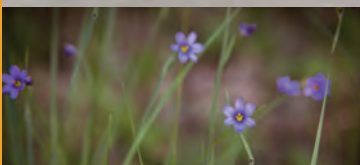


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As leaders, it is time to determine our destiny where our children are concerned. We must ensure states comply with ICWA and respect tribal sovereignty. We must also ensure our tribe is clear about our rights and responsibilities when it comes to ICWA. As tribal communities, we must take a stand and participate fully in child welfare matters that threaten our identity, our sovereignty, our culture, and our future. How do we want our children's cases handled? How do we ensure that states respect our sovereignty and follow ICWA?

Here are four actions recommended by tribal leaders and tribal child welfare experts that tribal leaders can take to address these questions.



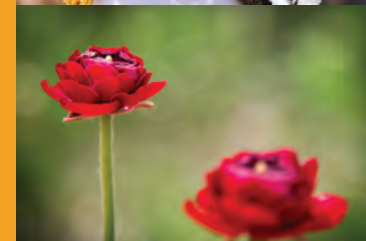
1.
Develop or update
children's codes
and ensure policies
are in place to
support and protect
children and
families.

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



2.
Be at the table!
Make sure there is
tribal presence and
representation.

4.
Know our rights in
ICWA cases.



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