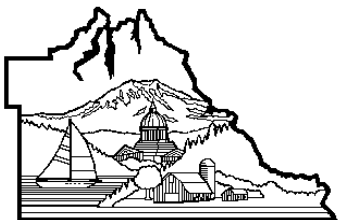


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**INDIAN CHILD
WELFARE NOTICE FOR
NONPARENT
CUSTODY**

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- ✓ *You are seeking nonparent custody of a child who is or may be an Indian child as defined under the Indian Child Welfare Act.*
- ✓ *You need to notify the agent designated by the child's Indian tribe.*



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**HOW TO NOTIFY THE AGENT OR DESIGNATED
TRIBE WHEN SEEKING NONPARENT CUSTODY OF
AN INDIAN CHILD**

CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- You are requesting a nonparent custody order for a child who is not your own;
- The child is or may be an Indian child;
- You need to notify the tribe or appropriate agent for the tribe of the Indian child.

If the child for whom you are seeking a nonparental custody order is or may be an Indian child you are required to notify the appropriate tribe or agent for the child's tribe. Please review the requirements under the Indian Child Welfare Act.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. The Self-Service Center has a list of local attorneys who can give you legal advice and who can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.