

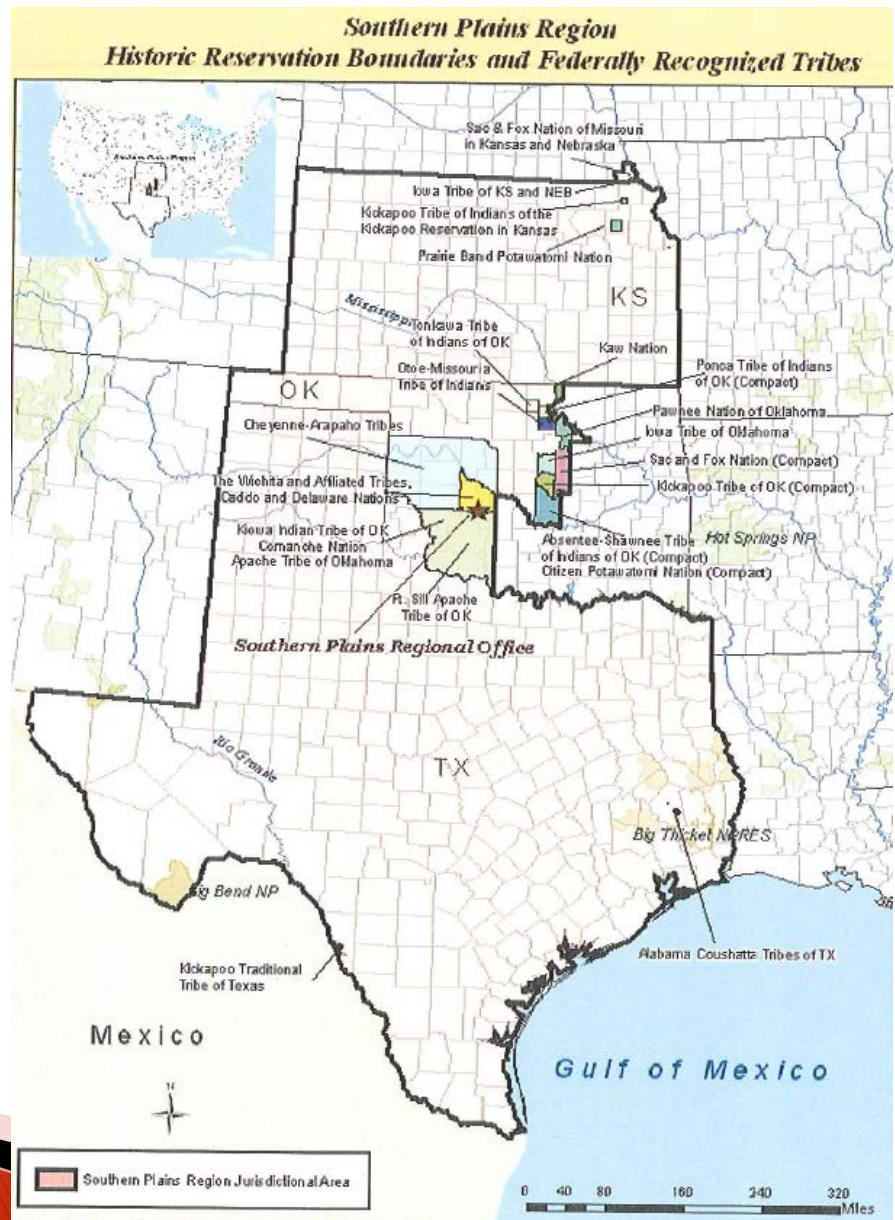
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Southern Plains Regional Office



