

Tribal and State Coordination: Guiding Questions for States to Consider

Set the Stage

- ◆ What are the first steps in developing a relationship with my tribal partner(s)?
- ◆ What are the most important things I need to know about each Tribe's history and culture?
- ◆ How do I address tribal sovereignty considerations in a partnership?
- ◆ What is my agency's history of working with Tribes and how might that history impact our work together?

Gather Information: How Well Do I Know My Tribal Partner(s)?

- ◆ Who is the point of contact?
- ◆ What is the governance structure?
- ◆ Who is served? How many children and families?
- ◆ What is the size allocation?
- ◆ Is the Tribe part of a consortium?
- ◆ Does the Tribe offer Head Start services along with child care services?
- ◆ Who are the Tribe's other partners?

Make a Plan

- ◆ What are the benefits of a partnership?
- ◆ What are the barriers or challenges we may face in our partnership and how can we address them?
- ◆ Will this require a written agreement that will be binding for my agency?
- ◆ Can I have an overall agreement with all of the Tribes in my State or are separate agreements preferred?