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DOI Releases Schedule of ICWA Trainings

The Department of the Interior has released a schedule of trainings for how to apply the new Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) regulations published in the *Federal Register* on June 14, 2016. The letter to tribal leaders announcing the training dates is available on the Bureau of Indian Affairs [website](#).

The trainings will focus on the new requirements for state agencies and courts as well as the roles that tribes can play in protecting Indian children under the new regulations. Because these rules go into effect on December 12, 2016, and will have a big impact on how states address Indian child welfare cases, it is very important that tribes send representatives to these meetings.

The trainings are available at the listed locations *and* via webinar. In order to attend, tribes should respond to comments@bia.gov as early as possible for each session they plan to attend because space is limited. The email RSVP needs to include the name and location of the session (or webinar) in addition to the information about the tribal representative(s) attending.