National Budget Meeting – FY 2018

SOUTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL OFFICE JURISDICTION

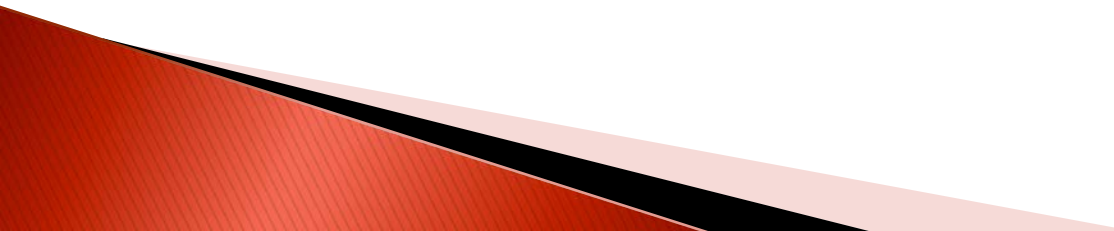


Regional Demographics

- ▶ Total Agencies \ Field Offices: 5
 - ▶ Total Tribes: 24
 - ▶ Total Reservations: 20
 - ▶ Total Acres: 479,015.38
 - ▶ Total Tribal Enrollment: 116,907
 - ▶ Total Programs Funded: 41
 - ▶ Total Employees: 225
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ANADARKO AGENCY

TRIBES:

- ▶ KIOWA
 - ▶ COMANCHE
 - ▶ APACHE
 - ▶ FT. SILL APACHE
 - ▶ CADDO
 - ▶ DELAWARE
 - ▶ WICHITA & AFFILIATED
 - ▶ SUPERINTENDENT: ROSE ROBERSON
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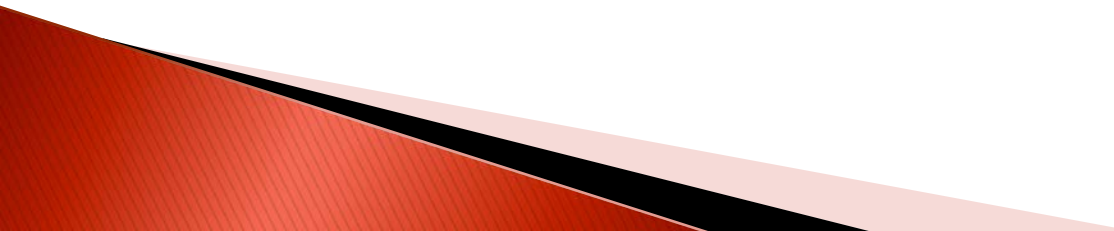
CONCHO AGENCY

TRIBES:

- ▶ CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO
 - ▶ SUPERINTENDENT: BETTY TIPPICONNIC

PAWNEE AGENCY

TRIBES:

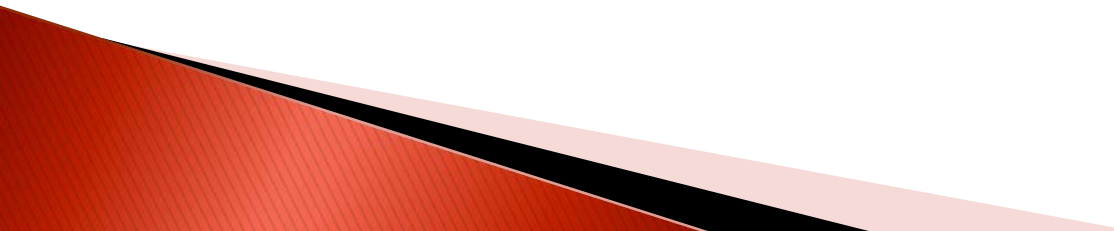
- ▶ KAW
 - ▶ OTOE–MISSOURIA
 - ▶ PAWNEE
 - ▶ PONCA
 - ▶ TONKAWA
 - ▶ ACTING SUPERINTENDENT: JEREMY LOVEKAMP
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HORTON AGENCY

TRIBES:

- ▶ IOWA TRIBE OF KS & NE
- ▶ KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KS
- ▶ PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI
- ▶ SAC & FOX OF MO
 - ▶ SUPERINTENDENT: ANTOINETTE HOULE

SHAWNEE FIELD OFFICE

- ▶ TRIBES:
 - ▶ ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE
 - ▶ CITIZEN POTAWATOMI
 - ▶ IOWA TRIBE OF OK
 - ▶ KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OK
 - ▶ SAC & FOX NATION OF OK
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REGIONAL OFFICE

