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FORUM NEWS

[Senate confirms California's first Native American district judge](#)

Courthouse News – May 18, 2022

Sunshine Suzanne Sykes was one of three district judges confirmed by the Senate Wednesday. The Senate confirmed three judicial nominees Wednesday, including a Central District of California judge who will be the first Native American to serve as an Article III judge in California.

[Diné woman confirmed as first Native federal judge in California](#)

Indian Country Today – May 19, 2022

The first Native federal judge in California's history was confirmed by the U.S. Senate Wednesday, becoming only the seventh Indigenous federal judge ever named to the bench. Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, 48, Diné, was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. She is the first Navajo Nation citizen to be [named a federal judge](#).

[Why Are There So Few Native Federal Judges?](#)

Balls and Strikes – May 26, 2022

The confirmation of Sunshine Sykes highlights how thoroughly excluded Native people have been from the federal judiciary's ranks. Last week, the Senate confirmed Sunshine Sykes to a federal district court judgeship in the Central District of California, making her the first Native woman to serve as an Article I judge in the state. Prior to her confirmation, Sykes served as a judge in the appeals division of Riverside County Superior Court, where she was the first Native woman to serve in that role, too.

IN THE NEWS

[Search for missing Indigenous woman will span 3 days in Northern California](#)

Oregon Live – April 29, 2022

Tribal and local authorities and volunteers from a Minnesota-based missing persons foundation will search the [Yurok Reservation in remote North California over three days for Emmilee Risling, a 33-year-old Native woman who went missing](#) last October.

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[Indigenous women more likely to face violence if they were a child in care: report](#)

Canadian Press - May 01, 2022

Front-line workers are calling for more support for Indigenous families after a Statistics Canada analysis found First Nations, Inuit and Métis women are more likely to experience physical or sexual assault in their lifetime if they were in government care as children. The report, published recently in Juristat, said 63 per cent of Indigenous women have experienced violence and nearly half - 46 per cent - have experienced sexual assault. The analysis found 81 per cent of Indigenous women who had been in the child-welfare system had been physically or sexually assaulted in their life.

[Dept. of Justice launches new missing and murdered Indigenous persons website](#)

Native News Online – May 2, 2022

The [new page](#) within the DOJ's Tribal Justice and Safety website details the federal government's increased efforts to address the disproportionately high rates of violence impacting Indigenous communities.

[Colorado Senate OKs new office, alert system for missing and murdered Indigenous People](#)

Native News Online – May 3, 2022

More than four out of five Indigenous people in the U.S. have experienced violent crime, according to national data. Those are some of the highest rates of violence for any demographic, with Indigenous women nearly three times more likely to be murdered than white women. Colorado lawmakers are seeking to address this disparity with a new bill to improve investigations into missing and murdered Indigenous people.

[Supreme Court rules on tribal jurisdiction issue](#)

Minot Daily News – May 3, 2022

The North Dakota Supreme Court has ruled that the Trenton Indian Housing Authority will not have to file certain eviction actions in a tribal court 240 miles away in Belcourt.

['We need solutions': Yurok chair calls for resources for missing, murdered Indigenous people](#)

Times Standard – May 4, 2022

Yurok Tribal Chairman Joseph L. James calls for resources to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. He was joined by other tribal leaders from across the state, Attorney General Rob Bonta and Assembly member James Ramos.

['We're Past Awareness, We Need Solutions': Tribal Leaders, Humboldt County Sheriff, and Others Discuss California's Missing and Murdered](#)

Redheaded Blackbelt – May 4, 2022

Members of California's Native American Caucus, tribal leaders from around the state including those from Round Valley and the Yurok Tribe, Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal, and State Attorney General Rob Bonta amongst others gathered to discuss the state's response to the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people.

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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.

