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Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries  
Tribal Court Improvement Program  
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**Award Number:**  
90CS2032

**Project Title:**  
FY 2018 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe-  
Tribal Court Improvement Plan  
Project

**Standing Rock Sioux Tribe**  
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**Project Period:**  
60 Months

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**Target Population:**  
Children and families of the  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Reservation who are involved in the  
child welfare system

**Geographic Area(s) Served:**  
Standing Rock reservation which  
straddles two states, North and South  
Dakota. The two primary counties  
served are all of Sioux County in North  
Dakota, and all of Corson County in  
South Dakota.

**Agency Region:**  
ACF Region 8

## Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

### Organizational Description

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe operates under a constitution approved on April 24, 1959 by the Tribal Council of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The Tribal Council consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and fourteen additional Council Representatives which are elected by the tribal members. The Tribal Council Chairman provides leadership and administrative direction to the tribe. The Chairman and Council serve a term of four years. Six of the fourteen additional Council members are at-large; without regard to residence in any district or state. Each of the remaining additional council members is a resident of the district from which he or she is elected.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Enrollment Office lists its current enrollment at 16,000 plus members. The most current population of the Reservation is 8,217, of which 6,205 are American Indian.

### Use of Program Funds

Year one will focus on a comprehensive assessment of the handling of child welfare proceedings in the Children's Court; and the creation of a multi-disciplinary TCIP Work Group comprised of Tribal Judges, Children's Court Counselor, Children's Court Presenting Officer, Tribal Council members, CPS director, CPS workers, Tribal Court Administrator, and other key stakeholders and tribal programs that provide services to families and children.

The TCIP project encompasses a number of activities geared toward improving CPS and Children's Court processes to ensure safety, permanence, and well-being for children and families involved in the child welfare system. Included in these activities is the identification of barriers and the creation of action plans to implement solutions to timeliness of permanency planning, to include adoption. CPS and Children's Court will work together on training curriculums and training material throughout the project as needed.

### Expected Outcomes

Improve the overall handling of abuse and neglect cases by providing quality Children's Court services to effectively achieve safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families in a fair and timely manner.