

**Indian Child Welfare Court Monitor
Quarterly Report
April 1, 2011-June 30, 2011**

There were 61 hearings monitored this quarter. Of the cases monitored:

- 15 children remained in the home under protective supervision.
- 52 children were ordered into or remained in out of home placement.
- The court terminated its jurisdiction this quarter on four cases.
- Seven cases have pending non-ICWA status.

Number of Children
67

Number of Children in Preservation i.e., with parent(s)	Number of Children in Reunification i.e., Out-of-Home
15	52

Placements of Children in Out of Home	
With Relatives	Foster Care
9	43

The Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) hearings were as follows:

CHIPS PROCEEDINGS	NUMBER OF HEARINGS	COURT RULING/SETTLEMENT
EPC	15	Mother requests Evidentiary Hearing
Admit/Deny Hearing	15	CHIPS adjudication made
Pretrial	7	Mother makes CHIPS admissions
Evidentiary Hearing	3	Prima facie made, is in best interest of child that the Court assume and delegate emergency protective care
Dispositional Review	4	
Motion	-	-

The permanency hearings were as follows:

PERMANENCY PROCEEDINGS	NUMBER OF HEARINGS	COURT RULING/SETTLEMENT
EPC	-	-
Admit/Deny Hearing	4	Mother made admissions
Pretrial	4	No settlement, trial dates scheduled
Trial	-	-
Dispositional Review	12	
Motion Hearing	-	-
Long Term Foster Care Review	1	Review every 90 days to note progress towards adoption

Parties and others in attendance were as follows:

- Mothers were present at 47 hearings.
- Fathers were present at 16 hearings.
- Guardians ad Litem were present at 61 hearings.

The Tribes that were involved in court proceedings this quarter were:

TRIBE	NUMBER OF HEARINGS	TRIBE PRESENT
White Earth Band of Ojibwe	6	3
Red Lake Band of Ojibwe	1	0
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	5	5
Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe	9	5
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	1	1
Lac du Flambeau	2	0
St. Croix	2	2
Standing Rock Sioux Nation	1	1
Cheyenne River	1	1
Rosebud Sioux Nation	3	3
Mescalero Apache	2	2
HoChunk	1	0
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	1	1
Fort Peck	2	2
Santee Sioux	2	0
Oglala Sioux	3	3
Shakopee Mdewakaton	1	0
Cherokee Nation	4	0

Of Note:

There was an astonishing amount of Emergency Protective Care hearings this quarter, more than twice the number I have monitored for the last two years. The number of children involved in Child Protection Matters has nearly doubled.

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