[State, Turtle Mountain Band enter cooperative agreement](#)

Newswires – May 5, 2022

The state and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa have developed a memorandum of understanding on providing services for the treatment and rehabilitation of delinquent youth under tribal court jurisdiction. Tribal juvenile services cooperative agreements are authorized under N.D.C.C. 27-20.4-27. Representatives from the Turtle Mountain Band, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, and the North Dakota Supreme Court began meeting in the Fall of 2021 to work out the agreement.

[Ottawa criticized for failing to address ‘obscenely disproportionate’ incarceration of Indigenous women](#)

Globe and Mail – May 6, 2022

The head of Canada’s most prominent advocacy group for Indigenous women chastised the federal government on Thursday for its response to a Globe and Mail story detailing the overrepresentation of Indigenous women in federal prisons. The article cited information from Canada’s prison ombudsman, who said Indigenous women now make up half the population of female federal inmates – a disproportionate figure, considering the fact that only about 5 per cent of Canadian women are Indigenous.

[Testimony Requested From Indian Boarding School Survivors and their Descendants](#)

Red Lake Nation News - May 10, 2022

Boarding school survivors and their descendants are invited to submit written testimony to the House Natural Resource Subcommittee for Indigenous People in support of legislation that would create a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools in the United States. The legislation, called Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act, was originally introduced in 2020 by then-Congresswoman Deb Haaland, now the Secretary of the Interior Department. It was re-introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Congresswoman Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) (Ho-Chunk Nation) and Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.) in Sept 2022.

Also: [A Bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy in the United States, and for other purposes](#)

[Gov. Stitt vetoes public safety bill he calls ‘a wolf in sheep’s clothing,’ while Choctaw Nation calls it ‘common sense’](#)

Oklahoma News 4 – May 10, 2022

Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt vetoed a bill Monday that would have increased [coordination between Tribal judicial systems and state agencies](#). [House Bill 3501](#) received support from more than 96 percent of the Oklahoma Legislature, according to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Chief Gary Batton says the “common-sense measure” would increase cooperation between Tribal governments and promote public safety.

[Utah facing shortage of Native American foster parents](#) (Includes video)

KSL - May 10, 2022

May is National Foster Care Month, and in Utah, there's a big demand for Native American foster parents. Utah Foster Care says placing Native American children with Native foster parents can reduce the trauma of being pulled from their home and gives them a sense of cultural identity.

[Burial sites found at 53 Native American boarding schools: Interior Dept](#)

Reuters – May 11, 2022

An Interior Department investigation into the dark history of Native American boarding schools in the United States has found "marked or unmarked burial sites" at some 53 schools, Secretary Deb Haaland said on Wednesday.

[New fund to plant seeds of reparations for California’s Native American communities](#)

CalMatters – May 11, 2022

A racial equity organization is announcing a new fund that will help Native American communities preserve tribal history and further California’s effort to atone for its history of violence and wrongdoing against Native Americans. The [Decolonizing Wealth Project](#), an Indigenous and Black-led organization, will distribute \$500,000 to California Indigenous communities and nonprofits. It’s to support storytelling and healing, said Carlos Rojas Alvarez, director of executive affairs and strategic initiative.

[Governor vetoes bill allowing DPS to use tribal court convictions](#)

Enid News & Eagle – May 11, 2022

Writing that it was a “wolf in sheep’s clothing,” Gov. Kevin Stitt vetoed a bill that supporters and tribal leaders contended would have made Oklahoma roadways safer and increased cooperation between tribes and the state. State Rep. David Hardin, R-Stilwell, said House Bill 3501 would have allowed the Department of Public Safety to use tribal court convictions for things like driving under the influence and speeding to suspend or revoke driver’s licenses. Hardin said DPS currently considers convictions from state or municipal courts.

[U.S. report identifies burial sites linked to boarding schools for Native Americans](#)

NPR – May 11, 2022

A first-of-its-kind federal study of Native American boarding schools that for over a century sought to assimilate Indigenous children into white society has identified more than 400 such schools that were supported by the U.S. government and more than 50 associated burial sites, a figure that could grow exponentially as research continues.

