



ICWA DATA AND ENROLLMENT STANDARDS



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The Importance of Enrollment to ICWA

Rapid enrollment checks allow for:

- Early engagement

- Early advocacy

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Early engagement

Resource management

When does the court know if a child is an Indian child?

25 CFR § 23.107 (Report, Declaration, or testimony)

Who decides?

Authentication – Rule 902(1)(a)

The Importance of Enrollment to ICWA

Early Advocacy

Advocating for tribal placements

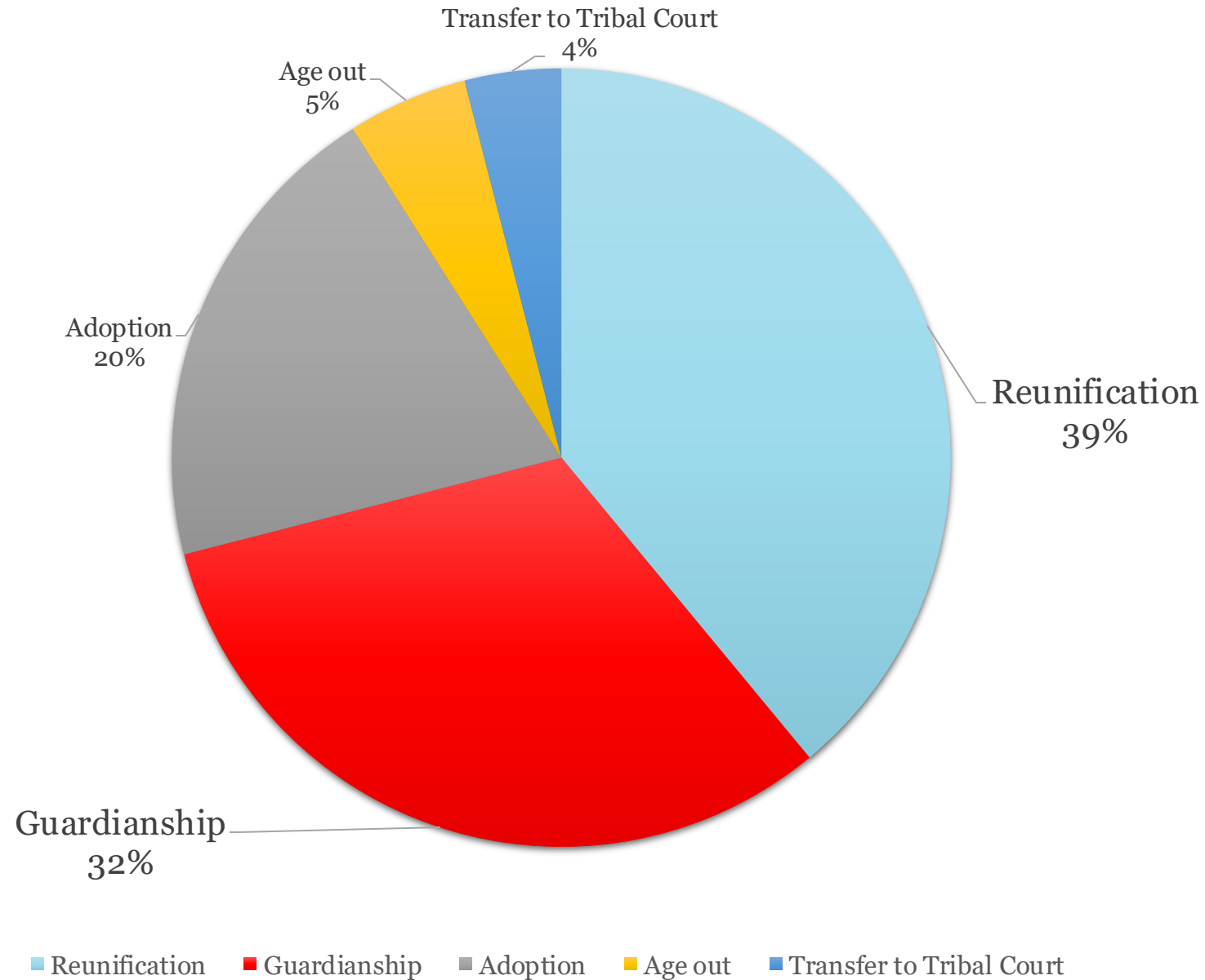
Advocating for tribal forever homes

Data for more effective prevention

ICWA Court Involvement

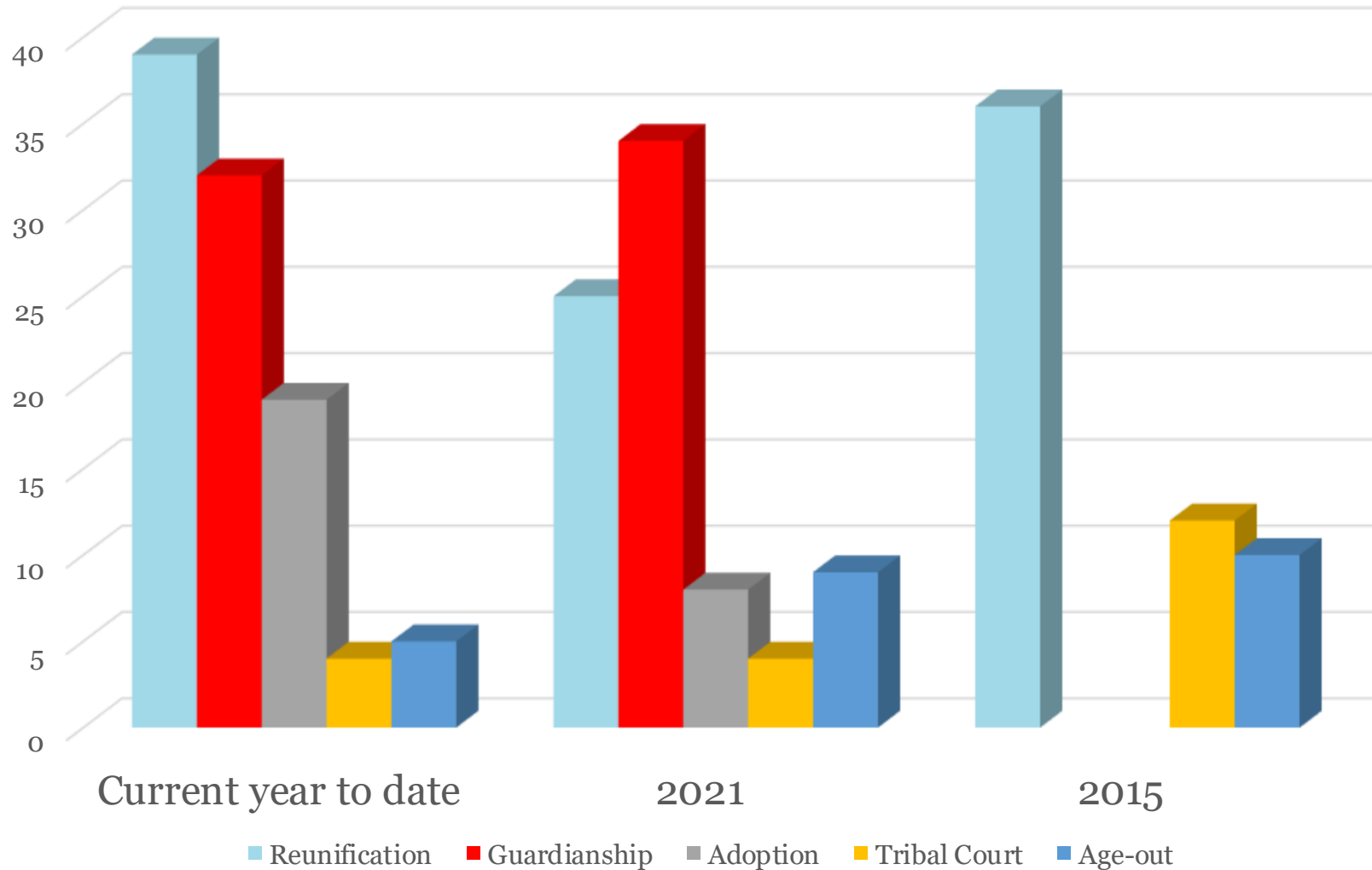
- Early notice of potential cases
- Rapid enrollment verification
- Attendance in all meetings
- Engagement in all court Hearings
- Advocacy for placement preferences

