

ND CHILD WELFARE

TRIBAL NATIONS & NDDHS PARTNERSHIP

ND Department of Human Services contracted with the Native American Training Institute (NATI) in partnership with ND Tribal Nations to help children and families across North Dakota.

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State – Tribal Title IV-E Agreements

ND Department of Human Services has entered into a formal government to government agreement with four ND Tribal Nations.

- ✓ Originally developed and signed in 1981
- ✓ Enhanced agreement was signed in September 2019
- ✓ Agreement is reviewed at least every 2 years

Title IV-E Agreements allow:

- ✓ Pass through federal IV-E funding to each Tribal Nation.
- ✓ Allowance for each Tribal Nation to retain jurisdiction, care, custody and placement responsibilities of children while receiving direct reimburse for the care of Title IV-E foster care eligible clients
- ✓ Intergovernmental Work Group meetings –quarterly
- ✓ Guardianship subsidy access was added in 2019
- ✓ FMAP contract claiming was added in 2019



Funding & Data

State covers the federal match for all foster care maintenance costs and divides the federal return 50%-50% with each Tribe (FMAP)

Tribe is responsible for their non-federal portion of administrative costs (IV-E claims).

1. Foster Care Maintenance paid on behalf of children under Tribal custody in a foster care placement

19-21 Biennium

- \$9,096,105.56

21-23 Biennium thru 12-31-21

- \$2,614,315.40

2. Title IV-E Admin Claims Submitted and Paid to the Tribe

19-21 Biennium

- \$48,475.57 to Spirit Lake only

21-23 Biennium to date

- \$0.00

3. Tribal Contract Claims Reimbursed to Tribe for Service

19-21 Biennium

- FMAP Contract Funds: \$261,438.76
- Family Preservation Contracts: \$404,427.67

21-23 Biennium to date

- \$0.00

January 1, 2022

1504 total children in ND foster care

- 775 identify as Native American (51.5% of total)
- 445 in custody of a Zone or DJV (29.5% of total)
- 330 in custody of a Tribal Nation (22% of total)

SPIRIT LK SIOUX SOC SERV	<u>54</u>
STANDING ROCK CPS	<u>57</u>
THREE AFFIL TRIBES SOC S	<u>15</u>
TURTLE MTN CHILD WELFARE	<u>204</u>
Total	<u>330</u>

Overview of Child Welfare Support

The Department Children and Family Services offers each public agency (Zones, DJS, Tribal Nations):

- ✓ Guidance and technical assistance of law, rule and policy for all child welfare program programming.
- ✓ Safety Framework Practice Model
- ✓ Training through contracted vendors (CFSTC and NATI)
- ✓ Ongoing technical assistance to statewide staff via monthly case management calls and Field Service Specialist support.
- ✓ Family preservation funds to support diversion from foster care and timely permanency for children
- ✓ Support and assistance to kinship caregivers (Kinship-ND)
- ✓ Funding and support for child welfare case needs (excess maintenance, respite care, shelter care funding, etc.)
- ✓ Centralized foster care eligibility determinations (payment source) and authorization of funding to providers.
- ✓ Continuous quality improvement efforts through QA reviews.
- ✓ ND Title IV-E Prevention Plan/Portal
- ✓ QRTP residential placements / Ascend approval TA
- ✓ Interstate Compact on Placement of Children (ICPC)
- ✓ Adoption Subsidy
- ✓ Guardianship Assistance

In addition, the Department Children and Family Services offers Tribal Nations:

- ✓ Pass through funding via the State-Tribal IV-E agreement
- ✓ Shared FMAP funding for Native American children in foster care
- ✓ Completion of all data entry for all Title IV-E children in foster care
- ✓ Co-facilitation of IV-E Child and Family Team Meetings through the use of a CFS Field Service Specialist
- ✓ Monthly support calls with each Tribal Nation and the CFS Foster Care Sub-Adopt Eligibility Unit to review cases, paperwork, etc.
- ✓ NATI contracted support of a hired Tribal Liaison
- ✓ NATI contracted support of an administrative claims trainer