

# CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT–STATE COURT FORUM

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### **Beyond the Bench 24: Uniting for a Better Future**

Beyond the Bench 24: Uniting for a Better Future will take place December 19–20, 2017 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, with pre-conference events on December 18, 2017. This multidisciplinary statewide conference is devoted to meaningful physical, remote, and equal access to the justice system for those involved—voluntarily or involuntarily—with the court system. The conference will bring together over 1,200 participants—including judges, local, state, and tribal court leaders, attorneys, probation officers, social workers, family court professionals, court users, researchers, policy makers, volunteers, and other court-related professionals from across California.

The entire agenda for Beyond the Bench 24 will be of interest, and the agenda includes a number of sessions and events of particular interest to the Tribal Court–State Court Forum. Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> will feature a session addressing the California ICWA Compliance Task Force Report and recommendations as well as work underway to implement those recommendations. The session will include feature representatives from the California ICWA Compliance Task Force, the Bureau of Children’s Justice, the California Tribal Families Coalition, the California Department of Social Services Office of Tribal Affairs, the Forum and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Tuesday evening will include a screening of the documentary “Tribal Justice” which features Judges Abby Abinanti and Claudette White. Both Judges will be in attendance at the screening. There are two sessions focused on tribal issues including a session on the new federal ICWA regulations and guidelines and the issues California will have to address in implementing them and a workshop addressing trafficking in tribal communities. This workshop will provide background information that will include definitions of trafficking, brief overview of historical trauma, factors that impact trafficking within tribal communities that can differ from other communities, model examples of trafficking prevention or programs created in tribal communities, legal information, resources available to Native American survivors of trafficking and best practice when conducting outreach or partnering with tribal communities.

You can register for Beyond the Bench here



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<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

## IN THE NEWS

### [Governor Brown signs AB 738](#)

**California Legislative Information - October 9, 2017**

AB 738, Limón. Pupil instruction: Native American studies: model curriculum.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include, among other subjects, the social sciences. Existing law requires the State Board of Education, with the assistance of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to establish a list of textbooks and other instructional materials that highlight the contributions of minorities in the development of California and the United States. Existing law establishes the Instructional Quality Commission and requires the commission to, among other things, recommend curriculum frameworks to the state board.

This bill would require the commission to develop, and the state board to adopt, modify, or revise, a model curriculum in Native American studies, and would encourage each school district and charter school that maintains any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that does not otherwise offer a standards-based Native American studies curriculum to offer a course of study in Native American studies based on the model curriculum. The bill would require the model curriculum to be developed with participation from specified entities, including, among others, certain Native American tribes, and would require the Governor's Tribal Advisor, the Native American Heritage Commission, and the State Department of Education to assist the commission in statewide tribal consultations with those tribes. The bill would provide that implementation of its provisions is subject to the receipt of grants, donations, or other financial support from private or public sources for its purposes, including, but not limited to, an appropriation in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

### [Fifty-year legal fight ends with five North County tribes getting their water back](#)

**The San Diego Union-Tribune – October 12, 2017**

By J. Harry Jones, Contact Reporter

In 1967, Robert Pelcyger was a newly minted lawyer who knew little about the rights of Native Americans and even less about water rights.

### [AK: State Native leaders say Tara Sweeney is well suited for Trump's top Indian affairs job](#)

**Alaska Dispatch News - October 17, 2017**

Tara Sweeney, 44 and an executive vice president of Arctic Slope Regional Corp., is being nominated by President Donald Trump to the nation's top post with oversight over Native American matters. If the U.S. Senate confirms his pick, she'll be the first Alaska Native and the second woman to hold the position of assistant secretary of Interior for Indian affairs.

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

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## [OK: Cherokee Nation, grappling with opioid crisis, takes legal action \(Includes video\)](#)

**CBS News - October 18, 2017**

Oklahoma has one of the most severe opioid problems in the nation, and it's especially bad in the 14 counties that make up the Cherokee Nation. "It's devastating to our people," said Todd Hembree, the Cherokee Nation's attorney general. Earlier this year, he sued America's three largest pharmacies -- Walmart, Walgreens and CVS -- and the three largest prescription drug distributors, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson. "They know what they are doing is wrong and they need to be held accountable," Hembree said.