ICWA Case Outcomes



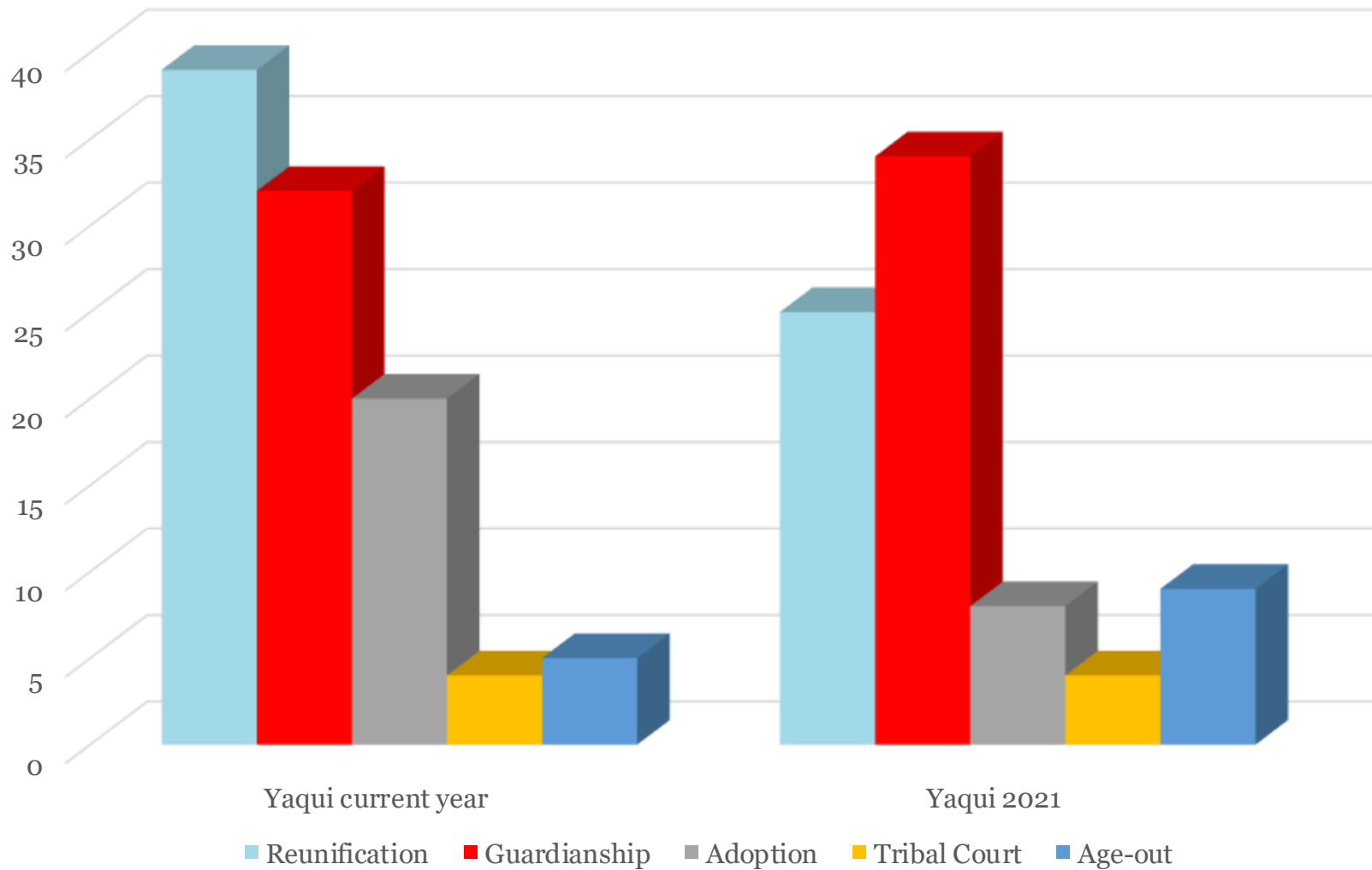
ICWA Case Resolutions by Year

*Percentage of total case outcomes

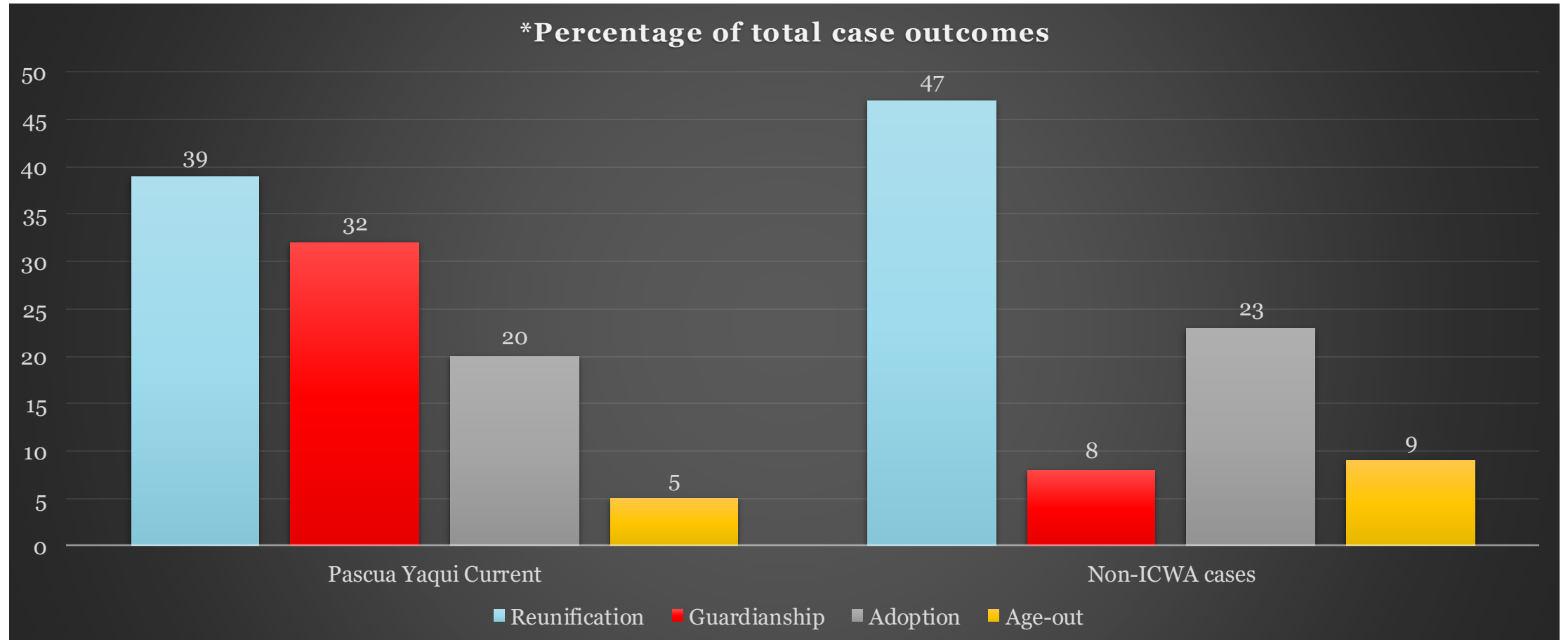


