

Indigenous

- Community-based focus
- Children are viewed as divine gifts for which the whole Tribe is responsible
- Focus on keeping the family intact while services are provided
- Permanency planning focuses on long-term best interests of the child
- Holistic healing methods
- Spirituality is viewed as a strength
- Overrepresentation viewed as result of racism and colonization resulting in intergenerational trauma
- Role that Indigenous worldviews and cultures play in problem identification, causes and solutions is recognized and respected
- Creates opportunities for cultural, spiritual, family, land, and Tribal connections and reconnections to Tribal Identity

Dominant Culture

- Individualistic focus
- Children belong to their parents
- Focus on maintaining out-of-home placement until services are substantially completed
- Permanency planning favors maintaining current placement
- Talk therapy
- Spirituality is ignored
- Overrepresentation of viewed as results of individual deficits
- Indigenous person's beliefs and values are overlooked in favor of approaches that are wrongly assumed to be universal
- Focus on creating a connection to a new parent or set of parents in case reunification fails