

**OVERVIEW**

A tribal court order must be handled in the same manner as other court orders.

**Acceptance Date**

The acceptance date is the date the court order is signed by the tribal judge/referee.

**TRIBAL COURT  
ORDERED  
PLACEMENTS**

Upon receipt, a child placing agency must send the placement order from the tribal court to the local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) office in the county in which the Indian child resides.

Each local MDHHS office must determine eligibility for funding and services, as well as ongoing case planning and monitoring of a placement or commitment order from a local Family Division of Circuit Court.

**Note:** For Indian children, the case plan must be developed in collaboration with the child's tribe. The caseworker must document the request for tribal collaboration in his or her social work contacts.

**LEGAL BASIS**

Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC 1901 et seq.

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