

**AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILIES  
ACHIEVING PERMANENCY:  
A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MICHIGAN  
PRACTITIONERS**

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**DHS STATUS REPORT**

- Currently, DHS has 194 American Indian children in care across child welfare programs (both in-home & out-of-home placement).
- There are 53 American Indian children with a goal of Adoption (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 12 Data).

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### RESOURCES TO GET STARTED

Consult the Native American Affairs (NAA) manual & website for culturally competent policy & best-practice resources:

- <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>
- <http://www.michigan.gov/americanindians>

Contact the tribe of the child's affiliation for:

- Case Planning  
Tribal Code  
Open Adoption Policy
- Case Management Strategies
- Culturally Competent Services
- Possible Placement Families

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### RESOURCES TO GET STARTED (CONTINUED)

- SCAO ICWA Court Resource Guide (<http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/manuals/cws/ICWActResourceGuide.pdf>)
- BIA ICWA Guidelines
- Adoption & Permanency Resource Guide (Court Judges)
- Customary Adoption Policy (Ex: California)
- TPR Reversal Policy (Ex: Illinois)
- Subsidized Guardianships

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### MICHIGAN TRIBAL RESOURCES

- 12 federally recognized tribes
- Urban Indian organizations
- Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS)
  - See NAA Website for lists  
<http://www.michigan.gov/americanindians>
- Indigenous Law Program (MSU)
- American Indian Placement Agencies
  - Binogii Placement Agency
  - Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency (MICWA)

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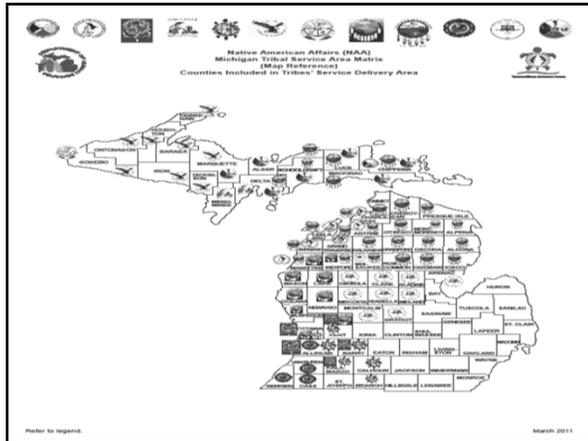
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**MICHIGAN TRIBAL RESOURCES (CONTINUED)**

- Michigan Indian Directory (Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights)  
<http://www.michigan.gov/mdcir>
- Michigan Tribal Social Service Directors Coalition (Contact Denneen Smith at Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians)
- Tribal ICWA /Binogii Commissions

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**NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE RESOURCES**

- Casey Family Programs (American Indian Programs)  
<http://www.casey.org>
- Midwest Child Welfare Implementation Center (MCWIC)  
<http://www.mcwic.com>
- Native American Rights Fund (NARF)  
<http://www.narf.com>
- National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)  
<http://www.nicwa.org>
- National Resource Center 4 Tribes (NRC4TRIBES)  
<http://www.nrc4tribes.gov>

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**DHS RESOURCES AT THE LOCAL COUNTY LEVEL**

- Indian Outreach Worker (IOWs)
- Foster Care & Adoption Navigators
- Families First
- Youth in Transition (YIT)
- Voluntary Foster Care

