

## **How Relative/Kin Caregivers Can Access Services and Advocate for Native Children in Their Care**

The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) created this resource as a tip sheet for service providers to share with relatives/kin caring for Native children. It provides guidance to help caregivers access services, utilize them effectively, and advocate for Native children in their care.

This tip sheet uses “relative/kin caregiver” and “relative child” to refer to adults and children respectively, who are connected to each other by kinship bonds, whether extended family members or close friends. Throughout the tip sheet, “child” and “children” refer to Native children under the care of a relative/kin caregiver.

> Download this [Tip Sheet](#) from the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network.

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