



**NICWC**  
NEBRASKA INDIAN CHILD  
WELFARE COALITION

Strengthening ICWA Compliance  
through Coalition Development

# IGNITE PASSION!

## **NICWC, Inc.**

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## What is NICWC?

NICWC is a nonprofit organization that works toward improving compliance with and implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act for all Indian Children and their families in Nebraska.

**Indian Children: Culturally Connected, Rights Protected**

# Who We Are...

**NICWC Coalition Members**

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• Executive Committee]; B --> C[Misty Frazier, Executive Director]; C --> D[Jill Holt, Assistant Director];
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# What we do...

WE  
EDUCATE



WE  
ADVOCATE



WE BRING  
PEOPLE  
TOGETHER







# NICWC History

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION FORMED IN 2008

# NICWC Founding Partners

All four headquartered Tribes of  
Nebraska

- Omaha Tribe, Ponca Tribe,  
Santee Sioux Nation, Winnebago Tribe

Nebraska Department of Health  
& Human Services

Nebraska Appleseed

Legal Aid of Nebraska

Independent and Tribal  
Attorneys

# Why?



Identify issues with ICWA compliance



Support each other and build relationships



Improve awareness of the ICWA and compliance issues







Nebraska Foster  
Care Review  
Office

Nebraska Court  
Improvement  
Project

Society of Care

Nebraska  
Commission on  
Indian Affairs

Nebraska  
Children and  
Families  
Foundation

UNL – Center  
on Children,  
Families, and  
the Law

Nebraska  
Department of  
Education

Schools,  
Universities,  
Academia



Private Foster  
Care Agencies

Great Plains BIA  
Regional Office

Regional Tribes

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# NICWC Accomplishments

# New Nebraska ICWA

NICWC was successful in getting LB566 passed in 2015 providing greater clarity and strengthened provisions!

- ▶ Best Interest of an Indian child definition
- ▶ Active Efforts definition and reporting requirements
- ▶ QEW qualifications and order of preference
- ▶ Placement preferences
- ▶ Non-court or voluntary cases

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 43 1501 to 43 1517



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