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Currently Mr. Rabideau works as an independent consultant providing training and technical assistance to state, federal, and tribal programs around children’s mental health initiatives, consumer, family, and youth “driven” systems of care and positive behavioral support. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the First Nations Behavioral Health Association and the Human Services Research Institute in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Rabideau utilizes his cultural values and beliefs as an Anishinabe to help plan and advise programs so that they are culturally sensitive and “strength based.” He has three grown foster/adopted sons.