

# Child Welfare Policy Manual

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## Questions & Answers

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### 6.3C ICWA

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**1. Question: Are state title IV-E agencies required to build electronic data exchanges with federally recognized Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) requirements of paragraph 1355.52(b)(3)?**

**Answer:** No. The regulations do not require a data exchange between CCWIS and federally recognized Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia. However, section 1355.54 permits this optional data exchange. Optional data exchanges proposed by a title IV-E agency and approved by ACF may qualify for CCWIS cost allocation as described at section 1355.57.

- **Source/Date:** 10/27/2016
- **Legal and Related References:** 45 CFR 1355.52(b)(3); 45 CFR 1355.54; 45 CFR 1355.57; 81 FR 35450 at 35455, 35471 and 35473 - 35475 (issued June 2, 2016); 80 FR 48200 at 48207 - 48208, 48218 - 48219, and 48220 - 58222 (issued August 11, 2016)