## [AK: State Attorney General says all 229 Alaska tribes are sovereign](#)

**Alaska Public Media - October 20, 2017**

By Zachariah Hughes

Delegates were told of a major new decision by the state Attorney General's office, which seeks to resolve decades of legal battles by concluding that Alaska's 229 tribes are fully sovereign entities. The move is a win for tribal and indigenous advocates who have long-contended they have equal jurisdiction and standing with the State of Alaska. The news came just one day after the governor signed an unprecedented compact with tribal entities that gives them potential control over child welfare policies.

## [Alaska AG Opinion on Tribal Self-Governance](#)

**Turtle Talk - October 24, 2017**

By Kate Fort

## [New Zealand attorney joins Yurok tribal justice system](#)

**Del Norte Triplicate – October 24, 2017**

by Jessica Cejnar

The Yurok Tribe welcomed New Zealand attorney Maia Wikaira into their tribal justice system Thursday, calling the relationship with her a "bridge of sovereignty from the shores of Requa all the way to her home village."

## [AK: 'Historic day' as state partners with Tribes to provide child services \(Commentary\)](#)

**Alaska Journal of Commerce - October 25, 2017**

Alaska could save millions of dollars by transferring services through a "historic compact" signed by Gov. Bill Walker and tribes to provide child welfare services. The new compact recognizes the authority of Alaska Tribes to provide services previously only delivered through the Office of Children's Services. Lauded as the first of its kind in the U.S., it was signed at the 51st annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention Oct. 19.

## [TX: Attorney general sues feds, seeks to help family adopt Native American 2-year-old](#)

**Texas Tribune - October 26, 2017**

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing the federal government over a law that seeks to keep Native American children from being separated from their families. Paxton filed a lawsuit Wednesday in federal district court arguing that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which dates back to 1978, is unconstitutional and should be struck down. The lawsuit is on behalf of a non-Native American foster family from Texas that wants to adopt a Native American boy.

## [US: Supreme Court won't take up race-based challenge to Indian Child Welfare Act \(Commentary\)](#)

**Indianz - October 30, 2017**

Another conservative attack on the Indian Child Welfare Act has been rebuffed by the nation's highest court. Without comment, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition in *S.S. v. Colorado River Indian Tribes*. The action, which came in an order list on Monday morning, lets stand a decision from Arizona, where opponents of ICWA tried to undermine the landmark law by claiming it is based on "race."

## [Supreme Court Declines to Take S.S. v. CRIT \(ICWA case\)](#)

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By Kate Fort

[Here](#) is the order.

[Here](#) are the documents.

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## [Idaho SCT Enforces Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court Order against Nonmembers](#)

**Turtle Talk - November 6, 2017**

Matthew L.M. Fletcher

Here is the [opinion in Coeur d'Alene Tribe v. Johnson.](#) (PDF)

## [Texas and Prospective Adoptive Parents File Constitutional Challenge to ICWA and Regulations](#)

**Turtle Talk - October 26, 2017**

By Kate Fort

Complaint [here](#) (northern district of Texas).

Additional documents will be posted [here](#).

## [Federal Court Rejects Effort to Enforce Settlement Agreement in Tribal Court](#)

**Turtle Talk - November 6, 2017**

**Matthew L.M. Fletcher**

Here are the materials in Enerplus Resources (USA) Corporation v. Wilkinson (D.N.D.):

[78 Motion for Summary J](#)

[84 Response](#)

[85 Reply](#)

[91 DCT Order](#)

CA8 materials [here](#).

## Publications

**Assessing the Research on Home Visiting Program Models Implemented in Tribal Communities.**

**[Part 1: Evidence of Effectiveness. Updated August 2017.](#)**

[OPRE Report 2017-60a](#) Mathematica Policy Research.

Esposito, Andrea Mraz. Coughlin, Rebecca. Malick, Steven. Sama-Miller, Emily. Grosso, Patricia Del. Kleinman, Rebecca. Paulsell, Diane.