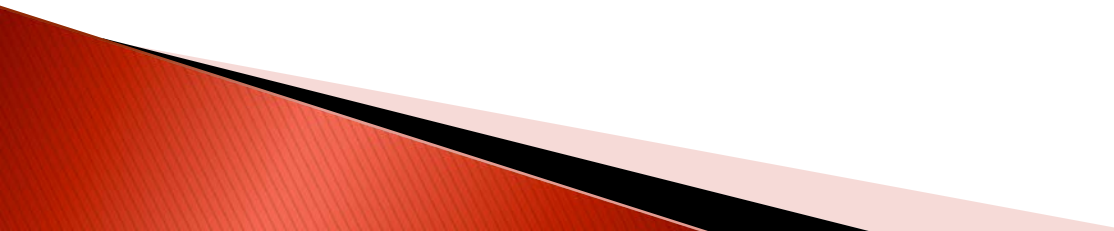
TRIBES:

- ▶ ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TX
- ▶ KICKAPOO TRADITIONAL TRIBE OF TX

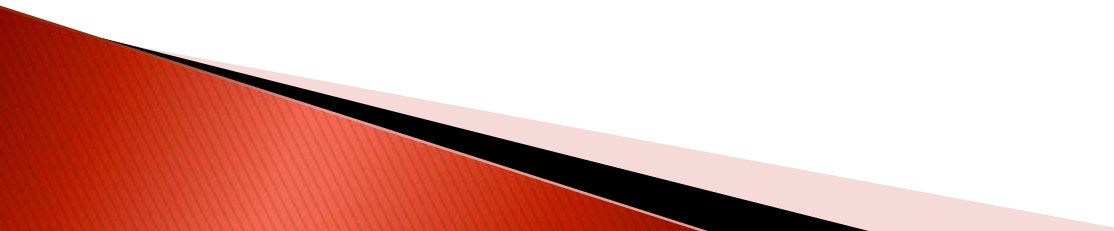
Budget Priorities

- ▶ Scholarships & Adult Education
 - ▶ Criminal Investigations
 - ▶ Tribal Courts
 - ▶ ICW
 - ▶ Social Services
 - ▶ Tribal Government
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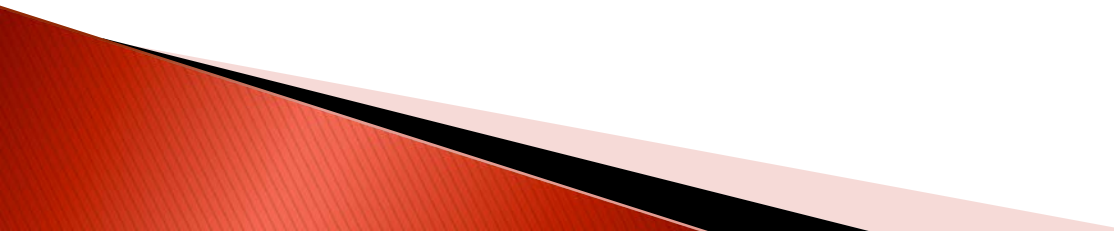
Scholarships & Adult Education

- ▶ Issues regarding Education continue to remain the same:
 - ▶ Rising tuition costs + deeper cuts in state funding + more students applying for Scholarships = Less \$\$ available per student
 - ▶ Even with federal assistance, students still have a huge unmet need;
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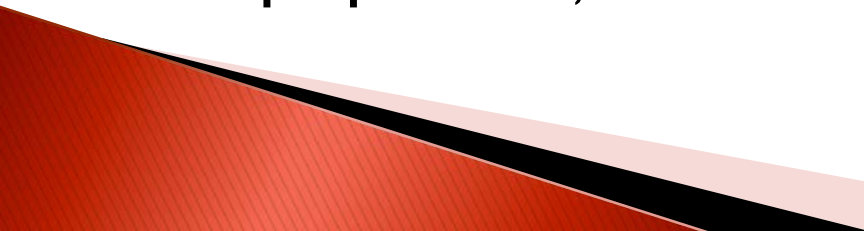
Scholarships & Adult Education

- ▶ Many Tribes have no resources to support students beyond a minimal amount;
 - ▶ Students are forced to take out student loans or drop out altogether;
 - ▶ Tribes cannot keep up with the demand at present funding levels
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Scholarships & Adult Education

