Our Children, Our Sovereignty, Our Culture, Our Choice

Four Actions Tribal Leaders Can Take to Respond to ICWA

1. Develop or update children’s codes and ensure policies are in place to support and protect tribal children and families.

2. Be at the table. Ensure tribal presence and representation.

3. Ensure staff, advocates, attorneys, and expert witnesses are informed and effective when advocating for our children.

4. Know the rights of tribes in ICWA cases.

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