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## [US: The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Releases Indian Child Welfare Act Judicial Benchbook \(Press release\)](#)

[Benchbook](#)

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges - October 31, 2017**

Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 to address the widespread practice of state entities removing American Indian and Alaskan Native children from their homes and families. Congressional findings memorialized in ICWA included "an alarmingly high percentage of Indian families are broken up by the removal, often unwarranted, of their children from them by non-tribal public and private agencies and that a high percentage of such children are placed in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes and institutions." "In order to best serve the children and families of our community, we must develop and support collaboration between state and tribal court systems," said Hon. Richard Blake, Hoopa Valley Tribe, president, National American Indian Court Judges Association.

## [New R2P Brief - Disrespect of Our Elders: Elder Abuse in Indian Country](#) [National Adult Protective Services Association](#)

By Jacqueline Gray, Ph.D.

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), in conjunction with the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) are pleased to release a new Research to Practice (R2P) Brief, titled [Disrespect of Our Elders: Elder Abuse in Indian Country](#) by Dr Jacqueline Gray. This brief is a follow-up to the [webinar of this subject](#). The R2P series links cutting-edge research with everyday practice in adult protective services. This brief and others are [available on our website](#).

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## Announcements

**Tribal Justice** is now available to law schools, universities, colleges, high schools and other educational institutions for classroom use, as well as to museums, libraries, etc., through the distributor, **Bullfrog Films**. Please visit: [www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/tjso.html](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/tjso.html)

Makepeace Productions is now screening **Tribal Justice** at conferences, law schools, workshops, and community events, often followed by Q+As with director Anne Makepeace and/or the film's featured Tribal Judges. Many of our outreach screenings also include panels with local tribal and/or state court judges, scholars, and other experts. To arrange a screening for your organization, please visit our **Outreach Page** or email [TribalJusticeFilm@gmail.com](mailto:TribalJusticeFilm@gmail.com).

### **NCJFCJ Releases Indian Child Welfare Act Judicial Benchbook**

**October 31, 2017**

*Publication Improves Court Practice in Indian Child Welfare Act Cases*

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) has announced the release of the **Indian Child Welfare Act Judicial Benchbook** to improve court practice for judges in handling Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases.

### **BJS proposes new data collections on state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor offices in PL-280 states serving tribal lands.**

BJS encourages comments for 60 days until December 12, 2017, on two new data collections: **Survey of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies in PL-280 States Serving Tribal Lands** and **Survey of Prosecutor Offices in PL-280 States Serving Tribal Lands**. Your comments to BJS's requests to the Office of Management and Budget, published in the Federal Register, should address points such as—

- whether the proposed data collection is necessary, including whether the information will have practical utility
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions
- whether and how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced
- the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

For more information on BJS publications, data collections, data analysis tools, and funding opportunities, [visit BJS online](#).

### **OJJDP Launches Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center Website**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center has launched its new website. This website serves as a clearinghouse of culturally appropriate resources, training, and technical assistance to help OJJDP tribal grantees and federally recognized tribes improve, enhance, and support their juvenile justice systems. The website provides information in areas such as juvenile healing to wellness courts; tribal youth-specific prevention, intervention, and treatment programming; and tribal-state collaborations to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native children exposed to violence.

## State Judicial Branch Online Resources

### **Newslinks**

This is a service that the Judicial Council Public Affairs Office puts together every day. If you would like to receive this service, please visit this [webpage](#).

### **Judicial Resources Network (JRN) and Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Online**

This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. For more information, please contactCarolynn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or [carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov](mailto:carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov).

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## **California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)**

This website contains dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources relevant to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here.](#)

## **Upcoming Conferences**

### **Courses for Tribal Judges 2017**

The National Tribal Judicial Center  
At the National Judicial College

### **National Center for Victims of Crime - National Training Institute**

**December 5-7, 2017**

Portland, Oregon

The NTI is a forum for law enforcement, victim service professionals, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to share current developments and build new collaborations. More than 80 interactive conference sessions will highlight practical information to better support services for the wide range of persons victimized by all types of crimes.

