

The Tribal Touchpoints Initiative

For nearly 15 years, the Brazelton Touchpoints Center has worked in partnership to support American Indian/Alaska Native community goals for all children to thrive. The overarching goal of the Tribal Touchpoints Initiative is to optimize Native American children's early learning and healthy development, ultimately positively affecting cognitive, and social emotional developmental outcomes by:

- strengthening families of young children and their positive cultural identities;
- strengthening the relationships/partnerships between families and providers;
- strengthening the connections and collaboration among and between providers and the community;
- building sustainable capacity in each community to fully integrate parents, families, and other caregivers and community members in partnership with the service providers educating and caring for young children and their families; and
- continuing to grow and support a self-directed learning community, among and between Tribal communities, that is sustainable

We are currently working with 22 tribal community partnerships anchored in strong community institutions, such as AI/AN Early Head Start or Head Start (EHS/HS) programs, Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and other community programs serving infants, toddlers, young children and their families.



Most recently, the Tribal Touchpoints Initiative has been involved in all aspects of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center American Indian/Alaska Native work through coordination of efforts with the National Center on Parent, Family, & Community Engagement, Family Connections, Newborn Behavioral Observations, and evaluation services.

Three projects supported by the Kellogg Foundation and Buffett Early Childhood Fund included:

- development of community partnerships through delivering Brazelton Touchpoints Center professional development activities in communities to improve the quality of early childhood workforce and to improve collaboration among and between child serving organizations;
- co-constructing culturally sensitive content in early childhood education in partnerships with Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs); and
- a community leadership development program for emerging leaders in the early childhood workforce.



Brazelton **Touchpoints** is a practical approach for building strong family-child relationships from before birth through the earliest years, laying the vital foundation for children's early learning and healthy development.

The **Brazelton Touchpoints Center** collaborates with providers, organizations, institutions, systems of care, and communities who understand that to improve outcomes for children, they must engage more effectively with families. To reach as many families and other caregivers as possible, we work with health and education providers who partner with families during children's most formative years.

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Our offerings include:

- Professional Development Programs and Workshops
- Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) Training Program
- Parent, Family and Community Engagement Tools and Resources
- Mental Health Consultation Model with Tools and Resources for child care (Family Connections)
- Speaker's Bureau
- Brazelton Learning Network Membership Program
- Evaluation services

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