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# The Relational Worldview: A Tribal and Cultural Framework for Improving Child Welfare Outcomes



A video training for professionals and organizations working with  
American Indian communities

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**Section 1: Introduction to the Relational Worldview** (25:27 minutes). Learn about the relational worldview framework as a way to approach clients and communities.

**Section 2: The Relational Worldview as a critical thinking tool** (12:38 minutes). Learn how the relational worldview perspective can address cultural misunderstandings that create barriers to working effectively with indigenous communities.

**Section 3: Taking the Relational Worldview to the organizational level** (10:08 minutes). Learn how the relational worldview framework can transform struggling agencies and organizations and help them thrive.

**Section 4: History of colonialism** (24:09 minutes). Learn how colonialism in the U.S. has negatively impacted American Indian communities.

**Section 5: Manifestations of colonialism** (12:53 minutes). Hear colonial practices create a cycle of intergenerational trauma that result in disparities, lateral oppression, violence, internalized racism, disremembered social norms, adverse childhood experiences and more.

**Section 6: Removing children** (25:38 minutes). Learn about the disproportionate removal of Native children in the U.S. child welfare system and how the Native communities define “best interest of the child” when considering a child’s place in a family.

**Section 7: Impact of historical trauma on Native children, youth and families** (12:11 minutes). Learn how historical trauma has led to higher Adverse Childhood Experiences for Native peoples and the cultural protective factors that buffer Native youth from poor outcomes.

**Section 8: Healing our families and communities** (39:28 minutes). Learn how cultural traditions can heal and what professionals working with Native communities can do to be part of the healing.

**Section 9: Decolonizing our organizations** (35:54 minutes). Learn strategies for helping organizations focus on restoring balance and achieve our desired organizational outcomes.