### **American Indian Justice Conference**

**December 7-8, 2017**

Renaissance Palm Springs

Palm Springs, CA

The National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) and its collaborative partners will host the American Indian Justice Conference (AIJC) on the Agua Caliente Reservation in Southern California. The goal of the AIJC is to provide training to enhance your tribal community's response to combat alcohol and drug abuse, recognize how trauma impacts drug and alcohol abuse in tribal communities, and identify current trends and best practices for tribal justice systems to strengthen multi-disciplinary approaches to healing and justice. The five multi-disciplinary tracks include alcohol and substance abuse, tribal justice strategic planning, tribal courts, tribal security and probation, and tribal youth.

No cost for registration, but participants must cover the costs of travel, lodging, and per diem/food.

**For more information about the AIJC contact:** Ansley Sherman, [ansley@naicja.org](mailto:ansley@naicja.org) or 303-449-4112

### **Women Are Sacred Conference**

**June 26-28, 2018**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

NIWRC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the WAS Conference at the beautiful Hotel Albuquerque on June 26-28, 2018. Mark your calendars and watch our website for more details, including registration and agenda. The WAS Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, tribal community members, tribal leadership, law enforcement and tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. WAS offers state of the art training opportunities designed to increase the capacity of tribal nations, tribal domestic violence and community-based programs to address violence in tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders and experts in the movement to ending violence.

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs Funding Opportunities**

### **Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Department of Health and Human Services**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans provides funds for community-based projects for the Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program. The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing,

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restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals.

## State and Tribal Grant Programs

The Children's Bureau provides matching funds to states, tribes, and communities to help them operate every aspect of their child welfare systems, including child maltreatment prevention, adoption, and information systems.

## Children's Safety Network

**Deadline: December 15, 2017**

Reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children, and youth by supporting collaborative improvement and innovation among Title V agencies in implementing effective child safety interventions in focus areas determined by states and jurisdictions. **To Apply Please Contact:** Bethany Miller, (301)945-5156, [bmiller@hrsa.gov](mailto:bmiller@hrsa.gov)

## OVW Fiscal Year 2018 Justice for Families Program Solicitation

**Deadline: December 20, 2017**

The Grants to Support Families in the Justice System program (referred to as the Justice for Families Program) was authorized in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2013 to improve the response of all aspects of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports the following activities for improving the capacity of communities and courts to respond to impacted families: court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training and technical assistance for people who work with families in the court system; civil legal services; provision of resources in juvenile court matters; and development or promotion of legislation, model codes, policies, and best practices.

## Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents

**Deadline: January 7, 2018**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to develop and test the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems. For the purposes of this FOA, NIMH defines a family navigator model as a health care professional or paraprofessional whose role is to deploy a set of strategies designed to rapidly engage youth and families in needed treatment and services, work closely with the family and other involved treatment and service providers to optimize care and monitor the trajectory of mental health symptoms and outcomes over time. Applicants are encouraged to develop and test the navigator models ability to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Of interest are navigator models that coordinate needed care strategies, determine the personalized match to the level of needed service amount, frequency and intensity, and harness novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

## Pilot Studies to Test the Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination

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### [Supporting Maternal and Child Health Innovation in States](#)

**Deadline: January 16, 2018**

Improve access to and quality of health care for the maternal and child health (MCH) population by engaging key national MCH stakeholders via their state-level members and supporting the development and implementation of strategic state action plans that address priority MCH policy issues facing the states. **To Apply Please Contact:** Sarah Sisaye, (301)443-1943, [ssisaye@hrsa.gov](mailto:ssisaye@hrsa.gov)

### [AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY2018](#)

**Deadline: January 17, 2018**

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

### **Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2018**

**Deadline: January 17, 2018**

Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2018.

#### **To Apply Please Contact:**

Darren Olson Grants Management Specialist

Phone 303 445-3697

[Reclamation Financial Assistance Contact](#)

### [Evaluation of Policies for the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Violence](#)

**Deadline: February 1, 2018**

NCIPC is seeking research proposals focused on rigorously evaluating previously or currently implemented federal, state, local, tribal or organizational policies for impacts on multiple forms of violence, including child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or suicide. The proposed research should evaluate the impact of a selected policy on reducing rates of at least two of these violence outcomes. The proposed research must focus on a policy that has not yet been rigorously evaluated. Applicants are encouraged to assess the impact of the policy on as many violence outcomes that is feasible as well as risk and protective factors that are common to multiple forms of violence. The proposed research will add to the limited evidence base regarding the impact of policies on preventing multiple forms of violence by rigorously evaluating federal, state, local, or organizational policy approaches. **To Apply Please Contact:** Sue Neurath, (770) 488-3368, [SFN8@cdc.gov](mailto:SFN8@cdc.gov)