- ▶ Increased funding is needed to enable tribal members to continue higher education goals;
 - ▶ Relieve financial burdens from struggling Indian families;
 - ▶ Increase the amount of assistance and number of applicants served;
 - ▶ Contribute to the success of Indian communities and families;
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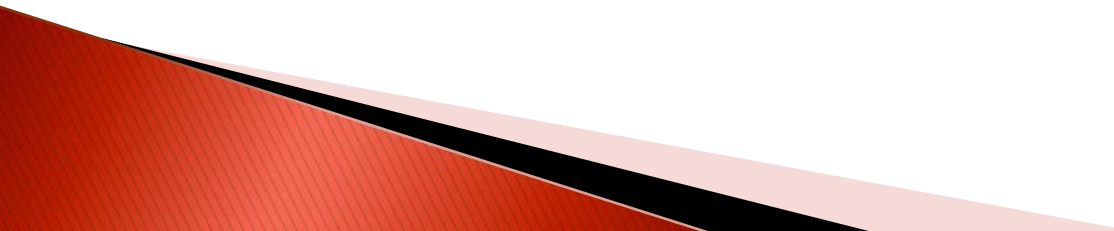
Criminal Investigations

- ▶ Approximately 70% of funds under Criminal Investigations & Police Services are executed at the tribal level under P.L. 93-638 or Self-Governance compacts;
 - ▶ Most of the funding is used for employee salaries and benefits;
 - ▶ Major non-labor costs include vehicles & equipment;
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Criminal Investigations, Continued

- ▶ Due to inadequate funding tribes are forced to supplement their programs from other tribally generated resources;
- ▶ Tribes are hard pressed to provide adequate staff, training and other tactical equipment such as:
 - ▶ Uniforms, Firearms, Ballistic vests, Tasers and advanced training for officers;

Criminal Investigations, Continued

- ▶ Drug use & Distribution remains a major factor in violent crime and seriously impacts the health and safety of Indian communities;
 - ▶ Suicide Prevention Programs a great need;
 - ▶ Recent BIA study clearly reveals results linked to resources; as funding increased, violent crimes decreased
 - ▶ When funding was reduced, violent crime increased;
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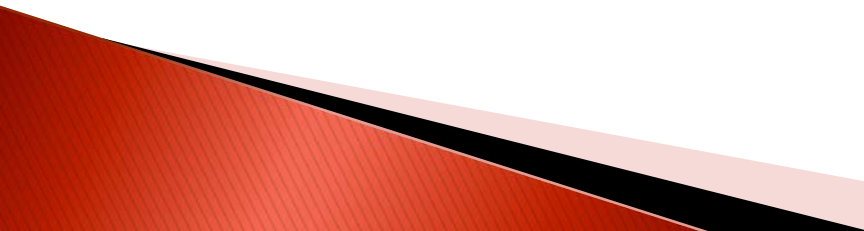
Criminal Investigations, Continued

Increase in funding is needed for tribes to ensure public safety and reduce the number of violent crimes in their communities;

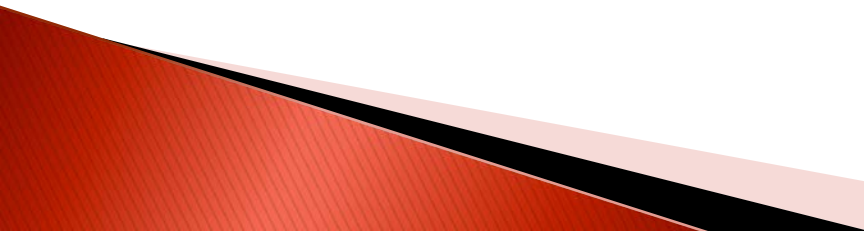
Would provide adequate resources for vehicle replacement, upgrading communication and tactical equipment;

Provide resources for advanced training for tribal officers and opportunities for community outreach;

