

## All Tribes' Review Complete

### Updated ICWA contact details for every Federally Recognized Tribe

Updated contact details are now available for use at [www.ayazuta.com](http://www.ayazuta.com) for all Federally Recognized Tribes. Searches can be carried out for free, based on Tribe name, historical name, State, and keywords.

- Ayazuta is the only source of up to date, searchable Tribal ICWA Contact information.
- We are the only organization committed to re-checking ICWA details every 6 months.
- And we are the only organization with a fully auditable verification process.

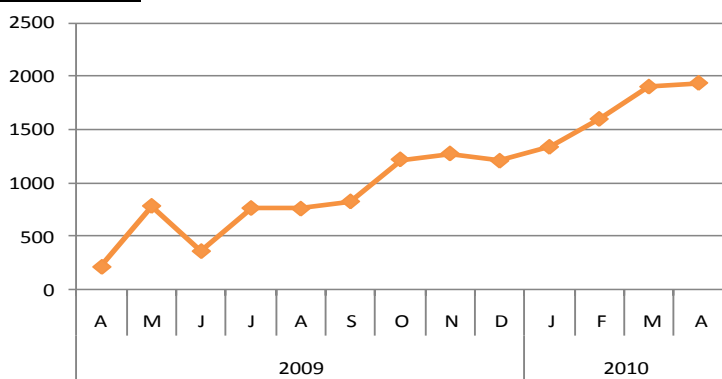
Ayazuta's Tribal ICWA contacts database is downloadable to State, County, and Commercial organizations, with monthly updates to ensure that locally held information is kept up to date. Remember 65% of Federal Register ICWA notice addresses contain errors, and 85% of non-notice contact details are wrong or missing information.



### Improve Compliance, Reduce Costs, and Save Case Worker Time by using Ayazuta.com

#### Ayazuta Grows Stronger

##### More Users....



##### More Acceptance....

Ayazuta.com-Search can now be accessed through links at:

[The National Indian Child Welfare association \(NICWA\)](#)

[The State of Michigan Courts](#)

And is now in regular use by State and County agencies in:

**California**, **Georgia**, **Illinois**, **Maryland**,  
**Montana**, **Nebraska**, **Nevada**, **South Dakota**,  
**Utah**, and **Washington State**

##### More Visibility....

Kevin Hughes presented Ayazuta.com to a workshop at the 28th Annual "Protecting Our Children" Conference - National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Portland, Oregon, [click here to see the presentation](#).

### **WHY is ICWA Compliance SO Important**

By Heather Zenone (Cherokee), Director of Indian Child Welfare at IDRS

The health of Native Nations depends on the health of their children. Community wisdom, backed by research, says that cultural connection and traditional practice are significant protective health factors for Native youth. Therefore, each Tribe has an interest in ensuring on-going, uninterrupted intergenerational relationships through which cultures are perpetuated and children are protected.

As Indian people we know that the state's way of fostering children does not match our ways of caring for Indian children in crisis. Moreover, state foster care often insures disruption of our most important cultural and political ties to our children. These are two of the reasons Tribes fought for the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978 and why we continue to support the Act today.

Without adequate and timely **Tribal Notice** our children lose their grasp on the culture, ceremonies, and prayers that make their Tribe unique. Without **Placement in an Indian home** our youth might become confused about family functions, roles, and the traditions perpetuated through family. Without **Active Efforts** states risk underestimating the value of customary child raising practices and the effects of inter-generational trauma; and unresolved grief over loss and displacement will guarantee failure of provided services. Finally, without a truly **Qualified Expert Witness** misunderstandings between cultures flourish.

We know that the future of our Tribal Nations depends on protecting our children and guiding them according to our customs. Full compliance with the mandates of the Indian Child Welfare Act insures that states act as partners in this critical endeavor.

#### Why Ayazuta?

We have spent 2 years researching ICWA compliance issues, and developing solutions for Tribes, States and welfare organizations. We can help you increase ICWA compliance, reduce costs, and improve outcomes for Indian Children. **Ayazuta has, and will continue to evolve as a community driven design, based on benefits to the Native American Child, the Tribe and the Case Worker.**