### [Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury](#)

**Deadline: February 12, 2018**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies to address specific gaps in the prevention of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and youth violence. This initiative is intended to support the evaluation of primary prevention strategies, programs or policies that target universal or selected high-risk populations (i.e., populations that have one or more risk factors that place them at heightened risk for perpetration of violence). Funds are available to conduct such studies focused on preventing the perpetration of youth violence and/or teen dating/intimate partner/sexual violence as detailed elsewhere in this announcement.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Marcienne Wright, (770) 488-4850, [lxv8@cdc.gov](mailto:lxv8@cdc.gov)

### [Vision Screening in Young Children](#)

**Deadline: February 15, 2018**

To improve vision screening and eye health in young children by providing technical assistance and education to state public health entities in implementing evidence-based recommendations for



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coordinated education, screening, follow-up and surveillance of vision problems in preschool-aged children. To Apply Please Contact: Mia Morrison, (301)443-2521, [Mmorrison@hrsa.gov](mailto:Mmorrison@hrsa.gov)

### **Social and Economic Development Strategies -SEDS**

#### **Deadline: March 7, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds for the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. This program is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

#### **To Apply Please Contact:**

Carmelia Strickland  
(202) 401-6741

[Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov)

### **Basic Center Program**

#### **Deadline: March 11, 2018**

THE ADMINISTRATION for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Basic Center Program (BCP). THE BCP works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth up to age 18 years of age and their families. BCPs provide youth with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. Basic centers can provide temporary shelter for up to 21 days for youth and seeks to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. Additional services may include: street-based services; home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services. THE PRIMARY purpose of the BCP is to provide counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might end up in contact with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. THE AWARD process for FY2018 BCP allows for annual awards over a three-year project period as funds are available.

#### **To Apply Please Contact:**

Gloria Watkins  
(202) 205-9546

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### **Street Outreach Program**

#### **Deadline: March 11, 2018**

THE ADMINISTRATION for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Street Outreach Program (SOP). SOP WORKS to increase young people's personal safety, social and emotional well-being, self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks. These services, which are provided in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and to provide them access to shelter and services which include: outreach, gateway services, screening and assessment, harm reduction, access to emergency shelter, crisis stabilization, drop-in centers, which can be optional, and linkages/referrals to services. THE AWARD process for FY2018 SOP allows for annual awards over a three-year project period, as funds are available.

#### **To Apply Please Contact:**

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## **Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes**

**Deadline: March 11, 2018**

THE ADMINISTRATION for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Home (MGH). THE PURPOSE of FYSBs TLP and MGH grant programs are to implement, enhance, and/or support effective strategies for successful transition to sustainable living for runaway and homeless youth ages 16 to under 22 and/or pregnant and parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren). Both projects must provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months and provide comprehensive services that supports the transition of homeless youth to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living. Through the provision of shelter and an array of comprehensive services, TLP youth will realize improvements in four core outcome areas (i.e., safe and stable housing, education/employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being.) GRANTS AWARDED under this announcement will have a start date of May 1, 2018 and the project period will be 41 months. The initial award will be for 17 months and run from May 1, 2018 through September 29, 2019. Applicants should not request more than \$241,660 for the initial award. In addition to the initial 17 month award, the 41 month project period will include two 12-month non-competing continuation awards of not more than \$200,000 each. The total 41 month project period should not exceed \$641,660.

