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## **Lac du Flambeau and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families sign Title IV-E agreement**

(MADISON) – A ceremonial signing of a state-tribal agreement to help ensure the welfare of children and families took place yesterday in Lac du Flambeau.

President Tom Maulson of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson signed a Title IV-E Tribal State Agreement, to assist the band in recovering reimbursement monies for child welfare services. The administrative cost agreement allows agencies to be reimbursed by the federal government for certain child welfare services provided to families and children.

During the ceremony held at the William Wildcat Community Center, Secretary Anderson acknowledged the importance of the historic signing and recognized the efforts of tribal government.

“It’s crucial that we address this situation that the Lac du Flambeau Band has determined to be a state of emergency,” said Anderson. “Through effective partnerships involving tribal, state and federal governments, this Title IV-E agreement will help towards increasing services to Lac du Flambeau children and families.”

With the agreement, an initial six-month assessment period will be needed in order to determine reimbursement amounts.

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