Comparison to 2021

*Percentage of total case outcomes



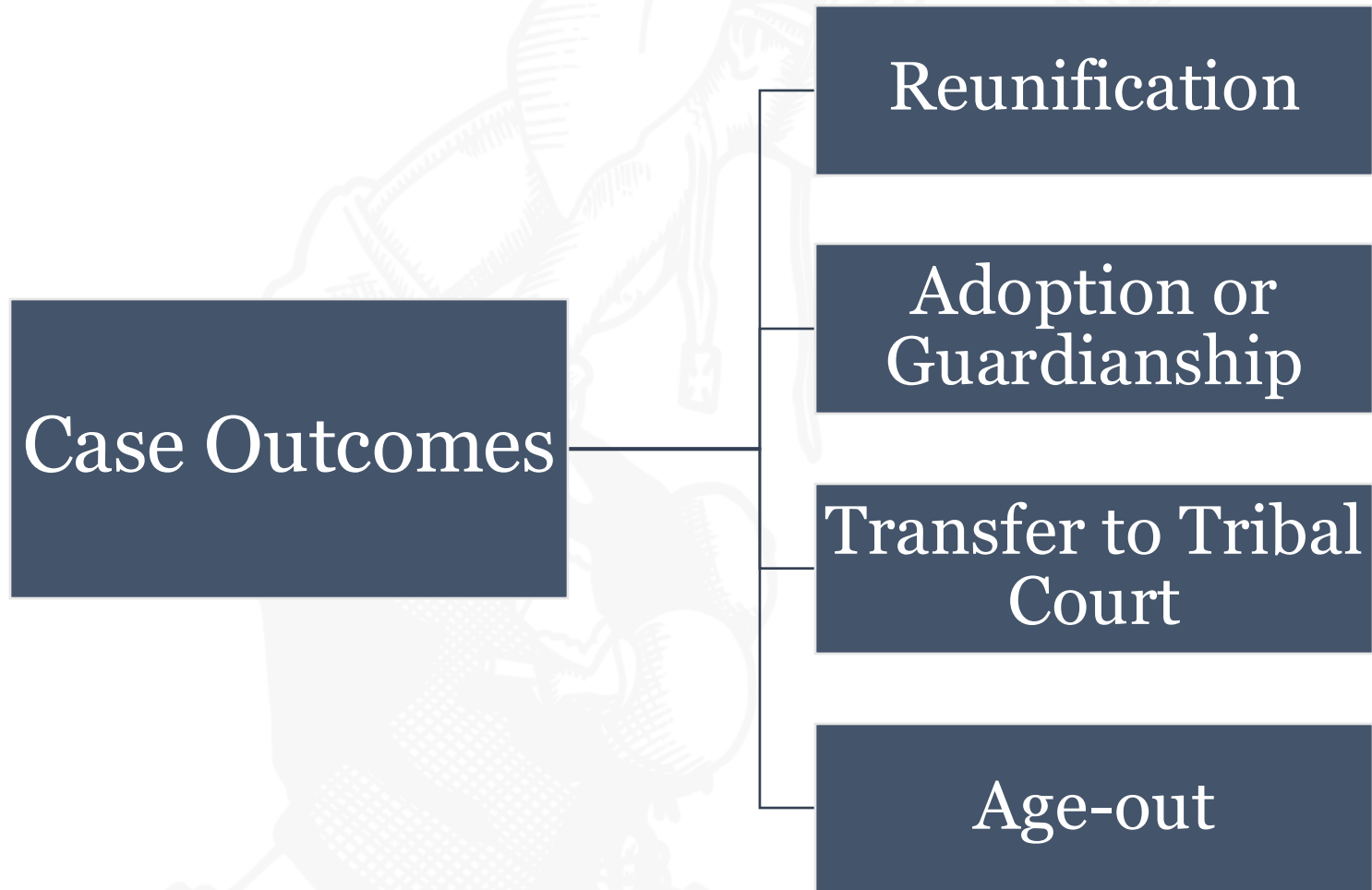
Outcomes Compared to General Population



