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(S.D.)-Native Americans Discuss Foster Care Program



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Tribal members from South Dakota gathered Monday in Rapid City to discuss how they could form their own tribal-run foster care system.

Foster care among Native American children was the main topic of morning conversation during the first day of a three-day meeting of Sioux tribes. The meeting is the third in a series of quarterly summits between the state's nine tribes.

Tribal members discussed potential models for Native-run foster care systems. On the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the Oglala Sioux Tribe runs a foster care system that is partially funded by the state of South Dakota. Although it must follow South Dakota rules, it focuses on traditional Lakota cultures.

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