

# ICWA 2050 »»

## PROTECT, PRESERVE, PROGRESS

ICWA 2050 is a set of principles with many expressions. It is a unifying vision spanning decades and sectors. It is a commitment to a future where Native children are woven back into the fabric of our cultures with care and intention. It inspires us to work together and with determination to accomplish goals together that none of us can achieve alone.

Starting in 2024, in the wake of *Haaland v. Brackeen*, ICWA 2050 is a commitment to one generation of work in service to the thriving futures of many generations of Native children.

**ICWA 2050 represents three principles:**

### **PROTECT**

the safety, well-being, and spiritual strength of current and future generations of Native families.

### **PRESERVE**

the Indian Child Welfare Act as the gold standard of child welfare policy and bolster inherent tribal sovereignty.

### **PROGRESS**

and strengthen ICWA; move beyond the status quo to expand tribal capacity and funding in service of tribal self-determination.





## PURPOSE

ICWA 2050 has two overarching goals. First, to provide recommendations for a 25-year strategy to strengthen ICWA's protections and ensure consistent implementation and compliance. Second, to recognize and support the critical role that tribal nations play in protecting Native children, helping families in tribal child welfare systems, and assisting states as they implement ICWA.

## FOCUS AREAS

- 1 Increase funding and support to tribal nations** so that every tribe can provide the full range of child welfare services needed for their children and families.
- 2 Establish strong working relationships between tribes and states** so that ICWA is diligently implemented and all Native children and families in child welfare systems have the benefits of culturally based services and supports that improve outcomes.
- 3 Establish a federal-tribal relationship** that robustly monitors and supports ICWA compliance and establishes increased child welfare capacity for every tribal nation and urban Indian organization to provide the culturally based services their communities need and assist them in helping support state ICWA implementation.
- 4 Increase public awareness about ICWA** as the gold standard of child welfare policy and the importance of honoring tribal sovereignty in child welfare through the voices of lived experience spokespeople, the use of data that identifies positive outcomes related to ICWA implementation, and strong media relationships with Indian Country and its allies.



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