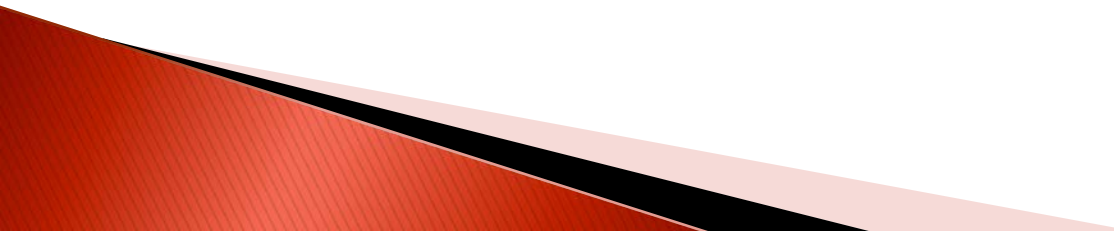
Tribal Courts

- ▶ Tribes utilize this funding for salaries and related administrative costs for judges, prosecutors, public defenders, court clerks and other court support staff central to the operation of tribal justice systems;
 - ▶ Tribal court systems are evolving and need to grow to meet the increasing demands of tribal communities and;
 - ▶ Increased demands of TLOA & VAWA require courts to expand judicial capabilities;
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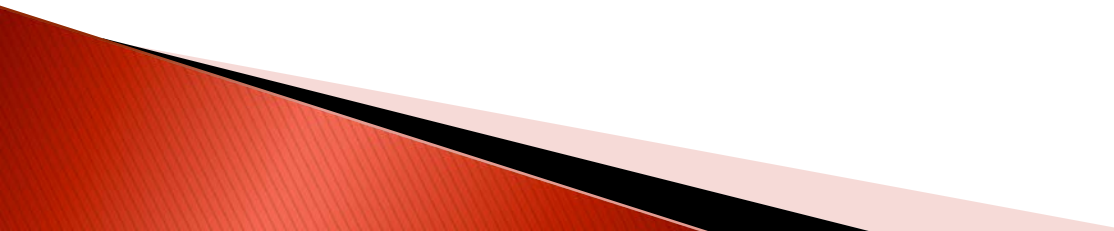
Tribal Courts, continued

- ▶ Increased funding is needed to for tribes to keep pace with the demands of federal requirements;
 - ▶ Increase court days;
 - ▶ Reduce caseloads;
 - ▶ Address space, equipment and personnel issues;
 - ▶ And continue to dispense fair and equitable justice within their communities;
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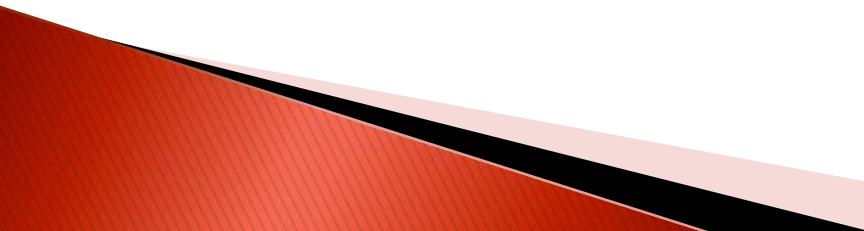
Indian Child Welfare

- ▶ Ultimate goal of the ICWA is to prevent the separation of Indian families;
 - ▶ Provide assistance for the reunification of Indian families;
 - ▶ Requirements of federal, state and tribal laws involve an immense amount of time and attention;
 - ▶ Result has been an increased caseload and associated responsibilities to tribes without increasing necessary resources;
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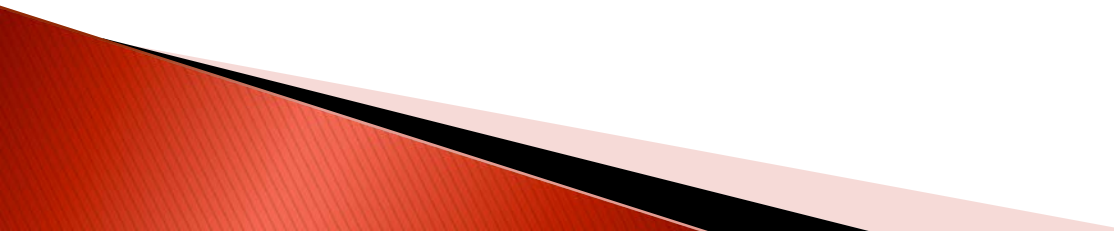
ICW, continued

