



Judicial Council of California

Indian Child Welfare Act Inquiry Interview

Case name:

File number:

Interview date:

Name and title of person
conducting interview:

INFORMATION ABOUT PERSON BEING INTERVIEWED

Name:

Relationship to the child:

Address:

Telephone number:

Other contact information:

QUESTIONS

1. Does the child or any of the child's family members have Native American, Alaska Native, or American Indian ancestry?
2. Is the child a member of or eligible for membership in an Indian/American Indian/Native American tribe or band or Alaska Native village or corporation?
3. Are or were the child's parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents members of a tribe, band, or Alaska Native village or members of or shareholders in an Alaska Native corporation?
4. Has the child or any members of the child's family or extended family ever lived on an Indian reservation, rancheria, federal trust property, Alaska Native village, or other type of predominantly Indian community?
5. Has the child or any members of the child's extended family ever received services or participated in programs primarily directed toward Native American, Indian, or Alaska Native people, such as health or dental services from an Indian health service or Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families?

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6. Has the child or the child's parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents or any other extended family members ever attended an Indian school or other facility primarily intended for Native Americans, Indians, or Alaska Natives?
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7. Have the names of any of the child's relatives or ancestors ever appeared on the 1906 Final Roll of Indians, the 1924 Roll of Indians, the California Indian Judgment Roll, or any other roll or census of Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native persons?
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8. Is the child, or has the child ever been, the ward of a tribal court?
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9. Does the child or either of the child's parents possess an identification card indicating membership in or citizenship of an Indian tribe?
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If the individual has answered **No** to questions 1–9 and no one else you have interviewed has answered Yes to any of these questions, you may skip to question 11 and **stop**.

If the individual is unable to answer all questions 1–9, ask questions 10–13 and stop.

If *anyone* has answered Yes to any one of questions 1–9, ask all of the remaining questions. You have “reason to know” the proceedings involve an Indian child and must make every effort to obtain the following information.

10. If the individual you are interviewing does not have the information to answer all of the questions above, ask whether there are any other people (family members or otherwise) who may have the missing information and enter their name and contact information below. If there are additional individuals who may have any of the missing information, please contact them as soon as possible.
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11. Ask the individual you are interviewing to contact you, social services staff assigned to this matter, or the court if they subsequently have missing information that would answer any of the questions asked. Inform them that there is an ongoing duty to continuously inquire whether the child is an Indian child.
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12. If before the initiation of these proceedings the child was not living with or in the custody of one of the child's biological parents, determine whom the child was living with and ask whether that person is a Native American, Indian, or Alaska Native. If so, he or she is likely an **“Indian custodian”** within the meaning of the Indian Child Welfare Act and you will need to obtain the following information (it will be used to complete item 5f of the *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030)):

Name

Any maiden or married name, former names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

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13. Ask for the following information regarding each of the people listed below (it will be used to complete items 5c through 5e of the *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030)):

a. Child's biological mother

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

b. Child's biological father (note that Indian Child Welfare Act requirements follow biological connection to father, not legal connection)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

c. Mother's biological mother (i.e., child's maternal grandmother)

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

d. Mother's biological father (i.e., child's maternal grandfather)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

e. Father's biological mother (i.e., child's paternal grandmother)

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

f. Father's biological father (i.e., child's paternal grandfather)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

g. Mother's biological grandmother on her mother's side (i.e., child's maternal great-grandmother)

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

h. Mother's biological grandmother on her father's side (i.e., child's maternal great-grandmother)

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

i. Mother's biological grandfather on her mother's side (i.e., child's maternal great-grandfather)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

j. Mother's biological grandfather on her father's side (i.e., child's maternal great-grandfather)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

k. Father's biological grandmother on his mother's side (i.e., child's paternal great-grandmother)

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

l. Father's biological grandmother on his father's side (i.e., child's paternal great-grandmother)

Name

Any maiden or married name, former
names, or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

m. Father's biological grandfather on his mother's side (i.e., child's paternal great-grandfather)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

n. Father's biological grandfather on his father's side (i.e., child's paternal great-grandfather)

Name

Any former names or aliases

Current address

Former address

Birth date and place

Tribal, band, or Alaska Native village
affiliation, including name and location

Membership or enrollment number,
if known

If deceased, date and place of death

14. If the answer to **question 1** was **Yes**, what family members do or may have Native American, Alaska Native, or Indian ancestry?
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15. If the answer to **question 2** was **No**, what are the name and location of the tribe, band, or Alaska Native village or corporation? Obtain address and contact information if possible.

- a. Does the child or parent have an enrollment card or other similar document from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tribe, band, or Alaska Native village or corporation? (If so, make every effort to obtain a copy.)
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16. If you are informed that the child or any members of his or her family ever **attended an Indian school**, gather the following information (it will be used to complete item 7a of the *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030)):

Name of person and relationship
to child

Type of school

Dates of attendance

Name and location of school

17. If you receive information that the child or any members of his or her family ever **received medical or dental or other treatment** from an Indian health clinic, a U.S. Public Health Service hospital, Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or any other service, program, or organization that provides services primarily for the benefit of or directed toward American Indians/Native Americans or Alaska Natives, gather the following information (it will be used to complete item 7b of the *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030)):

Name of person and relationship
to child

Type of treatment or service

Dates of treatment or service

Name of facility or organization

Location where treatment or
service was given

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18. If you receive information that the child or any members of his or her family ever **lived on** any trust land, reservation, rancheria, or allotment or in an Alaska Native village, gather the following information (it will be used to complete item 7c of the *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030)):

Name of person and relationship
to child

Name, description, or location of
the property or location

Dates of residence

19. If you receive information that the names of relatives or members of the child's family **appear on a roll or census** of American Indian, Native American, or Alaska Native people, or relatives or members of the child's family have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, obtain the following information (it will be used to complete item 8 of the *Notice of Child Custody Proceeding for Indian Child* (form ICWA-030)):

Name of relative and relation-
ship to child

Name and date of census or roll

Person's roll or census number

Tribal affiliation and location, if
any, listed on the roll or census