

ICWA Quick Facts Sheet

What is ICWA?

"The purpose of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is "...to protect the best interest of Indian Children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of minimum Federal standards for the removal of Indian children and placement of such children in homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture..."(25 U.S. C. 1902). ICWA provides guidance to States regarding the handling of child abuse and neglect and adoption cases involving Native children and sets minimum standards for the handling of these cases." - [Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) | Indian Affairs](#)

What is Tribal Star?

Tribal STAR is a training and technical assistance program that focuses on building collaborations that improve outcomes for Native American children in the juvenile dependency system.

Check out more of their trainings at the [Academy for Professional Excellence](#)

CASAs & staff are welcome to join any Tribal STAR Training with availability – please reach out to LaPrincess Greene, Tribal STAR Administrative Coordinator, at lngreene@sdsu.edu. There are no fees associated with these trainings, and there are two spaces reserved per training for non-county workers. Some trainings are virtual while others are in person.

Resources:

- The [Land Acknowledgement page](#) has local tribal websites for SD County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Orange County, and Imperial County; as well as ways to support our Tribal communities and an interactive land map.
- Subscribe to the Tribal Star [monthly newsletter](#)
- [Acorns to Oak Trees](#): This organization's mission is to help restore the village and provide Native American children and families with a village of support through education, nutrition, and culturally tailored therapies they need to heal, grow, and thrive.
- [Détente and Decorum for Child Welfare Leaders](#) includes information on how to better partner with Native American communities
- [Recommendations for Developing and Maintaining Tribal Relationships](#)

Relevant Trainings:

- [Indian Specialty Unit Video](#): This video captures the history the San Diego County Child Welfare Indian Specialty Unit which officially began in 1992.
- Indian Child Welfare Act: Bias, Media and Historical Context ([60-90 minute training](#)) (This training is also a prerequisite for the full length Tribal STAR training.)
- The importance of [ICWA trained staff](#)
- [Cultural Events, Conferences and Trainings](#)
- More [resources](#) recommended by Tribal STAR