- ▶ Increase in funds are needed for tribes to hire and train adequate staff;
 - ▶ Reduce the staff to client ratio;
 - ▶ Conduct community outreach and education;
 - ▶ Workshops to enhance tribal culture and traditional values to children & youth;
 - ▶ Financial support for foster parents & foster parent recruitment;
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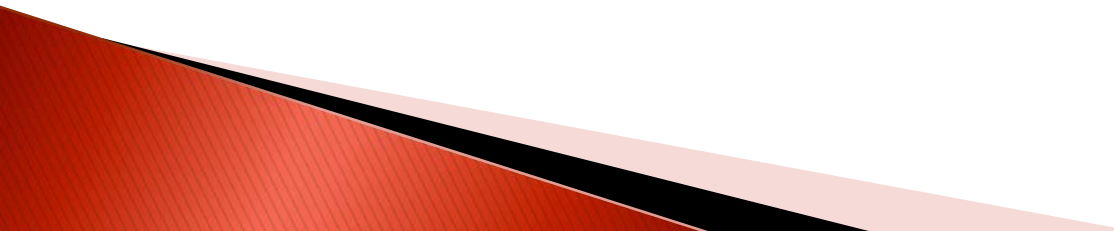
Social Services

- ▶ Social workers are the first responders for child and family services on reservations and Indian country;
 - ▶ Tribal social workers manage caseloads that are double and sometimes triple the national standard of the client to staff ratio;
 - ▶ High unemployment rates increase the need for extended services for many clients;
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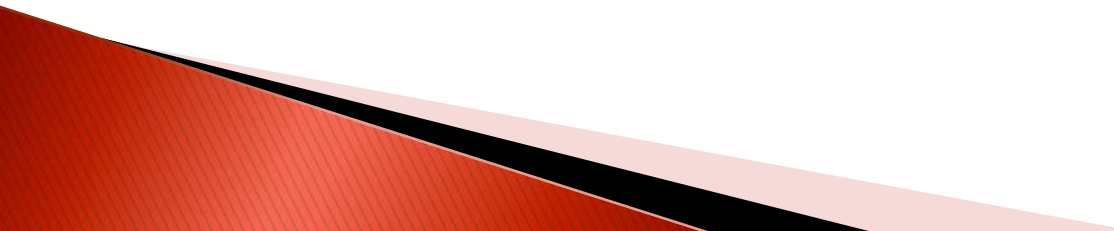
Social Service, Continued

- ▶ Limited resources reduces the amount of assistance to needy families;
 - ▶ Increase in funding is needed to reduce the client to staff ratio allowing tribes to improve quality of services to the clients;
 - ▶ To focus on expanding the initiatives of Tiwahe in support for youth and families;
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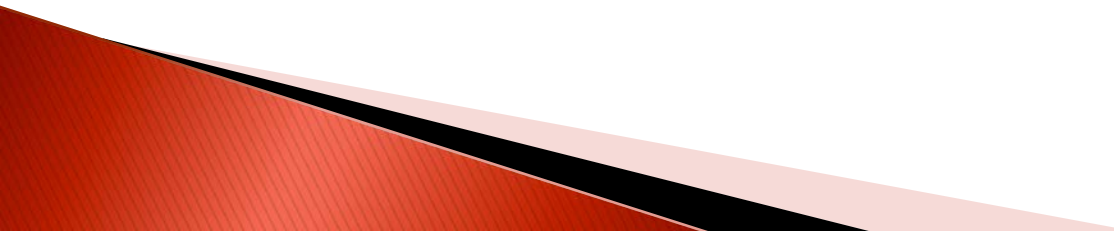
Tribal Government

- ▶ Indian Nations have always held self-governance and self-determination as their inherent right as a sovereign people;
 - ▶ Federal Policy required tribes to adopt standardized, non-conforming and foreign constitutions in order to be recognized as sovereign nations;
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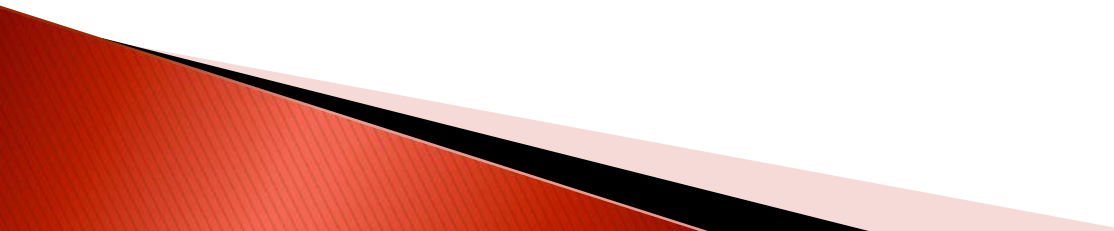
Tribal Government, continued

