



Dear Partner,

This letter contains digital links related to ICWA to assist you in supporting Native American families. Although these are helpful internet resources, the best sources of information are often authentic conversations with the families you serve that lead to trusting relationships.

Children and Family Services Training Center (CFSTC) Website

[Indian Child Welfare Act | University of North Dakota \(und.edu\)](http://www.und.edu)

The information on the CFSTC ICWA webpages is a replica of the document produced by the United States Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs: [Guidelines for Implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act. December 2016 U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs.](#) There are quick links in each section to assist in finding the information you are searching for in a more efficient manner. North Dakota State policy is also included under each section with portions pertinent to each section highlighted in yellow for each division: CPS, In-Home, and Foster Care. The Resources section under each heading contains additional resources specific to each section, and are updated regularly as resources become available.

There are additional sections:

- ND Tribal Information contains up-to-date ICWA Coordinator contact information, the ICWA Inquiry Form and instructions, and links to additional Tribal resources.
- Court Information: ICWA Bench Guide and ICWA Hard Card.
- Qualified Expert Witness (QEW): Up-to-date list of ND Tribe authorized QEW's and potential QEW's for Tribes in surrounding states.
- Grant newsletters and contact information for grant partners.
- Right Side Bars: Additional resources and links to further aid in understanding the letter and the spirit of the law.

ND ICWA Implementation Partnership Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ndicwapartnership/>

Here you will find highlights of the grant's work, and newsletters, events, job postings and tidbits of ICWA specific information to assist in providing services to the families you serve. Please feel free to reach out at any time with questions and resources you may have or come across that would be good additions to the Facebook page or the website.

The Native American Training Institute Website

<http://www.nativeinstitute.org>

NATI is a valuable state and national resource for information and resources in the field of child/family welfare. They offer trainings and resources aimed at improving the lives of families through those they serve.

The Capacity Building Center for Tribes

<https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/tribes/>

Has great resources and information on state and tribal collaboration in the field of child welfare. This site offers some cultural information, resources and tool to help provide comprehensive care to a family.

Tribal Child Welfare Information Exchange

<https://www.tribalinformationexchange.org/>

Although geared for tribal professional, this site contains a plethora of information on trauma, bias, culture, sovereignty, and an amazing Mindfulness app for personal growth, self-care and reflection.

Mindfulness App: <https://mindfulness.tribalinformationexchange.org/index.html>

The Capacity Building Center for Courts

<https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/courts/focus-areas/icwa/>

Has a great online training module geared towards court personnel, but is a very good foundation on that which a caseworker who needs some education sooner than is offered or as a refresher. Completion of this online training has the potential to count for CEUs.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/>

This site offers a large array of information pertaining specifically to the field of child welfare. From free publications of this year's best practices, to podcasts and logic model builders, this is a must see if you are wanting to further your education, skills and tool box for helping families.

National Indian Child Welfare Association

<https://www.nicwa.org/>

Keep up to date on trainings, conferences and ICWA hot topics!

Most of the tribes you will interact with also have their own tribally operated websites where you can find contact information and cultural information about the tribe.