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## **FY18 Office of Population Affairs Research Grant Priorities**

**Deadline: March 30, 2018**

The projects funded under this proposed announcement seek applications from public and private nonprofit entities for up to ten grants for family planning research. The purpose of these family planning research grants is to collect and analyze data on issues of interest to the family planning field. These grants will fund projects concentrating on the following three focus areas: 1. Meeting the family planning needs of women and men with opioid and other substance use disorders. The primary focus is to conduct research leading to increased linkage between family planning services and substance use screening and treatment for men and women of child-bearing age with opioid and other substance use disorders. 2. Investigating reasons for and barriers to discontinuing reversible contraceptive methods. The primary focus is to conduct research leading to increased services related to discontinuing reversible contraceptive methods, such as removal of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC), i.e., intrauterine devices/systems and implants. 3. Evaluating alternative options to improve the fertility process in individuals and couples trying to conceive through vaginal intercourse. The primary focus is to conduct research leading to the increased ability of couples to conceive through vaginal intercourse without the use of assisted reproductive technology (ART), intrauterine insemination, or ovarian hyperstimulation. Applicants may submit more than one application for this opportunity; however each application must only address one of the focus areas. Copies of the Title X statute, regulations, legislative mandates, Program Guidelines, and Program Policy Notices may be downloaded from the Office of Population Affairs web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/opa/familyplanning>.

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## **Tribal Court Improvement Program**

**Deadline: April 1, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of awards to provide tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to compete for grants to enable tribal courts to design and implement projects and/or activities to assess, expand, or enhance the effectiveness of tribal courts and/or legal representation in cases related to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification, guardianship, and adoption. In doing this work, grantees are required to engage in and demonstrate "meaningful, ongoing collaboration" with the tribal social service agencies. Tribal Court Improvement Project (TCIP) funds may be used to: (1) Conduct assessments of how tribal courts (including courts for tribal consortia) handle child welfare proceedings; (2) Implement changes to address the results of court assessments; (3) Ensure that the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of children are met in a timely and complete manner; and (4) Continuously improve the quality of court hearings and legal representation, including engagement of parties, through training and efforts to increase substantive and procedural justice.

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**Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance****Deadline: April 6, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance program. The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing, restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

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**Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD)****Deadline: April 6, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2018 funds for the Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD). I-LEAD is a special initiative established under ANA's Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. I-LEAD provides support for community-based initiatives that empower Native youth to address priorities identified by such youth and include youth-focused leadership. As well projects are funded to develop models, approaches and strategies to foster resiliency and build upon Native youth's inherent capacities to thrive. Native youth will contribute to the accomplishment of objectives that promote economic and social self-sufficiency for Native Americans, contribute to community well-being, increase the capacity of tribal governments, strengthen families, and implement culturally appropriate strategies to meet the social service needs of Native Americans. As an agency within the ACF, ANA is providing this unique funding opportunity as a special initiative of the SEDS program. The I-LEAD program will ensure project funding is provided to support youth-driven and youth-focused services and activities related to social and economic development, in order to promote the self-sufficiency of tomorrow's leaders in Native American communities.

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**Social and Economic Development Strategies -SEDS****Deadline: April 6, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds for the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. This program is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

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**Community Collaborations to Strengthen Family Connections****Deadline: April 13, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of one grant to: (1) implement a multi-system approach among public and private agencies integrating community and faith-

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based to promote effective partnerships; (2) develop or enhance a navigator program to meet caregivers own needs and the needs of the children they are raising; (3) utilize intensive family-finding activities, including search technology, effective family engagement, collaboration with child support, and other means to identify biological family members for the target population to create a greater volume of relationships and connectedness within their families and establish permanent family placements when appropriate; and (4) implement family group decision-making (FGDM) meetings for children in the child welfare system. The project funded under this announcement will be implemented through strong collaboration between the grantee and the public child welfare agency. The successful applicant will facilitate cross collaboration and data sharing among relevant agencies, including the courts, child welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), aging and family caregiver support programs, child support, fatherhood programs, education, domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse in order to better identify, assess, and service kinship caregivers and at-risk families within the child welfare system.

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### **[Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health](#)**

**Deadline: May 14, 2018**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life.

### **[NAGPRA Repatriation Grants FY2018](#)**

**Deadline: June 1, 2018**

This is a grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Grant funds must be used for REPATRIATION under NAGPRA, which means the transfer of control of Native American human remains and cultural items to lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Repatriation includes disposition of culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains (CUI) according to 43 C.F.R. 10.11. Repatriation projects defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items.

