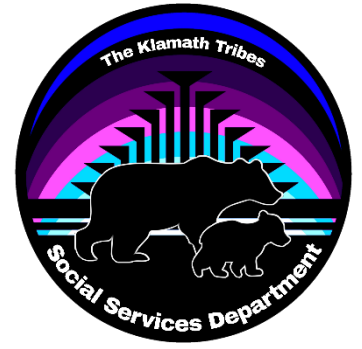




# KLAMATH TRIBES SOCIAL SERVICES

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If I am concerned about abuse to a child, elder, or adult with disabilities how do I report it?



**To report ABUSE of children, elders, or adults with disabilities call:**

1. Law Enforcement at 911
2. Child Abuse Hotline at 855-503-7233
3. Klamath Tribes Public Safety at 541-783-2219



What happens if Child Welfare gets involved with my family?



The Klamath Tribes Social Service department has a Child & Family Services (CFS) Program that works with tribal families (enrolled or eligible for enrollment) when there is an open Child Welfare Assessment or Case. Contact CFS for more information at 541-783-2219



What is the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)



The ICWA was established in 1978 due to the high rates of Indigenous children being placed into foster care. ICWA gives the Tribe the option to become involved in a Child Welfare case. ICWA focuses on providing active efforts that help Tribal children stay in their parent's care, relative's care, or a Tribal home.



What does the Tribe's ICWA Caseworker do?



The Tribe's CFS program has two ICWA Caseworker positions. The ICWA Caseworkers work with Tribal children (enrolled or eligible for enrollment) that become involved with the State Child Welfare, ODHS. This is to ensure Child Welfare is providing active efforts to the child and family, as well as following the ICWA.



Does the Tribe's CFS program help with child custody?



No. The CFS program does NOT get involved with child custody matters (outside of Child Welfare involvement) because this is a civil matter. Child custody and parenting time goes through the Civil Court. Please contact the local Civil Courthouse for more information on the process of filing for or changing child custody.



What is a Resource Parent (*formally known as "foster parent"*) & how do I become a Resource Parent?



A Resource Parent is someone certified by ODHS to provide care to a child taken into State custody. There are current NO certified Klamath Tribal resource homes, which means Tribal children who are not placed in relative or kinship placements are in a non-Tribal home. Contact CFS or ODHS for more information.