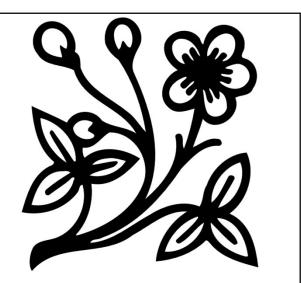


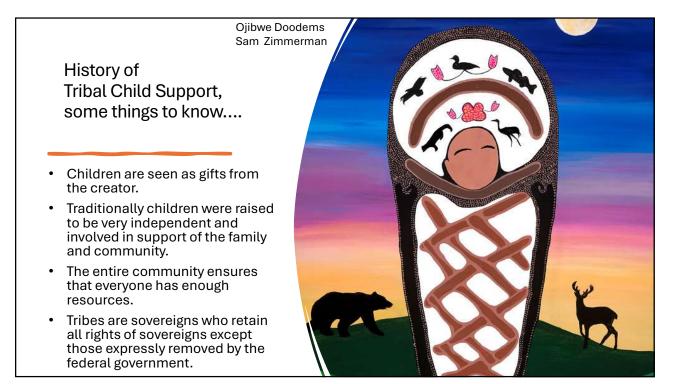
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What is child support?

Child support programs are designed to improve the wellbeing of children by locating their parents, their parent's assets, establish paternity, establish, modify and enforce child support orders and distribute child support payments.



Child Supports programs are enacted by federal, state, or tribal governmental bodies.



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Tribal Sovereignty

- Recognized by the U.S. Constitution as distinct governments with the same powers as the federal government.
- Powers not expressly removed have been retained by the Tribe.
- Self Determined forms of government.

Who can tell us what all of that means?

What does it mean to be a sovereign in practical terms?

What does it mean for Tribal child support orders?



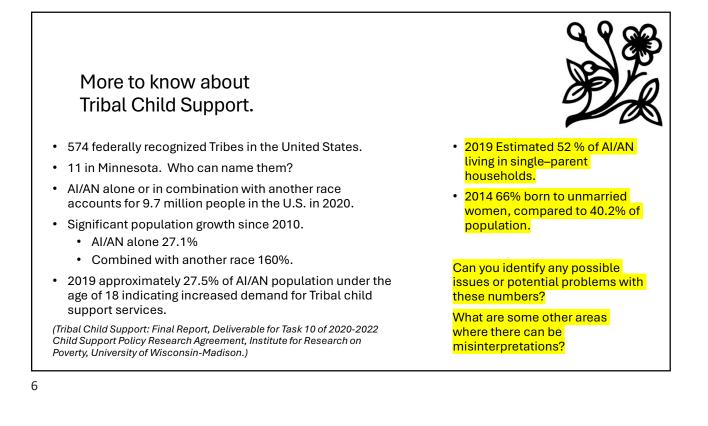


History of Tribal Child Support

- Social Security Act Title IV-D of 1975 established the federal child support program in the United States. (Id citing to Larry, 2018: Office of Child Support Enforcement, 2018)
- In 1996, the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement recognized that the original program implemented in 1975 was not sufficient to meet the needs of Indian families and authorized funding for Tribes to operate their own Title IV-D programs through the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (ID).
- As of 2018, 60 federally-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal consortia in 22 states implemented sovereign tribal child support programs.

(Tribal Child Support: Final Report, Deliverable for Task 10 of 2020-2022 Child Support Policy Research Agreement, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.) Citing to National Tribal Child

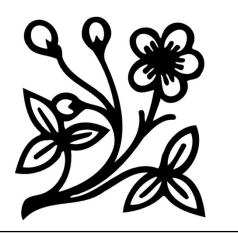
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Indigenous family structure.

- May be more decentralized than Euro-centric model of the family with strong interconnected network of family, community, and Tribe as opposed to father as "head of household".
- Fathers may not be expected to be solely responsible for supporting the family and may instead contribute values of strength to the family as teachers guides, role models and leaders,
- Family circle where each plays a role in raising a child that in western culture is reserved to the mother or father.

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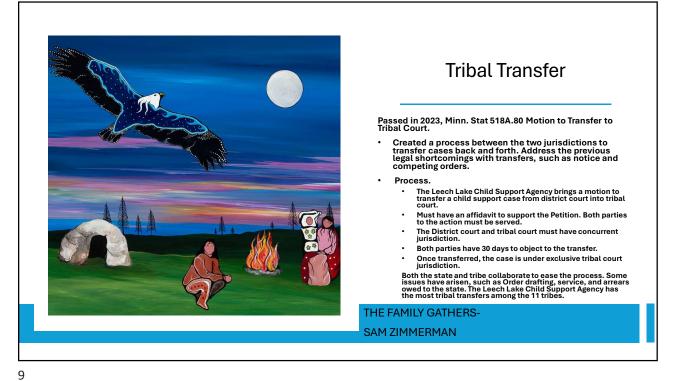


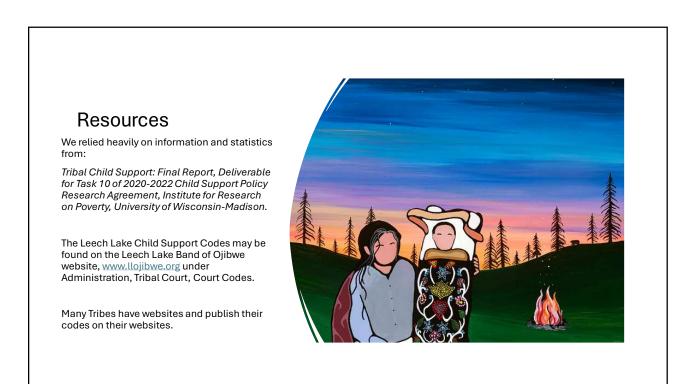
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Differences between State and Tribal Systems.

- Some Tribes allow for "in kind" forms of support which are specific to a tribe's culture and traditions. For example: fish, firewood, deer meat, repairs for the home, other services.
- Tribes value family, community, nature rather than economic valuation.
- Some Tribes have different methods of enforcement of orders;
 - Non-paying parents required to explain to an Elders' Panel why they are not paying.
 - Garnishing per capita payments,Reservation hunting and fishing license suspension,
 - Gaming license suspension,
 - Court mandates to improve the non-custodial parent's employability (GED, alcohol or drug treatment, attending a trade class.)
 (Tribal Child Support Final Report 2022)







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