['Fostering HOPE,' Cherokee Nation announces pilot program offering stipends for youth aging out of foster care](#) (Includes video)

KFOR - May 11, 2022

The Cherokee Nation is hoping a pilot program of monthly stipends will help youth aging out of the foster care system. Additionally, they're providing funds to foster families, in hopes of encouraging more folks to welcome kids in need into their homes. Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Deputy Chief Bryan Warner are announcing the Fostering HOPE pilot program. It includes a \$500 monthly stipend for Cherokee youth aging out of the foster care system through their 21st birthday and a one-time COVID-19 impact payment of \$1,000 to the tribe's more than 80 foster families.

[The U.S. Government Releases Landmark Investigation Into the Brutal Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools](#)

Imprint - May 11, 2022

After centuries of silence and inaction, the U.S. government has released a historic accounting of Indian boarding schools and their devastating legacy - a methodical report announced today by the woman at the helm of the Department of Interior, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna and the nation's first Indigenous cabinet secretary. At a Washington, D.C., press conference, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland detailed the horrors Native children and their families experienced in a vast and previously uncounted network of more than 400 boarding schools that the government ran or supported. In its 102-page report, her federal agency also said it had identified 53 marked and unmarked burial grounds on school sites where American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children were sent for more than a century. Often, the Interior Department acknowledged, families were never told that their children had perished.

Also: [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report](#)

Also: [Report Catalogs Abuse of Native American Children at Former Government Schools](#) (May require subscription)

Also: [Report on American Indian boarding schools reveals horrible treatment of Indigenous children](#) (Includes video)

[Safe house in tiny Nunavik village aims to break generations of trauma for Inuit](#)

Canadian Press - May 12, 2022

On any given day in Kingaqsualujjuak, Que., a person or family in crisis can call a 24-hour number and speak to a community member who can help. Qarmaapik House offers a safe house for parents and children, and its goal is to keep families together, ensuring Inuit resources intervene when families need help. The program's founders wanted to reduce the number of Inuit children who are taken from their homes and communities and placed in care because of issues with violence, neglect or substance abuse at home.

[Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Bill Advocated for in Washington, D.C.](#)

Native News Online - May 12, 2022

Today, the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States hosted a hearing for H.R. 5444, the Truth and Healing Commission Bill on Indian Boarding School Policies Act. The hearing comes a day after the Department of Interior announced the first Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report. The Truth and Healing Commission Bill on Indian Boarding School Policies Act aims to address Indian boarding schools and the harmful legacy it has left among American Indian communities and families. If passed, it would establish powers, duties, and membership of a commission and would investigate the impacts and ongoing

effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies. The commission would be empowered to investigate, document, and acknowledge the injustices that led to the immeasurable cultural loss at Indian boarding schools that were operated, maintained, and supported by the U.S. federal government.

Also: [H.R.5444 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act](#)

Also: [Interior Department Releases Indian Boarding School Report](#)

Also: [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report](#)

Also: ['Our children deserve to be found': Federal report examines Native lives, cultures lost at Indian boarding schools](#) (Includes audio)

[Inter-Generational Family Wellness Service Building Groundbreaking held in Red Lake - P3](#)

Red Lake Nation News - May 13, 2022

The Inter-Generational Family Wellness Service Building Groundbreaking was held in Red Lake on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Located at 16000 Pike Creek in Red Lake, the new \$17 million dollar facility will offer, Cultural Services, Family Wellness Services, Family Preservation, Reunification Services, ICWA, Foster Care, Behavioral Health, Elderly/Vulnerable Adult Services, Public Health, Elderly Nutrition Meals and Elderly Maintenance. Construction is scheduled to be completed and operational in July 2023.

