

NICWA is dedicated to the well-being of
American Indian and Alaska Native
children and families.



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Dear friend,

We are honored to partner with you in supporting healthy Native families. By standing together for Native children, we strengthen families and tribal communities – helping them stay together.

*Happy holidays from NICWA
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Strong, thriving children.

NICWA believes that Native children should be connected to their family and culture. By defending this human right, we protect children and support healthy families by helping them stay together. Children who develop a cultural identity and ethnic pride as a result of being connected to their communities perform better in school, demonstrate lower alcohol use, and experience higher social functioning.

25,000+

Yet, we estimate each year at least 25,000 Native families encounter state child welfare systems where they are at risk of having their children removed and placed outside of their homes. Native children are disproportionately removed from their homes and communities in comparison to other children and are also at higher risk of never being reunited with their families.

Every family matters.

In Indian Country, every family matters, so our approach to child welfare seeks to ensure child safety through fostering safe families and supportive communities by building on family strengths. We advocate for families and those who serve them—and build the capacity of tribes to prevent and address child abuse and neglect.

Make a gift today and help NICWA keep children connected to their families and communities, to their identity and culture.

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NICWA estimates that each year, at least 25,000 Native families encounter state child welfare systems where they are at risk of having their children removed and placed outside of their homes. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) establishes criteria that states have to follow in child welfare cases where an Indian child is involved and provides protections for them that prevent unnecessary removal or placement outside their communities.

ICWA is under attack.

After decades of advocacy by NICWA and our partners, the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued legally-binding ICWA regulations in 2016. As a result of this gain, ICWA is under increased attack. ICWA opponents from anti-tribal sovereignty groups and private adoption interests are united in their goal to severely undermine or strike down this important federal law that protects families through a wave of litigation and negative, highly biased media about Native communities and families.

Stand together for Native children.

NICWA fights for tribes and families by continuously updating and rallying Indian Country; providing information and support to Native parents who are involved in state child welfare systems; engaging in social media campaigns and traditional media in support of ICWA and tribes; participating with ICWA experts in crafting a unified litigation and public education strategy; and providing materials, training, and support to numerous tribes, organizations, and individuals.

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