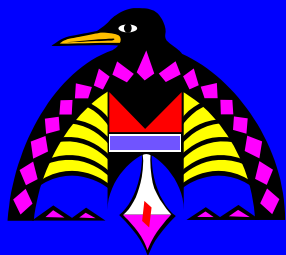


Let us put our minds
together
and see what kind of life we
can build for
our children.

~Sitting Bull,
Hunkpapa Tribe



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What is ICWA?

The Indian Child Welfare Act, which went into effect in 1978, establishes minimum standards for the handling of child custody cases involving Indian children.

Why is ICWA important to me?

ICWA applies whenever an Indian child is involved in a child custody proceeding. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, just over 15,000 children under the age 18 are Indian or are Indian in combination with another race.

What is in the Handbook?

The Pennsylvania Indian Child Welfare Handbook provides the Child Welfare Professional with a basic overview of ICWA. Also included are a tribal contact information list and hearing checklists.

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