[Yurok Tribe seeks solutions to missing and murdered Indigenous women crisis](#)

Press Democrat – May 13, 2022

Emmilee Risling's disappearance from the Yurok Reservation in Humboldt County has galvanized members of her tribe into action on the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women. Yurok Tribal Chairman Joe James issued an emergency declaration to raise awareness, not just about Risling's case, but about the nationwide crisis.

[Missing Yurok woman brings to light crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Northern California](#)

Press Democrat – May 13, 2022

Emmilee Risling is a 33-year-old mother and a Hupa tribal member of Yurok and Karuk ancestry. She disappeared six months ago from the Yurok Reservation on the far northern coast of California, a remote paradise that is home to towering sequoias, dense forests and rushing rivers. It is also home to California's largest tribe, one of only two that still reside on their ancestral homeland.

[Bill extending federal protections to state's Native American children set to become law](#)

Day - May 13, 2022

Two bills tracked by the region's Indian tribes and passed during the legislative session that ended last week await Gov. Ned Lamont's signature, while a third calling for a gambling study was rolled into the budget "implementer" that's been signed into law. Public Act 22-60 will ensure that state child welfare laws involving an Indian child's custody or placement in a foster or adoptive home are applied in accordance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA. After winning unanimous approval in the Human Services Committee, the House and the Senate, it will be binding on the commissioner of the state Department of Children and Families, probate court and, in contested cases, Superior Court. Also: [Public Act 22-60](#)

[Chief, deputy chief announce \\$500 monthly transition stipend for Cherokee youth 'aging out' of foster system](#)

Stillwater News Press - May 13, 2022

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Deputy Chief Bryan Warner are creating a \$500 monthly transition stipend for Cherokee youth who are "aging out" of the foster system. Cherokee Nation is also providing a one-time COVID-19 impact payment of \$1,000 to the tribe's more than 80 current foster families. The announcement of the two new programs was made Monday as Cherokee Nation leaders gathered to sign a proclamation declaring May as Foster Care Awareness Month.

[Native Americans: Federal Report on Boarding Schools a Start](#) (Opinion) (Includes video)

Voice of America - May 13, 2022

Chippewa citizen John Walette was 20 years old in 1910 when he left his home on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in North Dakota and enrolled at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. There, he trained as a blacksmith, played left end on the school football team and spent at least three summers on "outings," laboring on regional farms. His parents, Moses and Melanie, were thrilled to welcome him home five years later. But many other parents who sent their children to boarding schools in the 19th and early 20th

centuries weren't so lucky. Some children died at school, some died shortly after returning home sick, and many simply disappeared, their fates unknown.

Also: [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report](#)

[Yurok Tribe Happy with Governor's Proposed Investment in Tribally Operated Wellness Center](#)

Redheaded Blackbelt – May 14, 2022

The Yurok Tribe applauds California Governor Gavin Newsom's proposal to invest \$15 million in a much-needed, tribally operated Regional Wellness Center.

[Legislature Enshrines Tribal Child Welfare Compact In Alaska Law](#) (Press release)

Alaska House Coalition - May 16, 2022

Today, legislation passed the State Legislature that enshrined the historic and landmark Tribal Child Welfare compact in Alaska Statute. House Bill 184 codifies the Tribal Child Welfare compact, a government-to-government agreement between the State of Alaska and eighteen Tribes and tribal organizations that seeks to address the deep structural inequities in the way Alaskan children are cared for across the state. HB 184 passed the Senate 20-0, and now goes back to the House for concurrence.

Also: [Alaska House Bill 184](#)

[Leaders Respond to Federal Indian Boarding School Investigative Report, Call it 'Monumental'](#)

Native News Online - May 16, 2022

When Assistant Secretary of Interior Bryan Newland presented the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report to the public on Wednesday, May 11, it made news headlines throughout the world. The announcement the federal government admitted that it operated boarding schools that have contributed to what survivors refer to as genocide and historical trauma struck deep for Indian boarding school survivors and many others. Also: [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report](#)

[U.S. confronts 'cultural genocide' in Native American boarding school probe](#)

Reuters – May 18, 2022

A first-of-its-kind U.S. [government investigation](#) is helping to reveal the deadly and commonplace brutality of the former Native American “boarding school” system, a 150-year program of separating children from their families that was part of a federal policy to eradicate Native communities' identity and forcibly take indigenous lands.