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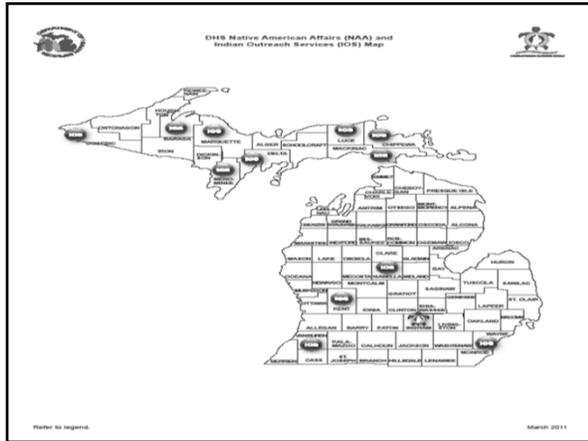
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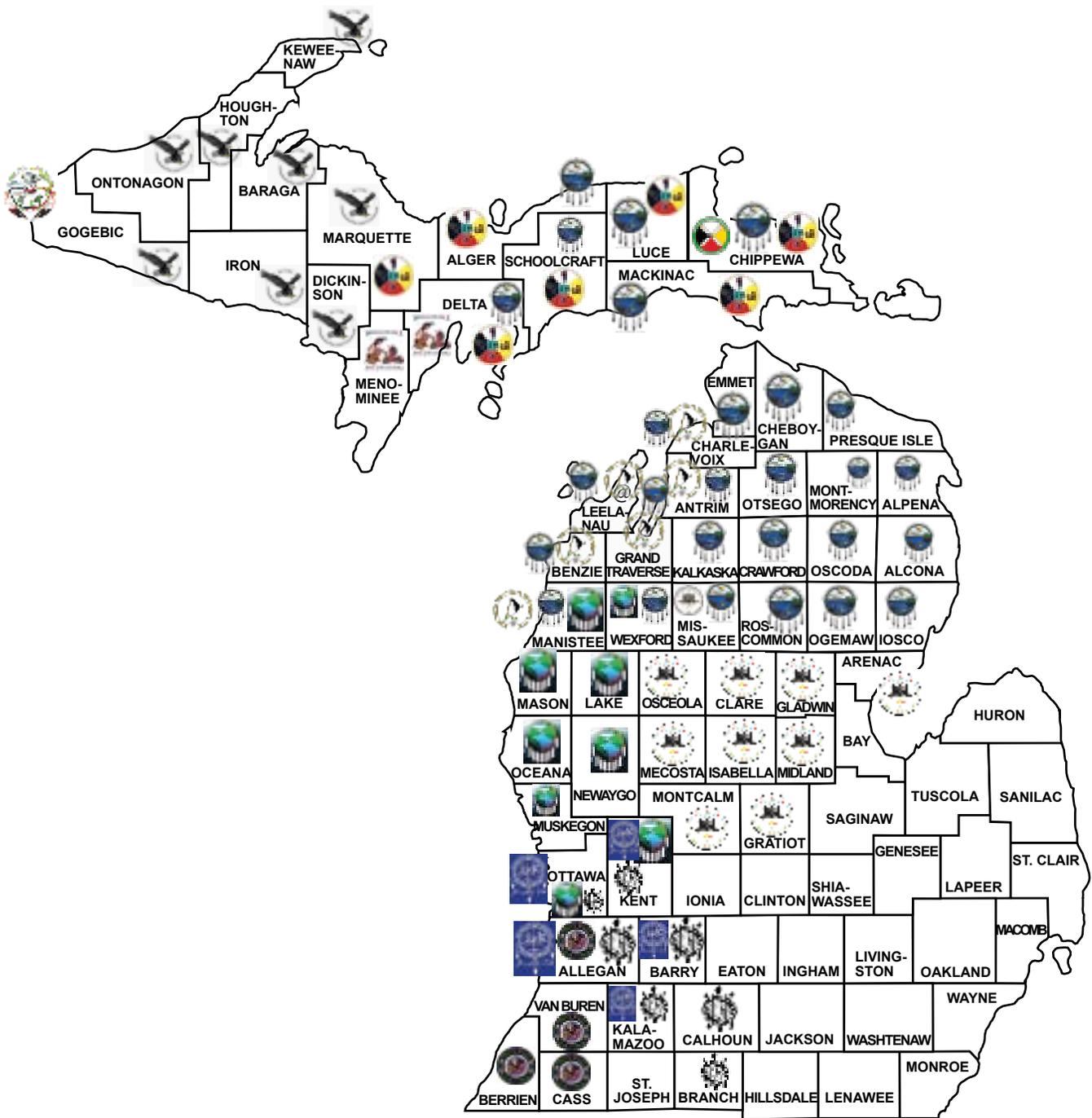
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# Michigan Tribal Service Area Matrix

Counties Included in Tribes' Service Delivery Area



# Tribal Map Legend



= Bay Mills Indian Community (Chippewa)  
Behavioral Health / Social Service Program  
906-248-3204  
Chippewa



= Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewas Indians (Leelanau)  
Anishinaabek Family Services  
231-534-7681  
Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Manistee



= Gun Lake Band/Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi (Allegan)  
Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ottawa



= Hannahville Indian Community (Menominee)  
Tribal Health Services  
906-466-9223  
Delta, Menominee



= Huron Potawatomi/Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi (Calhoun)  
ICWA Worker  
269-729-4422 ext. 1  
Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ottawa



= Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Baraga)  
Tribal Social Services  
906-353-4201 or 353-4212  
Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Gogebic, Ontonagon, Marquette, Iron, Dickinson



= Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Gogebic)  
Social Services  
906-358-4940  
Gogebic, Iron, Ontonagon



= Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Manistee)  
Family Services  
231-398-2242  
Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, Wexford



= Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (Emmet)  
Family Services Department  
231-242-1400  
Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Grand Travers, Iosco, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, Wexford



= Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (Cass)  
Tribal Social Services  
269-782-8998  
In Michigan; Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Van Buren and in *Indiana*; *Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, St. Joseph, Starke*



= Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (Isabella)  
Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services  
989-775-4901  
Arenac, Isabella, Missaukee, Clare, Midland, Mescota, Osceola, Gladwin, Montcalm, Gratiot



= Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (Chippewa)  
Anishnabek Community and Family Services  
1-800-726-0093  
Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Schoolcraft

County listed as "Location of Tribe" is in parenthesis.