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Dolores Subia BigFoot, PhD is trained as a child psychologist, and is an associate professor directing the Native American Programs at the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect at OUHSC. Dr. BigFoot is the Director of Project Making Medicine (PMM) and the Indian Country Child Trauma Center (ICCTC). She is an enrolled Member of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. Dr. BigFoot is a highly regarded professional noted for her inclusion of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) cultural practices into the service delivery of children's mental health.

For the past ten years, she has directed the ICCTC and was instrumental in the adapted interventions of evidence based treatment. Under her guidance, four EBTs were adapted for traumatized children in Indian Country. *Honoring Children, Making Relatives* is an adaptation of Parent-Child Interaction Therapy for use with AI/AN children and their families. It incorporates AI/AN teachings, practices, rituals, traditions, and cultural orientation while maintaining the guiding principles and theory of the PCIT. *Honoring Children, Respectful Ways*, which is designed for American Indian/Alaska Native children and their families, is an evidence-based treatment model for children with sexual behavior problems. *Honoring Children, Mending the Circle* utilizes traditional American Indian/Alaska Native beliefs and practices about behavior, health, healing, humor and children in the cultural adaptation of Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for AI/AN children. *Honoring Children, Honoring the Future* includes the American Indian Life Skills Development curriculum for American Indian/Alaskan Native youth that is a suicide intervention and prevention for high school and middle school students, consultation, and other efforts in decreasing suicides among AI/AN youth.

Dr. BigFoot developed and has directed Project Making Medicine since 1994. She has also directed development of the Office for Victims of Crime Indian Country monographs series (available at www.icctc.org). Among other publications, she is lead author of the recent publication, "*Adapting Evidence-Based Treatments for Use with American Indians and Native Alaskan Children and Youth.*" *Upon the Back of a Turtle: A Cross-Cultural Training Curriculum for Federal Criminal Justice Personnel*, the *IHS/BIA Child Protection Handbook*, the *Orientation for Victim Assistance in Indian Country handbook*, and the *IHS Child Protection Handbook* are other publications. Dr. BigFoot has directed Native American Programs since 1994, and has served as PI on eleven federally funded projects. Another distinction has been her service on the SAMHSA Steward Group and National Network to Eliminate Health Disparities and SAMHSA/CMHS National Advisory Council, and she previously served on working groups for the Indian Health Service and the National Indian Child Welfare Association. She was selected to attend the White House conference on children's mental health, is Past President of the Society of Indian Psychologists, is a founding member of the National Association of Victim Assistance Providers, and has served on the board of directors for the National Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (now Prevent Child Abuse America). In 2014, Dr. BigFoot was invited to be a part of the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence.

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