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Re: Modifications to Juvenile Court Forms to Clarify Applicability of the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act

The Director of State Courts Office (DSCO) has issued amended and newly created juvenile court forms that reflect the requirements of the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act. These new forms have been designed to assist the State of Wisconsin's public and private agencies in meeting the requirements of the Act.

In 2008, the Department of Children and Families, in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Courts Children's Court Improvement Program, provided training to the seven judicial districts through out Wisconsin to inform judges about the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act and subsequent new or revised court forms. Thus, many judges are already aware of these new forms and have begun to incorporate their use in court proceedings.

Parties and court officials, in all cases where a child is identified as an Indian child and is determined to be under the protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act must use the new or revised standard court forms. Therefore, the **existing juvenile forms that have been modified, replaced or eliminated must no longer be used.** A party or court official may supplement a standard court form with additional material, but may not modify the form itself. Listed below are the standard forms that are affected by the requirements of the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act:

## **New Forms**

- IW 1610 Petition for Protection or Services (Chapter 48) ICWA
- IW 1611 Dispositional Order Protection or Services (Chapter 48) ICWA
- IW 1630 Petition for Termination of Parental Rights ICWA
- IW 1637 Consent to Termination of Parental Rights (Judicial) ICWA
- IW 1638 Order Concerning Termination of Parental Rights (Voluntary) ICWA
- IW 1639 Order Concerning Termination of Parental Rights (Involuntary) ICWA
- IW 1721 Petition for Protection or Services (Chapter 938) ICWA
- IW 1724 Notice of Hearing (Juvenile) ICWA
- IW 1754 Notice of Post-Disposition Change in Placement ICWA
- IW 1785 Consent Decree (Out of Home Placement Only) ICWA
- IW 1789 Order for Change of Placement (In Home to Out of Home Placement Only) ICWA
- IW 1790 Order for Change of Placement (Out of Home to Out of Home Placement Only) ICWA
- JC 1628 Petition for Termination of Guardianship under 48.977

## **Revised/Modified Forms**

- IW 1711 Order for Temporary Physical Custody Secure/Non secure ICWA
- IW 1746 Dispositional Order Protection or Services (Chapter 938) ICWA
- JC 1605 Petition for Appointment of Relative as Guardian/Notice to Plea Hearing
- JC 1606 Dispositional Order Appointing Guardian
- JC 1610 Petition for Protection or Services (Chapter 48)
- JC 1611 Dispositional Order Protection or Services (Chapter 48)
- JC 1612 Petition for Protection or Care of an Unborn Child (Chapter 48)
- JC 1630 Petition for Termination of Parental Rights
- JC 1636 Consent to Termination of Parental Rights (Affidavit)
- JC 1637 Consent o Termination of Parental Rights (Judicial)
- JC 1638 Order Concerning Termination of Parental Rights (Voluntary)
- JC 1639 Order Concerning Termination of Parental Rights (Involuntary)
- JC 1640 Petition for Adoptive Placement
- JC 1641 Order for Hearing and Investigation Adoptive Placement/Adoption (distribute to Tribe)
- JC 1642 Order for Adoptive Placement
- JC 1647 Order for Adoption Child/Adult
- JD 1703 Request for Custody by School Attendance Office/Designation by School District Administrator *(includes Indian Custodian)*
- JD 1705 Notice of Intake Inquiry (*includes Indian Custodian*)
- JD 17II Order for Temporary Physical Custody Secure/Nonsecure
- JD 1712 Waiver of Participation in Nonsecure physical Custody Hearing (*includes Indian Custodian*)
- JD 1721 Petition Under Ch. 938 Delinquency, Protection/Services, Civil Law/Ordinances
- JD 1746 Dispositional Order Protection or Services (Chapter 938)
- JD 1765 Order Granting Temporary Extension (*distribute to Tribe*)
- JD 1773 Motion for Sanctions
- JD 1785 Consent Decree (Out of Home Placement Only)
- JD 1786 Order for Revision of Dispositional Order (distribute to Tribe)
- JD 1788 Order for Extension of Dispositional Order or Consent Decree (Out of Home Placement Only) (*distribute to Tribe*)
- JD 1789 Order for Change of Placement (In Home to Out of Home Placement Only)
- JD 1791 Permanency Plan Hearing Order (*distribute to Tribe*)
- JD 1792 Order for Change of Placement (Out of Home to In Home Placement Only) (*distribute to Tribe*)

It is essential that the standard court forms be used to ensure that the judicial findings required by the Indian Child Welfare Act are made and documented. Failure to obtain the necessary judicial findings in the cases protected under the Act may result in litigation or invalidation of circuit court orders regarding Indian children petitioned by an Indian Parent, Indian Custodian or tribe under 25 U.S.C. 1901 – 1963.

A complete set of the above forms amended by the Indian Child Welfare Act can be located at the following site and can be downloaded for information entry or in PDF format for printed forms.

http://www.wicourts.gov/circuit/ccform.jsp?FormName=&FormNumber=&beg\_date=&end\_date=&Statute Cite=&Category=21

County human/social services staff and statewide adoption staff are strongly encouraged to immediately review the usage of the new or revised court forms and take necessary action to fully implement the forms.

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