### **[Disaster Assistance for State Units on Aging \(SUAs\) and Tribal Organizations in National Disasters Declared by the President](#)**

**Deadline: September 14, 2018**

This grant is through the Administration for Community Living. Grants awarded under this announcement are to provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to those State Units on Aging (SUAs) and federally recognized Tribal Organizations who are currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended. These funds only become available when the President declares a National Disaster and may only be used in those areas designated in the Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States. Eligible SUAs and Title VI grantees should discuss all disaster applications with ACL/AoA Regional staff before submitting a formal application. The amount of funds requested should be discussed with Regional staff before the application is completed. Providing a draft of the narrative justification for the application will help expedite the processing of an award. Applicants should talk with the State and local Emergency Managers to determine what funds may be available through other resources before applying for OAA funding. SUAs and federally recognized Tribal Organizations currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act must submit proposals electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>. At <http://www.grants.gov>, you will be able to

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download a copy of the application packet, complete it off-line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov website.

### [FY 2018 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

**Deadline: September 30, 2018**

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program has announced a revised schedule of locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are scheduled to take place over the next several years. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with the eligible tribes that have jurisdiction over these 20 locations, as well as any locations that may be added to the implementation schedule, to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts given the tribes' unique qualifications to perform land consolidation activities for their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with these eligible tribes to not only capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, whenever feasible and practical, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction. Tribes are encouraged to contact Program staff for more information on developing the cooperative agreement application prior to submission. Tribes are not required to enter into cooperative agreements to participate in the Program. In certain cases, it may be unnecessary and a memorandum of agreement may be used. The Settlement Agreement limits the amount of funding that may be used for implementation costs associated with the Program (e.g., outreach, land research, and appraisals). Thus, to help ensure that it stays within the established limit on implementation costs, the Program will fund indirect costs through cooperative agreements equal to no more than 15% of the modified total direct costs. PLEASE NOTE: This is a 10-year program. The expiration on this posting reflects this current opportunity, and new opportunities will be posted over the duration of the Program. In addition, given that the Cobell Settlement specifically limits overall implementation costs for the duration of the Program, cooperative agreement awards are not intended to fund or support long-term, multi-year programs at each location or reservation. Most awards will provide funding for no longer than 9 months, and tribes are encouraged to utilize the award amount to work with existing tribal land offices and programs. Tribes are also encouraged to first review information available from the Program and to work with Program staff in the development of the cooperative agreement application.

### [Development of Psychosocial Therapeutic and Preventive Interventions for Mental Disorders](#)

**Deadline: October 15, 2018**

This grant is through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the efficient pilot testing of novel psychosocial therapeutic and preventive interventions for mental disorders in adults and children, using an experimental therapeutics approach. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support go/no-go decisions about further development or testing of the intervention. This FOA supports the development and testing of innovative psychosocial intervention approaches where the target and/or the intervention strategy is novel. Targets might include, but are not limited to, potentially modifiable behavioral, cognitive, affective and/or interpersonal factors or processes, neural circuits or neural activity subserving specific behaviors or cognitive processes, and/or other neurobiological mechanisms associated with risk for, causation of, or maintenance of a mental disorder. Eligible psychosocial interventions strategies might include in-person or technology-assisted delivery, provided the target and/or the intervention strategy is novel. This FOA supports the development and testing of novel psychosocial interventions, as defined above, as monotherapies or as augmentations to standard treatment. Support will be provided for up to two years (R61 phase) for preliminary milestone-driven testing of the interventions impact on a target (a process or mechanism associated with risk for, causation, or maintenance of a clinical condition), that is, its target engagement. Contingent on meeting go/no-go milestones in the R61 phase, up to 3 years of additional support (R33 phase) may be provided for studies to replicate target engagement and relate change in the intervention target/mechanism to clinical benefit. Ultimately, this R61/R33 FOA is intended to speed the

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translation of emerging basic science findings of mechanisms and processes underlying mental disorders into novel interventions that can be efficiently tested for their promise in restoring function and reducing symptoms for those living with mental disorders, or for preventing mental disorders among those at risk.