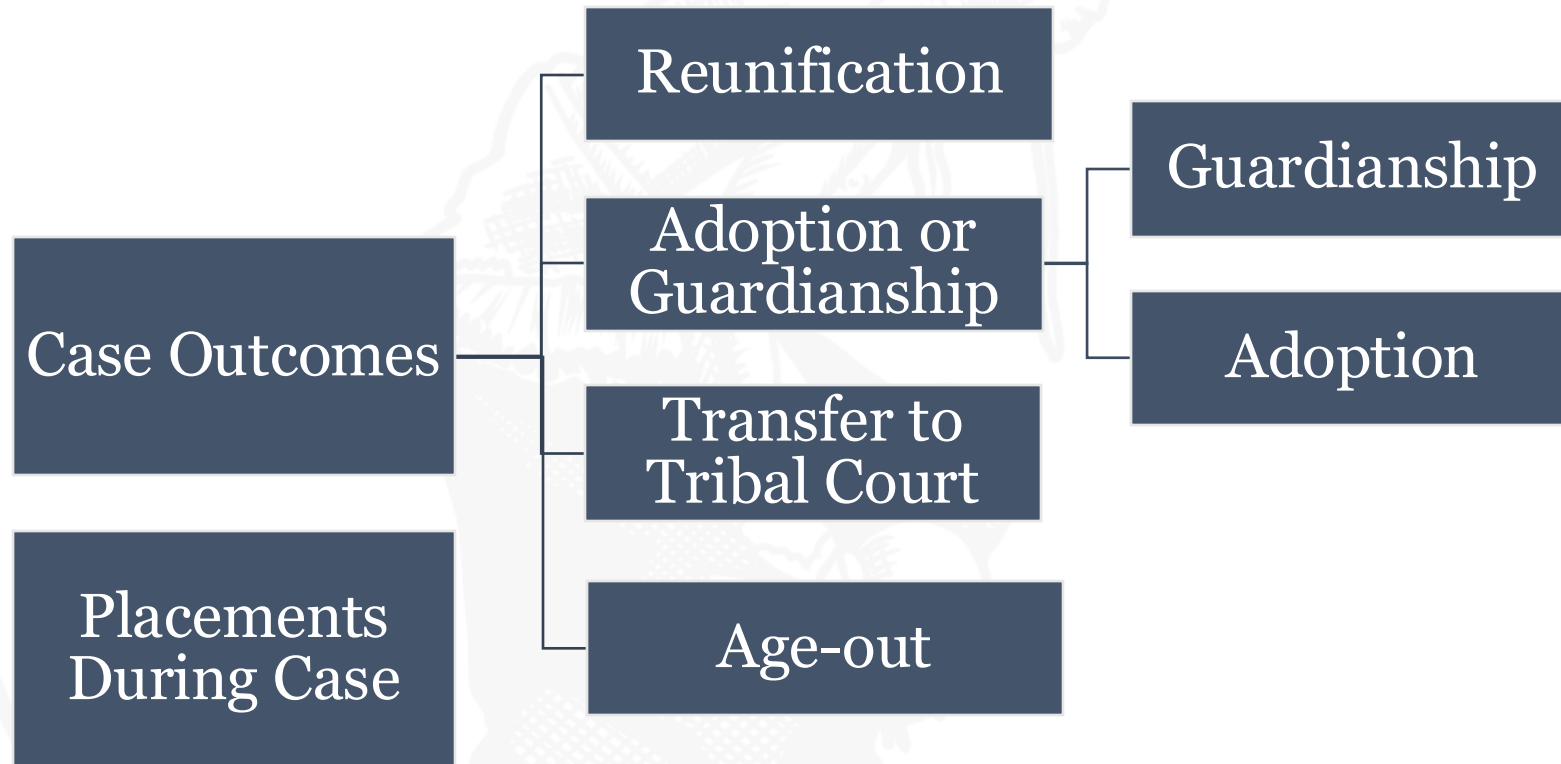


Finding Better ways to Help Families

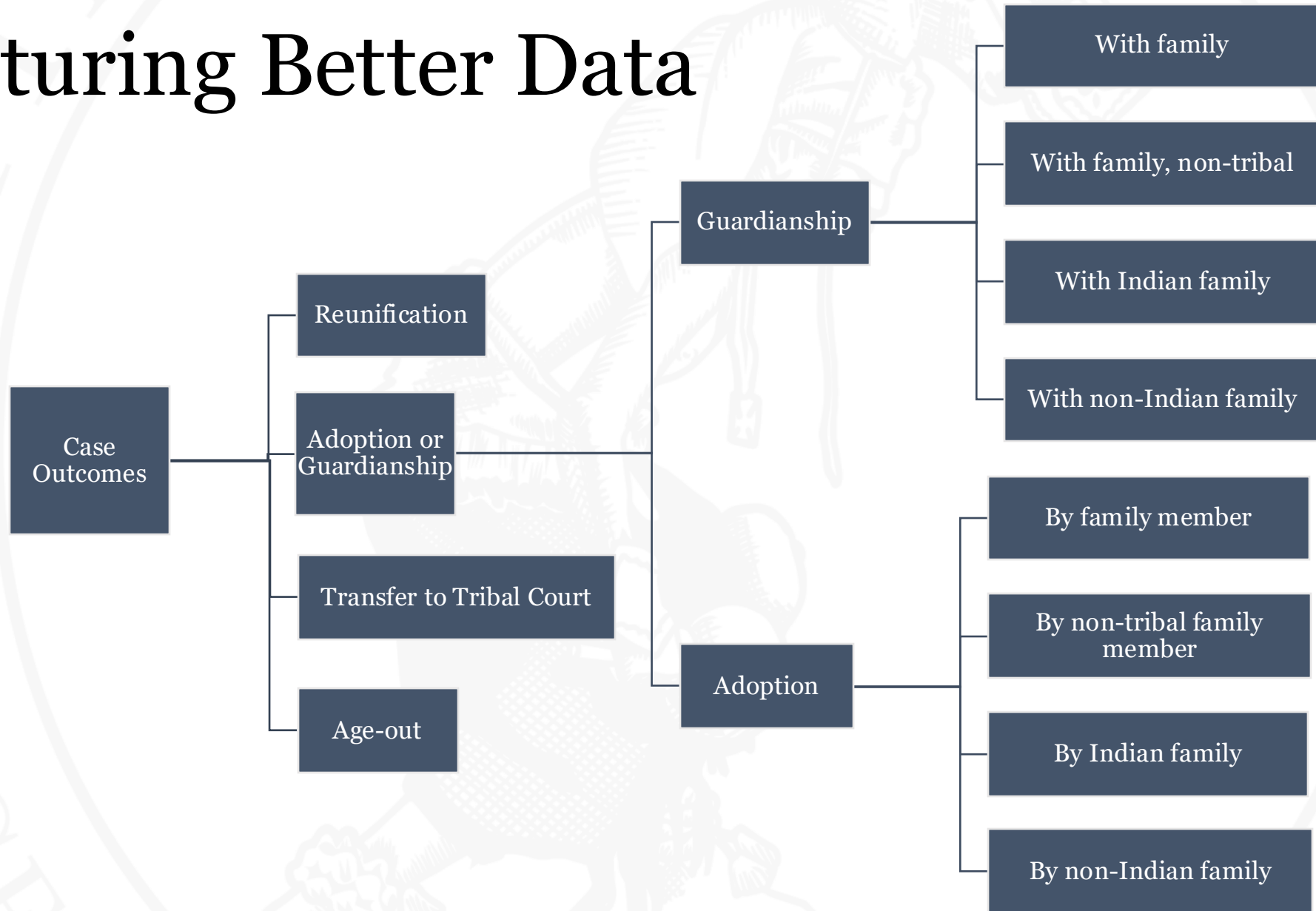
Capturing Case Data



