels and services at twice the rate of the general student population they are not receiving support from outside agencies that can help reduce this disparity.</p> <p>Many children with developmental disabilities also have health challenges and data reveals a health disparity among the American Indians community. According to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), "The overall COVID-19 incidence among AI/AN persons was 3.5 times that among white persons...historical trauma and persisting racial inequity have contributed to disparities in socioeconomic factors between AI/AN and white populations that have adversely affected AI/AN communities." We hope this project can also identify how to address the health disparity so AI/AN with cognitive/developmental disabilities can get the support they need.</p> <p>Disparities in access to services is a bigger issue than solely access to Regional Center services. It is important for those working in the CA developmental disabilities (DD) system to take a more community approach that is inclusive of all races/ethnicities, including that of American Indian families. This is evidenced in the success of the community-worker strategies (Promotora, Navigator) that address the DD system. It is important to understand that consumers and their families live in the social and cultural spaces that exist for typical families of their race and culture. For many cultural groups, access to services to the social and economic barriers faced by the family. It is also related to knowledge of the system informed in a way that supports the allegiance to family and cultural values. The project is by definition family centered and culturally informed. Particularly because for some of the groups that are at the margins because of low census numbers, like American Indian Families, equity may be achieved with the approach of focusing on the needs of their child and training other trusted community brokers to help parents and individuals make POS choices based on their identified positive future outcomes for their child. This will improve the use of the system and utilization of the services because families and individuals will be more invested in the service.</p> <p>This project of its type is non-existent in LA county and is needed in order to build relationships between the RC's and American Indian Organizations in LA county in order to understand the best approach to the existing published data and support the decrease of disparity through an increase of understanding the unique needs of the American Indian Urban Community.</p>
<p><b>4. Input from Community</b></p> <p>How did your organization use input from the community and/or target population to design the project? What methods did your organization use to allow the community to advise you in designing the project? Were there any changes to your project design as a result of community input?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>As a Native CBO, So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project (SSSP) works directly with the target population. Our input includes both qualitative and quantitative data: programming surveys, focus groups, and chat/community engagements during virtual "community chats," and virtual talking circles.</p> <p>For example, in March, we sent a community survey through an email listserv and social media posts in order to collect data about the needs of the community. A total of 118 community members responded which allowed us to analyze not only the needs and interests of the community, but the barriers that prevent community members from participating. The community feedback received from these surveys has affirmed that decolonized, Indigenized programming is appreciated and needed within the community. Additionally, data has allowed us to identify and prioritize new specific collaborations and extensions of existing inclusive, engaging programming. We also recognize community input has allowed us to expand relations with community leaders and reciprocate teachings as we expand our services. It is also important to note that we persistently seek guidance and feedback from all age groups: youth, elders in our community. We also distribute surveys following each event to ensure we recognize community input and implement feedback to shape future programming. We strove for an intergenerational approach to organizing which allows us to best serve the entire community. In particular, Julia Bogany is our official <i>Guiding Elder</i> as part of our organization. Julia is a member of the Tongva tribe, is on their Tribal Council, and is their Cultural Consultant. Julia constantly, incessantly, voluntarily teaches, attends meetings, and sits on boards to support the community.</p> <p>Through community dialogue and these surveys, community members emphasized the need for more support and resources for Indigenous youth and education that aligned with their ways of being. This advised us to include both an outreach coordinator and Resource Specialist in designing our project, as extra efforts are needed to address the specific needs of the American Indian Community.</p>
<p><b>5. Improve Access</b></p> <p>How will your project improve equity, access and reduce barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and is sustainable?</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p> <p>Gaining the knowledge and skills of how to develop a digital one page profile using a technological device will reduce the barriers to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The guidance, resources, knowledge, and skills provided to families in the different catchment areas for American Indian families will improve equity and become sustainable for families.</p> <p>We will support the different Regional Centers by becoming more culturally competent and culturally responsive which will promote equity and reduce disparities for American Indians and other marginalized groups.</p>
<p><b>6. Support RC's Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>