[Law school to pay bulk of its in-state Native American students' tuition](#)

Berkeley News – May 18, 2022

The University of California system's recent decision to cover tuition and student service fees for in-state undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes was cheered at Berkeley Law. Faculty, staff and students alike are all too aware there of Native Americans' dire underrepresentation in law schools and the legal profession.

[Diné woman confirmed as first Native federal judge in California](#)

Indian Country Today – May 19, 2022

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[Amnesty Int'l Slams US 'Failure' To Protect Native Women](#)

Law 360 – May 20, 2022

Amnesty International has decried what it calls the U.S. government's failure to adequately prevent rates of violence against Indigenous women, saying in a new report that not much has changed since the nongovernmental organization last studied the issue in 2007. Sexual violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women is at epidemic proportions, with nearly one in three experiencing rape and more than half, or 56.1%, of American Indian and Alaska Native women suffering some form of sexual violence, said the U.K.-headquartered human-rights organizations, in its May 17 report.

Opinion: [New funds support Cherokee foster children and families](#)

Cherokee Phoenix - May 21, 2022

Foster care as we know it has been around since the early 1900s, but Cherokee people have provided a version of "foster care" for much longer. Historically, Cherokee children were raised in a community setting, with every

person in a child's life taking on a specific role to ensure that they grew into a well-rounded Cherokee. Recently, we announced two new initiatives to better support our foster families and children, funded through the tribe's Respond, Recover and Rebuild COVID-19 relief initiative. The Fostering HOPE pilot program, which begins June 1, will provide a \$500 monthly stipend to eligible Cherokee Nation citizens who are aging out of the Cherokee Nation or state of Oklahoma foster care systems. When children in foster turn 18, far too many enter adulthood with little or no support. It can be a confusing and scary time for young people who have already been through a lot. The \$500 stipend and related support services will make that transition easier.

Also: [Sustain the Nation and Prepare for a Brighter Cherokee Future](#) (Press release)

[Federal Indian Boarding School System Intentionally Sought to Destroy Native Families](#)

Native News Online – May 22, 2022

The 106-page Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report [released](#) on May 11 provides a glimpse into the deliberate intention of the federal government to disrupt the Native American family structure through assimilation. The report says the government's plan involved the permanent breaking of family ties.

[Ohio State Podcast Examines the Fight to Save ICWA](#) (Includes video)

Native News Online - May 23, 2022

ICWA was passed in 1978 in response to the hundreds of thousands of Native children who were separated from their families by state child welfare and private adoption agencies. More than 80 percent of these Native children were placed in homes outside their families and tribal communities, even when fit and willing relatives were available, according to the National Indian Child Welfare Association. In a conversation with podcaster Robin Chenoweth on the Ohio State University Inspire podcast, Sandy White Hawk tells her story and talks about the ongoing importance of ICWA. She also discusses her first-of-its-kind study on the effects of adoption and foster care on Native American children and families, completed in collaboration with Ohio State Assistant Professor Ashley Landers.

Also: [Stolen from her tribe, now she's fighting back](#) (Audio)

[The lasting effect indigenous boarding schools have had on Washington state](#)

KUOW – May 23, 2022

Earlier this month, the Department of the Interior published a report on indigenous boarding schools in the U.S. These schools separated Native kids from their families, forced them to stop speaking their own languages, and often inflicted abuse in the name of "civilizing" indigenous children. The Interior Department said at one point the U.S. supported at least 400 boarding schools across the country — including 15 in Washington state.

