

Checklist

Checklist for Indigenous Social Workers

Before engaging with Indigenous individuals and communities, use this checklist to ensure you are fully prepared:

- Understand the community's cultural values, traditions, and history.
- Build authentic relationships with community leaders and elders.
- Familiarize yourself with policies and systemic issues affecting Indigenous peoples.
- Incorporate traditional healing practices and Indigenous knowledge into your work.
- Advocate for equitable access to resources and services.
- Stay informed about local, regional, and national Indigenous policies.
- Practice cultural humility and commit to lifelong learning.
- Prioritize relationship-building over rigid timelines.
- Collaborate with other professionals and organizations that serve Indigenous communities.
- Seek out mentors or resources to deepen your understanding of Indigenous social work.

Pro Tip: Use the Checklist as an Ongoing Resource

Keep this checklist updated as you grow in your role and as the needs of the communities you serve evolve. This ensures you maintain a culturally relevant and responsive approach.

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<https://www.socialworkportal.com/>
