

Faculty Biography

Terry Cross, Presenter. Terry is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and is the developer, founder, and executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He is the author of *Heritage and Helping*, an 11-manual curriculum for tribal child welfare staff. He is also the author of the *Positive Indian Parenting* curriculum, as well as *Cross-Cultural Skills in Indian Child Welfare*. He co-authored *Toward a Culturally Competent System of Care and Reclaiming Customary Adoption*. In 2008, Terry became a member of the SAMHSA National Advisory Council.

In 2009, Terry received the Civic Engagement Award for Excellence in Community-Based Research from Portland State University. In 2010, he was a finalist for the EcoTrust Indigenous Leadership Award. In June 2011, Terry received the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps' "Embracing the Legacy" award at the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

Terry has 39 years of experience in child welfare, including 10 years working directly with children and families. He served on the faculty of Portland State University School of Social Work as adjunct professor for 15 years.