[UC Hastings Students Will Give Free Legal Aid to Indigenous Communities This Summer](#)

U.C. Hastings Law – Tuesday May 24, 2022

From helping Native Americans draft wills, stay in their homes, and navigate the court system, four UC Hastings law students will spend this summer assisting indigenous tribes in California with legal matters.

[‘Daughter of a Lost Bird’ documents tribal member reconnecting with her roots](#)

Charkoosta News – May 26, 2022

Brooke Pepion Swaney, a Bitterroot Salish descendant of the Confederate Salish Kootenai Tribes and an enrolled citizen of the Blackfeet Nation, documents the emotional and moving journey of a daughter in search of her birth mother and discovering her Native heritage.

[Okla. Enacts Tribal-Backed Public Safety Law, Overriding Veto](#)

Law 360 – May 31, 2022

Oklahoma will revoke the driver's licenses of people convicted in tribal court of certain crimes, after lawmakers last week overrode Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto, which Native American groups in the state had warned would threaten public safety.

[Jurisdiction, custody issues surround missing baby case](#)

Rapid City Journal – May 31, 2022

Joann Hoof was just two days old when she went missing, but her mother, Lassandra Hoof, said she is running into multiple jurisdictional hurdles in her search to find her infant. Joann was born April 27 on the Pine Ridge Reservation to Lassandra Hoof and Jacob Barajas. After Barajas reportedly took Joann on April 29 without her mother's consent, Lassandra filed for temporary emergency child custody and temporary emergency placement of the baby, which the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court granted her on May 2. On May 24, the court granted Lassandra permanent guardianship over Joann, tribal court documents show.

PUBLICATIONS

[Communities as caretakers: The Indian Child Welfare Act as an antiracist framework for all child welfare cases.](#)

Groll, Sydney, [19 Rutgers J. L. & Pub. Pol'y 279](#) (2022) *

Abstract: The child welfare system is racist. As with all systems in the United States, the system charged with protecting children is not exempt from the racist policies, practices, and mindsets that created and justified colonialization and slavery. Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color continue to fall prey to the harsh realities of child welfare involvement, finding themselves disproportionately represented in this system. Historically, the child welfare system has attempted to rectify this issue by implementing policies and practices that consistently fall flat. Perhaps one of the most comprehensive attempts at rectifying these wrongs involved the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) enacted in 1978. ICWA was created to protect Indigenous communities devastated by extraordinarily high rates of removing Indigenous children from their families and Tribes and adopting them out to non-Indigenous families. In 2013, eighteen of the United States' most prominent child welfare organizations collectively asserted in an amicus brief that through the creation of ICWA, "Congress adopted the gold standard for child welfare policies and practices that should be afforded to all children." Specifically, they asserted that ICWA serves as "a model for child welfare and placement decisionmaking [sic] that should be extended to all children." [Read More.](#)

[Editorializing ICWA: 40 years of colonial commentary.](#)

Deer, Sarah; Higgins, Elise; White, Thomas, 7 Indigenous Peoples' J. Law, Culture, and Resistance 28 (2022) *

Abstract: All national news coverage of ICWA emanates from a few specific high-profile cases in which mainstream news outlets usually characterize ICWA as cultivating unfair battles between Tribal Nations and prospective adoptive parents. Editorials, though, often go further than that, using words like "sacrificing", "massacre", and "slaves" to describe both tribal citizens and tribal nations. This article focuses on how these high-profile cases are characterized in newspaper editorials and op-eds; namely, how these authoris explicate their colonial views about ICWA, Indian identity, tribal sovereignty, and the virtues of adoption.

[Reframing Kānāwai: Towards a restorative justice framework for Indigenous peoples.](#)

Tuteur, N. Mahina, 7 Indigenous Peoples' J. Law, Culture, and Resistance 60 (2022) *.

