

# Intergovernmental Reference Guide (IRG) Tribal Profile Questions

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## **1. TRIBAL PROFILE GUIDANCE**

This document provides a list of questions for the Tribal Profile and guidance for answering each question.

**NEW PROGRAM CATEGORIES AND PROFILE QUESTIONS****SECTION A: TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY****Intergovernmental Referrals Involving Indian Tribes**

Congress amended Title IV-D of the Social Security Act in 1996 and 1997 to authorize direct federal funding to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations to operate child support programs (codified at 42 USC § 655.)

The Administration for Children and Families promulgated final regulations to implement direct federal IV-D funding to Tribes and tribal organizations on March 30, 2004. The regulations,

...emphasize that one of the key underlying principles of these final Tribal IV-D regulations is recognition of and respect for Tribal sovereignty and the unique government-to-government relationship between Indian Tribes and the Federal government. We have determined that the statute does not mandate that requirements imposed on Tribal IV-D programs be the same as those imposed on State IV-D programs as prerequisites for funding.

Tribes are not required to adopt the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) as states are required to do. UIFSA compels a State employer to honor a withholding order sent directly from another State or Indian Tribe.

All federally funded tribal child support programs have adopted procedures for recognition and enforcement of foreign child support orders, consistent with the Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.

<b>SECTION B: GENERAL/PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE</b>		
<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Question Displayed</b>	<b>Answer Description</b>
B1	What is your tribal locator code?	Enter your tribe's locator code. To get your locator code go to <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/resource/locator-codes-aka-fips-data-standards">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/resource/locator-codes-aka-fips-data-standards</a> .
B2	Is your tribal IV-D program administrative, judicial, or a combined process?	Indicate whether your tribal IV-D program uses an administrative, judicial, or combined process.
B3	What is the age limit for the establishment of a paternity order?	Indicate the age limit for establishing a paternity order.
B4	What is the age of majority for the establishment of a child support order?	Indicate the age limit for establishing a child support order.
B5	If not addressed in the order, at what age is child support terminated as a matter of policy or statute?	Indicate the age for child support termination based on tribal policy or statute.

<b>SECTION C: INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFERRAL PROCESS</b>		
Question Number	Question Displayed	Answer Description
C1	What information does your tribe require to establish a paternity order?	List the information needed to establish paternity.  If you accept UIFSA forms, please list the required forms. Acceptance of UIFSA forms does not indicate that the tribe recognizes or is bound by UIFSA.
C2	What information does your tribe require to establish a child support order?	List the information needed to establish support.  If you accept UIFSA forms, please list the required forms. Acceptance of UIFSA forms does not indicate that the tribe recognizes or is bound by UIFSA.
C3	What information does your tribe require to recognize a foreign order for enforcement?	List the information needed to recognize a foreign order for enforcement.  If you accept UIFSA forms, please list the required forms. Acceptance of UIFSA forms does not indicate that the tribe recognizes or is bound by UIFSA.
C4	Do you accept electronic copies?	Please indicate whether you accept (all) or (specific) types of electronic copies. If you only accept specific types, please list which types of documents are acceptable as electronic copies.
C5	Can other tribes or states send a wage withholding order directly to a tribal employer?	Select "Yes" if other tribes or states can send a wage withholding order directly to a tribal employer.

<b>SECTION D: PROGRAM DETAILS</b>		
<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Question Displayed</b>	<b>Answer Description</b>
D1	Does your tribe have a tribal TANF program?	Select "Yes" if your tribe has a tribal TANF program.