

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

MDHHS Protocol for LRBOI Children

CPS COMPLAINTS ON LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS LAND

Upon being assigned a CPS complaint regarding a child who lives on Tribal land, please contact Jason Cross. Do not enter Tribal land to conduct a CPS investigation without first notifying Mr. Cross. Once notified, Mr. Cross will assign a tribal case manager to conduct the investigation alongside the CPS worker.

Jason Cross
Director of Family Services
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
231-398-6736
jcross@lrboi-nsn.gov

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY CPS COMPLAINTS ON LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS' LAND

If there is an emergency involving a Native child outside of normal business hours, please request the assistance of Tribal Police prior to entering Tribal land. You can reach Tribal Police by contacting Manistee County Central Dispatch: 231-723-6241. Please contact Jason Cross the following business day.

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MDHHS-5598 AND INITIAL ACTION AFTER CONTACT WITH A POTENTIAL NATIVE CHILD

Upon receiving information that a child may be a member or eligible for membership in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the case worker must contact Shayne Machen.

Shayne Machen
Tribal Prosecutor
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
231-398-2242
shayne_machen@lrboi-nsn.gov

Mrs. Machen will inform appropriate tribal staff about the inquiry.

Once you've contacted the Tribal Prosecutor, submit your MDHHS-5598 in accordance with DHHS NAA 200. While waiting for a response to the MDHHS-5598 request, work with the Prosecutor and other tribal representatives to investigate the CPS complaint, provide active efforts, and/or provide support to the family to prevent removal.

PROVIDING ACTIVE EFFORTS OR SUPPORT TO THE FAMILY

The Little River Band has numerous support services and types of assistance they can provide families in need. These support services are specifically designed to avoid removal of a child from his or her home. Please contact Jason Cross for information about services available to families.

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