### [Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Prevention and Care](#)

**Deadline: November 1, 2019**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to test innovative approaches to improve diabetes and obesity prevention and/or treatment that are adapted for implementation in healthcare settings where individuals receive their routine medical care. Research applications should be designed to test practical and sustainable strategies to improve processes of care and health outcomes for individuals with or at risk of diabetes and/or obesity. The research should also focus on approaches that can be broadly disseminated outside the specific setting where it is being tested. The goal of the research is to obtain results that will improve routine healthcare practice and inform healthcare policy for the prevention or management of these conditions. Therefore, interventions must be integrated into the existing healthcare structure and/or processes; the healthcare setting may not be used solely as a venue for recruitment.

### [Improving Individual and Family Outcomes through Continuity and Coordination of Care in Hospice](#)

**Deadline: January 7, 2020**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks to stimulate research that focuses on reducing negative individual and family outcomes related to unwanted transitions at the end of life and optimizing the individual and family outcomes related to high quality coordination of care of care of individuals who are enrolled in hospice. This FOA emphasizes individuals who are receiving hospice care and their family caregivers, in any setting where hospice care is provided, including their home, a relative's home, a hospice inpatient facility, an assisted living facility, a short- or long-term care facility, or a hospital.

### [Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children](#)

**Deadline: May 7, 2020**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion prevention and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings.

### [Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities \(Admin Supp\)](#)

**Deadline: May 7, 2020**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups.

### [Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative - Generation Indigenous \(Gen-I\) Initiative Support](#)

**Deadline: None specified**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The primary purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant is to focus on Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) goal #6, "to promote positive American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth development and family engagement through the implementation of early intervention strategies to reduce risk factors for suicidal behavior and substance use." Projects will accomplish this by focusing specifically on MSPI

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Purpose Area #4: GEN-I Initiative Support. Purpose Area #4: Generation Indigenous Initiative Support  
The focus of Purpose Area #4 is to: 1. Implement evidence-based and practice-based approaches to build resiliency, promote positive development, and increase self-sufficiency behaviors among Native youth; 2. Promote family engagement; 3. Increase access to prevention activities for youth to prevent methamphetamine use and other substance use disorders that contribute to suicidal behaviors, in culturally appropriate ways; and 4. Hire additional behavioral health staff (i.e., licensed behavioral health providers and paraprofessionals, including but not limited to peer specialists, mental health technicians, and community health aides) specializing in child, adolescent, and family services who will be responsible for implementing the project's activities that address all the broad objectives listed. **To apply, please contact:**, Paul Gettys-Grant Systems Coordinator, (301)443-2114, [Grants Policy Office](#) at [paul.gettys@ihs.gov](mailto:paul.gettys@ihs.gov)

### [Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

Families of a disabled child and organizations helping disabled children, can apply for grants from Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation. At this time, Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation can only consider applicant families in the Southern California area. Grant awards are limited to \$5000. Grant Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

### [California Wellness Foundation](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. Since its founding in 1992, Cal Wellness has awarded 7,690 grants totaling more than \$912 million.

### [Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities.

### [Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

The Indigenous Communities Program (ICP) supports the resolve of Native Americans to renew their communities through their own institutions and traditions. Funding priority is given to rural indigenous projects that are consistent with traditional values in the areas of education, Native cultures, the revival and preservation of languages, legal rights, and environmental protection. At this time the foundation only accepts new grant requests from United States federally recognized tribes or Native controlled 501(c)(3) organizations whose work is solely focused in the United States.

### [Surdna Foundation- Teens' Artistic and Cultural Advancement](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

This foundation seeks organizations that have a proven and longstanding commitment to serving teens and that emphasize skill building. This funding is designed to:

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;
- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;

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- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens' success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.

### [Tribal Justice Support Directorate](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

Tribal Justice Support provides funding guidance, technical support, and advisory services to tribal courts and the Courts of Indian Offenses. This includes providing funding to tribal courts, training directed to specific needs of tribal court personnel, promoting cooperation and coordination among tribal justice systems and Federal and state judiciary systems, and providing oversight for the continuing operations for the Courts of Indian Offenses. The Division also works with tribes to conduct tribal court reviews which are conducted using a modified model of the Tribal Court Performance Standards (TCPS). The TCPS assists tribal courts in identifying existing problems and formulating strategies for improvement of tribal courts and provides an outcome-oriented conceptual framework of tribal court performance areas, standards, and measures.