

New BIA Guidelines on ICWA (2015)

“On February 25, 2015, the Bureau of Indian Affairs published updated guidelines to provide guidance to State courts and child welfare agencies implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) provisions in light of written and oral comments received during a review of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) *Guidelines for State Courts in Indian Custody Proceedings* published in 1979. The updated guidelines also reflect recommendations made by the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence and significant developments in jurisprudence since ICWA's inception. The updated BIA *Guidelines for State Courts and Agencies in Indian Child Custody Proceedings* promote compliance with ICWA's stated goals and provisions”.

For more information, review the following link:

<http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/IndianChildWelfareAct/index.htm>

Retrieved 2/29/16; US Department of the Interior Indian Affairs: ICWA

Other resources: retrieved 3/1/16

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/02/26/bia-releases-new-icwa-guidelines-protect-native-families-and-children-159392>

<http://www.indianaffairs.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/text/idc1-029447.pdf>