

# SENECA - CAYUGA NATION



## INDIAN CHILD WELFARE & CHILD PROTECTION



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### Indian Child Welfare

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The ultimate goal of the ICW Program is to successfully reunite the tribal children with their tribal family whenever possible.

However until the children are able to safely return to their home, the goal is to place these children with:

1. A family member
2. A Seneca-Cayuga Tribal Member as a foster family
3. Foster placement with a member of another tribe
4. Placement with a None- Native American foster family

## *Seneca-Cayuga Indian Child Welfare Office*

The purpose of the ICW office is to protect the best interest of the child and to promote the stability and security of the Children of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.



The Tribe's ICW program is grant funded and receives Title IV-B federal funds part 1 & 2 in order to pay for the program's expenses. Funds are used to provide for the needs of the children that are in tribal custody. The office also assist the parents in education and services to rectify the issues that brought the child into protective custody.

## **SENECA-CAYUGA NATION FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED**

**APPROXIMATELY 56 CHILDREN  
OF THE SENECA-CAYUGA NATION  
ARE IN STATE CUSTODY  
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES**



**CURRENTLY THERE ARE  
TWELVE CHILDREN IN  
TRIBAL CUSTODY**

- **5 ARE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS**
- **2 ARE IN MEDICAL CARE**
- **2 ARE IN FOSTER CARE WITH A NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY**
- **3 ARE WITH NON-NATIVE AMERICAN FOSTER FAMILIES**

**Celebrating  
The Week of the  
Young Child**



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of Northeast Oklahoma*

## **PRESERVING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF)**

**The Seneca-Cayuga  
Nation's ICW Director is  
committed to helping  
families stay together.  
The PSSF program  
provides assistance to  
families that are in  
danger of having  
the children removed  
from the home.**