

# ICWA

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 is a law that governs the removal and out-of-home placement of U.S. Indian children. It is important for all child welfare workers who are involved in the out-of-home placement of Indian children to know the provisions of the law. ICWA is a federal law. It preempts state law if there is a conflict.

The purpose of ICWA is to do the following:

- Protect Indian children
- Preserve and strengthen Indian families
- Insure permanency for Indian children
- Protect the continuing existence of Indian cultures
- Ensure that tribes can exercise their sovereign authority over child custody proceedings

It is through relationship with family, elders, tribal community, and culture that the Indian child's sense of permanence and identity is protected.

## Oregon Tribal ICW Directors/Contacts

**Burns Paiute Tribe**  
**PO Box HC71,**  
**100 Pasigo St.**  
**Burns, OR 97720**



Michelle Bradach, Social Services Director  
Phone: 541-573-7312 x230  
Fax: 541-573-1542  
mbradach@bur.portland.ihs.gov

Phyllis Harrington  
Phone: 541-573-2267 x228  
Fax: 541-573-4217  
pharring@bur.portland.ihs.gov

**Confederated Tribes of Coos,  
Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians**  
**1245 Fulton Ave.**  
**Coos Bay, OR 97420**

Dottie Garcia, Services Coordinator/ICW  
Phone: 541-888-3012  
Fax: 541-888-1027  
dgarcia@ctclusi.org



**Coquille Indian Tribe**  
**PO Box 3190**  
**Coos Bay, OR 97420**



Bridgett Wheeler, ICW Coordinator  
Phone: 541-888-9494  
Fax: 541-888-0673  
Toll Free: 800-344-8583  
bridgett@uci.net

Yvonne Livingston  
yvonnell@uci.net

Thanks to  
Mary Anne Camp - DHS  
for providing information  
November 2007

**Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians**  
**2371 NE Stephens St., Suite 100**  
**Roseburg, OR 97470**

Rhonda Malone, ICW Specialist  
Phone: 541-672-9405  
Fax: 541-673-0432  
Toll Free: 800-929-8229  
r Malone@cowcreek.com



**Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**  
**9615 Grand Ronde Road**  
**Grand Ronde, OR 97347**

Dana Ainam, ICW Supervisor  
Phone: 503-879-2037  
Fax: 503-879-2142  
Toll Free: 800-242-8196  
dana.leno@grandronde.org

Kristi Petite, Lead ICW Caseworker  
Phone: 503-879-2045  
Fax: 503-879-2142  
kristi.petite@grandronde.org



Shelley Clift, Intake Specialist  
Phone: 503-879-5429  
shelley.clift@grandronde.org

John Genera, ICW Investigator  
Phone: 503-879-2033  
john.genera@grandronde.org

**Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**  
**PO Box 638**  
**Pendleton, OR 97801-0638**

Theresa Elisoff, DCFS Director  
Phone: 541-966-2915  
Fax: 541-278-5385  
Toll Free: 888-809-8027  
theresaelisoff@ctuir.com



**Klamath Tribes**  
**PO Box 436**  
**Chiloquin, OR 97624**

Marvin Garcia, Social Services Director  
Phone: 541-783-2219  
Fax: 541-783-3685  
marvin.garcia@klamathtribes.com



Misty Smith, ICW Specialist  
Phone: 541-783-2219 x141  
misty.smith@klamathtribes.com

**Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**  
**PO Box 549**  
**Siletz, OR 97380**

Bonnie Peterson,  
Programs Manager  
Phone: 541-444-8220  
Fax: 541-444-9613  
bonniep@ctsi.nsn.us



Aline Miller, ICW Supervisor  
Phone: 541-444-8272  
Fax: 541-444-8370  
alinej@ctsi.nsn.us

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs**  
**Children Protective Services**  
**PO Box C**  
**1109 Wasco St**  
**Warm Springs, OR 97761**



Becky Main, CPS Director  
Phone: 541-553-3209  
Fax: 541-553-1894  
bmain@wstribe.org