Capturing Better Data



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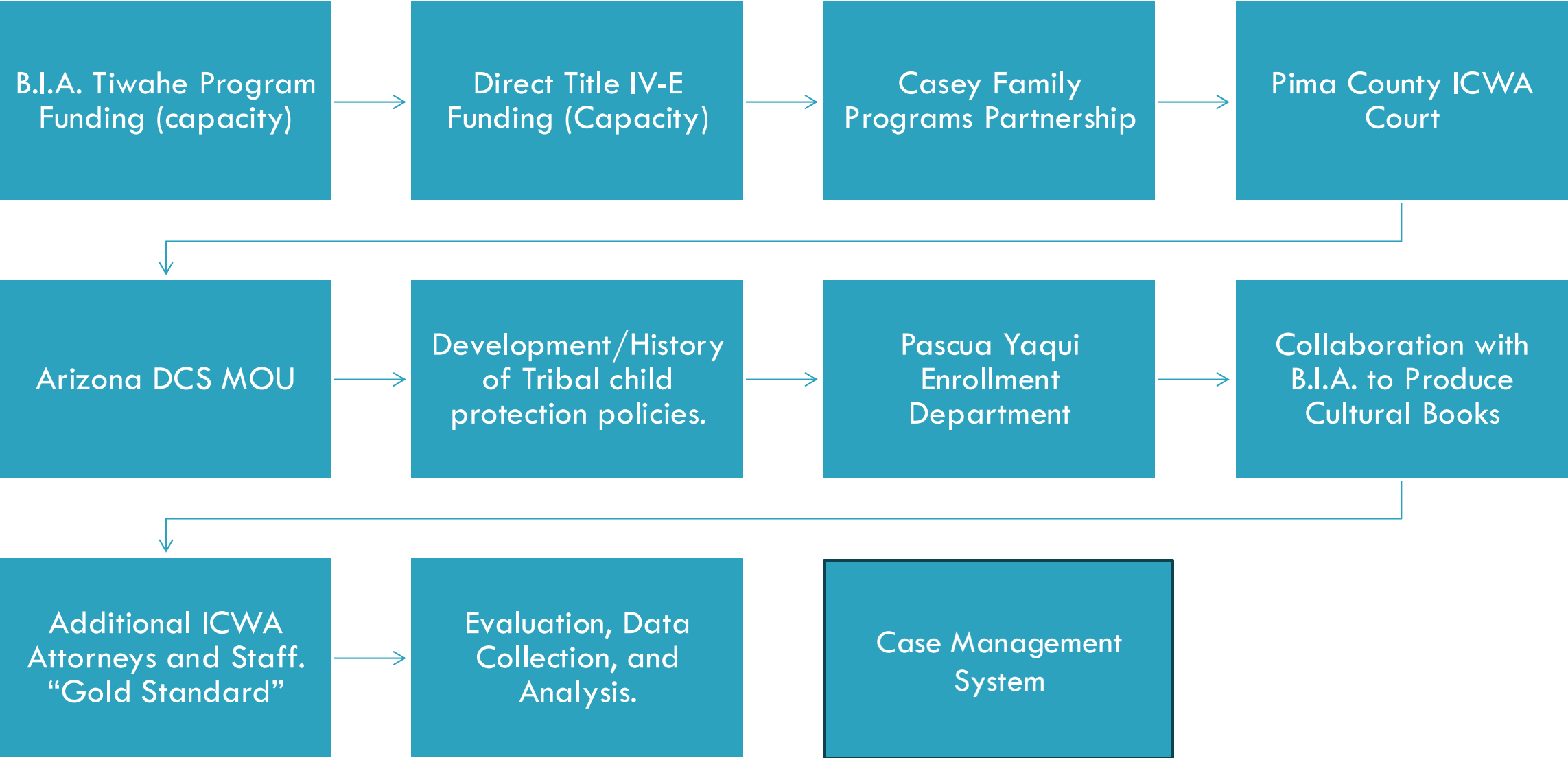
ICWA Child Placement Data Segments

