

# EARLY CHILDHOOD TRIBAL COALITION

## Mission Statement:

*Center Tribal Voices, Nurture Our Future,  
Build Stronger Communities Through Early Education*

## Coalition Goals:

- Building a sustainable, tribal-led coalition that can continue advocating for the needs of Native children and families.
- Expanding access to culturally relevant early childhood education programs that incorporate Indigenous languages, traditions, and practices.
- Advocating for policy change to ensure equitable funding and resources for Native communities.
- Promoting Indigenous languages and cultural traditions as an integral part of early childhood education.

## Who:

- **Active Members:** Individuals who self-identify as American Indian and/or Alaska Native, working in early childhood or connected to tribal communities in Montana (including parents, caregivers, educators, and elders).
- **Allies:** Non-tribal individuals or organizations & must work directly work with tribal communities and families (urban or rural)
- **Support Network Members:** Those who stay connected through the listserv, receive updates, and uplift the work without participating in monthly meetings.

## What:

We nurture and sustain a strong, tribal-led early childhood coalition in Montana.

## Why:

We believe collective action can strengthen early learning systems, center tribal voices, and create meaningful change for Native children and families.



## Principles and Values:

1. **Equity:** We prioritize equitable representation and participation of families and providers from each Montana tribe, ensuring that all voices are heard and valued.
2. **Awareness:** We aim to bring awareness to the unique needs and experiences of tribal communities, engaging families to share their lived experiences and advocate for policies that reflect their needs.
3. **Collaboration:** We foster collaboration, utilizing diverse perspectives and expertise to develop inclusive and effective solutions.
4. **Cultural Safety:** We honor and respect the cultural heritage and traditions of Native families, recognizing their expertise, strengths, and resilience.
5. **Accountability:** We are committed to accountability and transparency in our actions, utilizing appropriate tools to develop a clear understanding of early childhood experiences and identify areas for improvement.

## How to Get Involved:

Joining is simple!

Scan this QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/ECTC-agreement>  
You can sign up as an Active Member, Ally, or Support Network Member, receive updates, and stay connected to upcoming opportunities.



Together, we will shape policies and initiatives that reflect the diverse needs of Montana's tribal communities and promote equitable early childhood development statewide.

We look forward to collaborating with you to create positive change for Montana's youngest learners and their families.

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