- ▶ Tribes are faced with the need to reorganize and develop tribal constitutions and governments that are more compatible with their tribal laws, customs and policies;
 - ▶ Overall, funding has not been sufficient to address all of the requirements and needs for strong and stable tribal governments;
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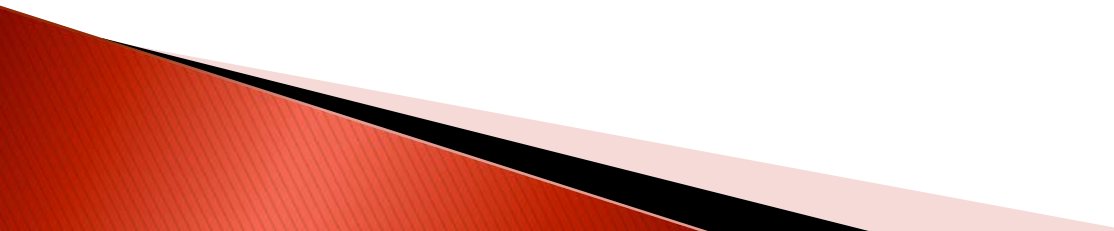
Tribal Government, continued

- ▶ Increased funding is needed for tribes to reform and modernize their governments and programs;
 - ▶ Upgrade equipment and data systems;
 - ▶ Hire qualified staff in key positions;
 - ▶ Improve communication and services to tribal members;
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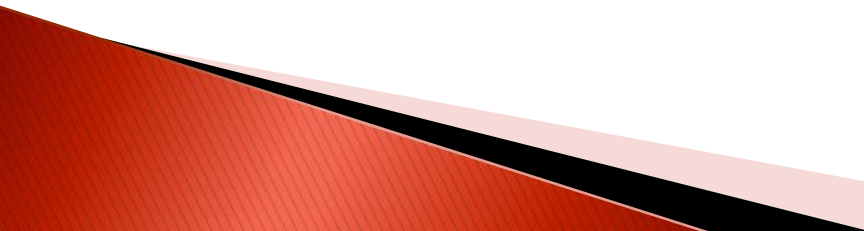
OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS

- ▶ Emergency Management: Tribes looking for resources to respond to emergencies \ natural and man-made disasters other than FEMA;
 - ▶ Fracking activities believed to be linked to increased earthquakes in Oklahoma;
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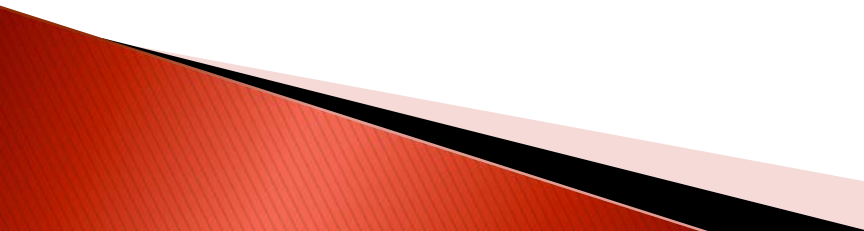
OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS, continued

- ▶ JOM: Tribes concerned with getting an accurate student count and increasing JOM assistance which is currently at \$66.00 per student;
 - ▶ Adult Education: Revision in regulations that disqualify Indian students living in non-service areas;
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OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS, continued

- ▶ Contract Support Costs: Ongoing issue in regards to being fully funded during Continuing Resolutions;
 - ▶ Discretionary vs. Mandatory: How to approach Congress & Senate on declaring tribe's funding mandatory;
 - ▶ TPA: How can funding levels (formulas) be re-evaluated to address Tribal Unmet Needs;
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OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS, continued

- ▶ SEQUESTERED FUNDS:
 - ▶ Sequestered funds should be restored at the tribal level as a first priority;
 - ▶ Requiring tribes to pay for the federal government's shortfall by reducing funds and services to tribes is not an acceptable solution;
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2018 Funding Request

- ▶ SCHOLARSHIPS &
ADULT EDUCATION: +\$2,141,088
- ▶ CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: +\$1,762,768
- ▶ TRIBAL COURTS: +\$1,461,399
- ▶ ICW: +\$1,348,108
- ▶ SOCIAL SERVICES: +\$1,237,249
- ▶ TRIBAL GOVERNMENT: +\$1,047,366

Thank you!