Current Placements	With parent			
	With Yaqui Relative			
	unlicensed			
	Licensed by tribe			
	Licensed by state			
	With non-Yaqui Relative			
	unlicensed			
	Licensed by tribe			
	Licensed by state			
	Yaqui family, non-related			
	unlicensed			
	Licensed by tribe			
	Licensed by state			
	Indian Family unlicensed			
	Indian Family license by state			
	Foster home licensed by PY			
	Foster home licensed by State			
	In Behavioral Health facility			
	Group Home			
	Detention			
	Appla / Independent Living			
	Runaway			
	Hospital			

ICWA Case Closure Reasons

5	Pima County		
6		Open Cases	
7		Total Children	
8			
9	Cases	New cases this month	
10		Closed cases this month	
11			
12	Children	Children opened this month	
13		Children closed this month	
14			
15	Reason for closure	Reunified with parent	
16		Guardianship with relative	
17		Guardianship with relative, non-Yaqui	
18		Guardianship in Yaqui non-relative	
19		Guardianship in Indian family	
20		Guardianship, non-relative, non-Indian	
21		Adoption with Yaqui relative	
22		Adoption with relative, non-Yaqui	
23		Adoption with Yaqui non-relative	
24		Adoption with Indian family	
25		Adoption with non-relative, non-indian	
26		Age Out - APPLA	
27		Transfer to Tribal Court	


Collaboration & Solutions





The Path Forward





Reunification
Guardianship
Adoption
Transfer to Tribal Court
Age out

Solutions

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An enrollment dept. with capacity for rapid enrollment checks

ICWA social workers with capacity to act as QEW

ICWA attorneys to advocate in courts

A tribal constitution that delineates placement preferences

Community capacity for placement when children are removed

Community substance abuse treatment

Community counseling and therapy

Leveraging AI across large data sets for more accurate identification of community costs and resource deployment.



THANK YOU

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PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT



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Introduction

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe's objective is to prioritize ICWA and Child Dependency cases related to tribal enrollment matters.

The Tribe adopted by way of its Membership Ordinance the authority for the Enrollment Department to expedite enrollment verifications and processing of enrollment applications for ICWA and child dependency matters.

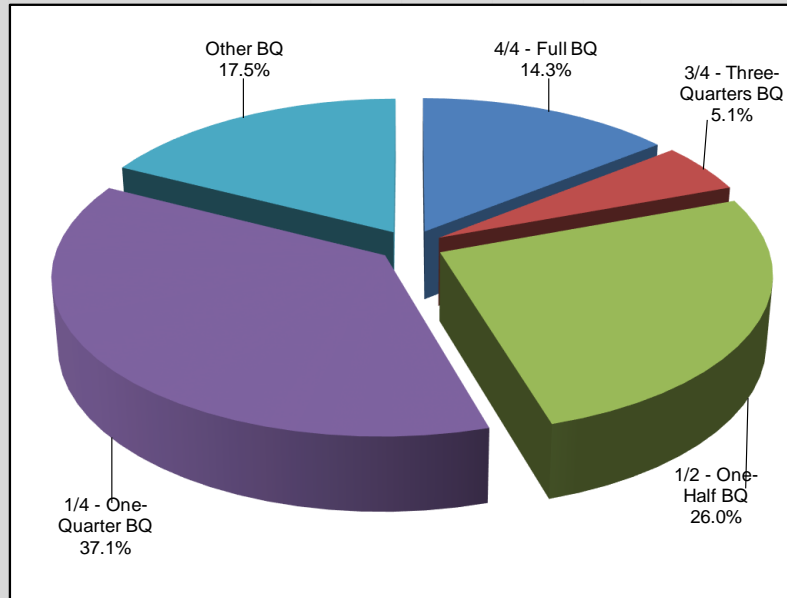
- ❖ The department has two full-time dedicated employees funded by BIA Tiwahe supporting ICWA/CPS matters.
 - Sr. Enrollment Research Specialist ICWA
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- ❖ Developed policies and procedures and standardized ICWA/CPS operating forms.

