

PHILOSOPHY

The Indian outreach services (IOS) program is based on the philosophy that:

- Empowerment is the basis for service. People should be provided services which help them achieve, maintain, or maximize social and economic self-sufficiency.
- Services should promote the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being of Indian families and be consistent with Indian culture and values when appropriate.
- Traditional cultural strengths and spiritual foundations can be built into service delivery, where appropriate, and will contribute greatly to revitalizing and preserving functional Indian families and communities, thus preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, exploitation, and dependence.

LEGAL BASIS

Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC 1901 et seq.

Social Security Act, 42 USC 670 et seq.

Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.1 et seq.

Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, MCL 712B. 1 - 41.

State of Michigan Annual Appropriations Act.