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<p>How does this project support the RC recommendations and plan to promote equity and reduce disparities in their catchment area? If you are a RC, how does this project support your recommendations and plan to promote equity and reduce your identified disparities? How will your project collaborate with other organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families?</p>	<p>So'oh-Shinalli Sister Project (SSSP) is committed to assisting and implementing RC recommendations and plans to promote equity and reduce disparities. We will do this by providing technological devices and information to help American Indian families have access to materials needed to support their family's needs that are sustainable. Especially pandemic, access to technology is the key to communicating needs to RC and other supportive services.</p> <p>Early use of this person-centered practice by families, especially those who don't traditionally use residential services, will provide early adoption of methods that would allow be communication about needs. For example, many RCs have low numbers of American Indians who have or use services, however, it is unclear if the numbers of Native American access and utilization of POS are representative of the population. It may be that improved collaboration with trusted resources for Native Americans could improve engagement RCs. This project will support the regional center's focus on outreach and education to decrease the marginal representation of some populations of underserved ethnicities in the center system. It will also help in attempts to increase utilization by supporting the introduction of a person-centered process from a family's early involvement in making decision purchase of service.</p> <p>Our project will continue to partner with The RCs and Family Resource Centers, along with other Native-led organizations who serve individuals with intellectual and developmental and their families in the Catchment areas.</p>
<p><b>7. Project different or unique</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>
<p>How is the proposed project unique or different from a currently funded grant (e.g., strategies, activities, and goals) in the proposed regional center catchment area? If the project is similar to a currently funded grant listed on the Department's website, how is the proposed project different?</p>	<p>The proposed project is different from The Early Childhood Centered Practice Training which was funded in 2017/18 In the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This will be a digital version of the one page profile using Google Slides</li> <li>2. The training will be experiential and engaging, centered on Indigenous core values and identity</li> <li>3. The training will be facilitated by an American Indian Stakeholder which is important in gaining trust and understanding with the targeted population</li> <li>4. The activities will be culturally competent and appropriate by following Indigenous protocols</li> <li>5. The training will include an outreach component where we can use the data to help direct and guide American Indian families to the resources they need such as the RCs.</li> <li>6. Each family will have access to the Resource Coordinator that will have the cultural competency and understanding needed to support American Indian families and their unique needs</li> </ol>
<p><b>8. Activities &amp; Measures to Achieve Goal</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>
<p>Clearly and specifically state how the schedule of activities and measures demonstrate the operational details and steps that the project will take to achieve its stated goals, activities, and measures. Note: Before answering this question, applicant may want to complete the Activities Template located in the tab directly above.</p>	<p>Goal: The goal is to help parents/caregivers develop a digital 1 page profile that is reflective and inclusive of Indigenous core values for the American Indian/Indigenous child to us Regional Centers, schools, and other community agencies. We will have an outreach coordinator connect with American Indian families and have a Resource Coordinator work with families to provide resources that are specific to the family's unique needs.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recruit/hire Director, Outreach Coordinator, and Resource Specialist for workshops Measured by "Milestone" if positions get fulfilled or not.</li> <li>2. Secure online workshop links and schedule Measured by "Milestone"-if links and dates are scheduled or not</li> <li>3. Outreach and conduct 1:1 needs assessments Measured by numbers</li> <li>4. Conduct online workshops for 4 different catchment areas Measured by attendance taken during live zoom workshop and/or pre/post surveys.</li> <li>5. Analyze survey data and participation attendance Measured by "Numbers" indicating how many American Indian parents/caregivers attended the workshops in the different catchment areas.</li> <li>6. Conduct follow-up emails and/or phone calls about how parents used the workshop information Measured by "Narrative" responses to emails/surveys/phone calls.</li> </ol>
<p><b>9. Measures</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>

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<p>Are your proposed measures appropriate to track project goals and activities, provide insight into the effectiveness of the overall design of the project and demonstrate how the impact on the community will be evaluated?</p>	<p>Hiring of Director, Outreach Coordinator and Resource Specialist</p>	<p>Milestone</p>	<p>This will ensure positions are in place to best support the participants and plan workshops accordingly.</p>			
	<p>Narrative of Stakeholder Discussions and Results of Pre/post Surveys</p>	<p>Narrative</p>	<p>The qualitative data we receive will allow us to determine on how to improve the quality of the program and how to continue to conduct outreach efforts to decrease the disparity that exists in among American Indians with developmental disabilities in in LA county.</p>			
	<p>Number of Attendees</p>	<p>Number</p>	<p>Projected 40 participants across the 4 different catchment areas will allow us to assess how to conduct best efforts to outreach in families, especially in catchment areas that have zero POS.</p>			

<p><b>10. Budget Narrative</b></p> <p><b>Note: Before uploading your Budget Narrative, applicants should complete the Budget Template located in the tab directly above. After you complete the Budget Template, please return to this question to upload your Budget Narrative.</b></p> <p>The project budget is consistent with stated projected goals and activities, and clearly and concisely explains how the proposed expenditures support the overall project design. The project budget costs are clearly associated with the project activities and goals. The project budget does not include non-allowable costs. The overall project budget is appropriate to the outcomes proposed. Please attach your Budget Narrative document. An example of a Budget Narrative can be found in Attachment C.</p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>
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**Proposal Certification**

<p><b>1. Applicant &amp; Regional Center Discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>
<p>If you are a CBO, have you discussed your proposal with the RC(s)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>2. Applicant Certification</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Response</b></p>

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<p>By submitting this application, the Applicant is certifying the truth and accuracy of the proposal. The applicant also certifies that if you have subcontracting organizations, each participating organization has reviewed your project and agrees to their assigned activities, measures, and the budget. (Select Yes or No and enter you name in the comment box.)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Applicant Comment</p>	<p>Melissa Salvatore-Alcala Thank you for giving this potential opportunity to help American Indian/Indigenous families with developmental disabilities in LA county.</p>