Enrollment Demographics

Dated July 10, 2024

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBAL ENROLLMENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2024

Yaqui Blood Quantum's	Totals	Percentages
4/4 - Full BQ	3067	14.3 %
3/4 - Three-Quarters BQ	1094	5.1 %
1/2 - One-Half BQ	5556	26.0 %
1/4 - One-Quarter BQ	7931	37.1 %
Other BQ	3739	17.5 %



Membership	
Members Living (Active)	21387
Members Deceased	3002
Members Living and Deceased	24389
Members Relinquished	221
Members Disenrolled	10
Members Dual Enrolled	2

Yaqui Communities	(using zip codes)	(using community field)
New Pascua	5162	3893
Old Pascua	758	351
Barrio Libre	692	126
Yoem Pueblo	132	75
Eloy	93	53
Coolidge	251	235
Penjamo	231	129
Hightown	108	52
Guadalupe	3549	3286

Overall Age Related Data	
0 to 17 years	3824
18 to 21 years	1488
22 to 30 years	3273
31 to 54 years	8271
55 to 64 years	2189
65+ years	2342

ICWA/CPS Verifications FY2024

Non-Enrolled = 551

Non-Enrolled (Eligible) = 18

Non-Enrolled (Less than 1/4) = 14

Enrolled = 15

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Membership – Legislative History

1963 Pascua Yaqui Association Eligibility: One-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Yaqui blood, ceremonially associated and living among the Yaqui people/community at the time of application.

1978 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Federally Recognized Established the Original Base Roll, one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) and U. S. Citizen.

1989 Approval Tribe's Constitution

Eligibility: Direct lineal descendants of original base roll members who possess one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Yaqui BQ and are U.S. Citizens. Corrections to the original base roll were made with BIA approval provided that new persons not be added to the roll.

1994 Open Enrollment Act (Public Law 103-357)

Eligibility: Possess one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Yaqui BQ, U.S. Citizens and applied for membership by October 14, 1997.

2015 PYT Constitution Amended

Eligibility: Direct lineal descendants or ***collateral persons NEW*** (Yaqui blood relatives with ties to PYT) who possess one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Yaqui BQ and are U.S. Citizens. Removed BIA from the tribe's enrollment processes that included their approval of Yaqui BQ modifications.

2005 PYT Blood Quantum Modification Procedures approved by the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council

To date, the department has formally made 1000+ Yaqui blood quantum modifications (corrections) to the original and current tribal roll.

Enrollment Verification Process

PYT is the authoritative source on whether a child is a tribal member, eligible or ineligible for membership.

- ❖ Enrollment verification is accomplished by utilizing various available resources; ProQuest/ancestry.com, PYT enrollment, genealogy and state vital records databases.
- ❖ Yaqui blood quantum verification also involves identifying and initiating if warranted corrections (increase) in Yaqui blood quantum.
- ❖ DNA for purposes of enrollment and confirmation of blood relatives is acceptable evidence to confirm paternity and kinship Yaqui blood relationships.
- ❖ Providing the necessary enrollment status and kinship reports to identify possible relative placement.

Enrollment Verification Process

Timely verifications to determine the enrollment category and status of the child.

- **Non-member** verification is based on NO ties to the tribe based on the information presented to the Enrollment Department. Important to document and track for reference.
- **Eligible** verification based on the information presented to the Enrollment Department that the child is eligible – considered preliminary.
- **Enrolled** verification does not necessarily have to be a CDIB, but a simple enrollment verification form as to not disclose blood quantum.
- **Kinship Reporting** - Perform extensive genealogy research providing to Social Services kinship reports to assist in identifying relative placement.

Enrollment Department Role Supporting ICWA

Developed inter-departmental procedures with PYT Social Services and the Office of the Attorney

General to support:

- Work closely with Social Workers to identify which children are eligible for enrollment but not yet enrolled and initiate the enrollment application process.
 - Enrollment will complete the application utilizing birth documents with confirmation of biological parents and information from the official membership records.
 - Assigned authorized Social Worker or Aid on behalf of the PYT will sign the enrollment application as the legal guardian of the child who is a ward of the court.
 - Expedite the processing of the enrollment application and provide update enrollment status to Social Services and the Office of the Attorney General.
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- Records Management – Helpful to flag your system and physical file to prevent from the unauthorized disclosure. Seal adoption records and creating a decoy file.
- Provide guidance to placement family on how to go about applying for tribal services – New Enrollee Packet.

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"Thank You"

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