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HEALTH AND SOCIAL
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DEPARTMENT

Indian Child Welfare Act Services

WHAT IS ICWA?

The Hopland Tribal ICWA Services wants all Tribal Youth/Children to live in homes that are safe, nurturing, happy, and connected to the Tribe and our culture.

ICWA refers to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, which established tribal jurisdiction over custody cases of children belonging or eligible to enroll in their tribe.

The Hopland Tribal ICWA Services provides representation and resources for Hopland Tribal Members at risk of losing their children.



WHAT DOES ICWA DO?

The ICWA Social Worker is the appointed representative for the Tribe. S/he works to:

- Protect the best interests of children who are members of the Tribe
- Prevent the unwarranted breakup of Hopland families
- Maintain the connection of Hopland children to their families and Tribe
- Promote the stability and security of the Tribe by establishing tribal standards for the conduct of Hopland child custody proceedings
- Provide child welfare services to Hopland children and families that are in accord with the traditions, laws, and cultural values of the Tribe

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

We need Tribal foster homes. Only (12) children of (33) are in relative/Tribal placements.

If you or someone you know has space in your home and heart for a Tribal/ICWA child, please contact us to discuss becoming a Tribal Foster Home.

If you have any questions on how ICWA might be able to help you, your child, or family, please feel free to call our program any time. Our specialty is children and families, and we are here to help!

