

§2-4-2 Personal Jurisdiction

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, the Nez Perce Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction over any child who is a member or eligible to become a member of the Nez Perce Tribe no matter where domiciled, residing, or found and any other Indian child domiciled or found within the territorial boundaries of the Nez Perce Tribe; and, to the extent permitted by federal law, any child who is charged as an adult for the commission of a Covered Crime under Section 4.10.005(G) within the territorial boundaries of the Nez Perce Tribe. The Court may decline jurisdiction where a forum with concurrent jurisdiction is exercising its authority or in cases where neither the child nor either parent is a Reservation resident in cases where justice may require declination.

(b) To the extent necessary to make a proper disposition of the case, the Nez Perce Tribal Court shall have authority to exercise jurisdiction over all persons having the care, custody or control of a child over whom the Court exercises jurisdiction. This authority shall include the power to punish for contempt whether or not such contempt is committed in its presence.