Abstract: This article introduces a developing analytical framework for decolonizing legal education, critical analysis, and advocacy from and for Native communities. The second edition of Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise, the definitive resource for understanding both historical and emerging legal issues affecting Kānaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians), will employ this contextual inquiry framework to encourage academic discourse and critical thinking about not only what the law is, but what it should be. The Treatise's contextual framing is born from the idea that legal analysis cannot focus solely on "traditional" notions of rights because such notions are grounded in western concepts of property that are not universally applicable, especially in Hawai'i.

[Storytelling and Truth-Telling: Personal Reflections on the Native American Experience in Law Schools](#)

Mitchell Hamline Law Review v. 48 Issue 3, Article 1

In January of 2021, the American Association of Law Schools ("AALS") theme was Freedom, Equality and the Common Good. The Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples Section of the AALS embraced the theme and announced a call for personal reflections incorporating the experiences of Native Americans in law schools. The theme of striving for academic freedom and equality allows for an in-depth questioning of whether Native Americans have been adequately and appropriately represented in legal curricula in the nation's approximately two hundred law schools. The aspirational goal of realizing the common good must be inclusive of Native American voices as students, faculty, staff, and graduates and in curricula choices in law schools across the country.

[The Indian Child Welfare Act: Preserving Families Is in Children's Best Interests](#)

Kathryn E. Fort in Harvard Law – Bill of Health – Examining the Intersection of Health, Law, Biotechnology, and Bioethics, May 12, 2022

On February 28, 2022, the Supreme Court accepted one of the most consequential federal Indian law [cases](#) in decades, a direct constitutional challenge to the [Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (ICWA). This challenge, brought by three states and three foster families, intends to not just dismantle a [gold standard](#) law in child protection, but all of federal Indian law. The plaintiffs who brought this case are [not interested in improving the child protection system](#), or finding ways to support promising practices, or [ensuring the resiliency for Native children affected by trauma](#). This case is about an attempt to dismantle the current federal protections for tribal governments, tribal

citizenship, and tribal sovereignty. The case does so by ignoring the best interests of Native children and the [voices of a uniquely unified Indian Country](#).

[The Never-Ending Maze: Continued Failure to Protect Indigenous Women From Sexual Violence in the USA](#)

Amnesty International – May 2022

Sexual violence against American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/ AN) women is at epidemic proportions in the USA and survivors are frequently denied justice. Despite piecemeal efforts to address this, the USA is failing in its obligation to protect AI/ AN women from sexual violence and is actively restricting tribal governments from doing so. The high rates of violence faced by AI/AN women have been compounded by the USA's steady erosion of tribal government authority and refusal to untangle the complex jurisdictional maze that survivors face. Further, the federal government has exacerbated matters by chronically underresourcing law enforcement agencies and Indigenous health service providers.

[Missing and Murdered: Finding a Solution to Address the Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada and Classifying It as a “Canadian Genocide”](#)

Melanie McGruder, [46 Am. Indian L. Rev. 115](#) (2022)

Abstract: Native communities across the world are facing a human rights crisis. In Canada, alarming numbers of indigenous women and girls are being murdered or have been missing for a substantial amount of time, with no justice being served. Currently, indigenous women in Canada make up 16% of homicide victims and 11% of missing women, even though they only make up 4.3% of the population. Inquiries into this epidemic have shown that human rights abuses “historically . . . maintained today by the Canadian state,” have led to indigenous women facing levels of violence that should be classified as a genocide.

[Meeting the *McGirt* Moment: The Five Tribes, Sovereignty & Criminal Jurisdiction in Oklahoma’s New Indian Country](#)

Adam Goodrum, [46 Am. Indian L. Rev. 201](#) (2022)

In the summer of 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision that has been hailed as a significant victory for supporters of tribal sovereignty. The Court held that a significant portion of the land in Oklahoma is an Indian reservation. In a letter to Oklahoma’s congressional delegation, a coalition of Native organizations asserted that “[t]he Court’s affirmation of sovereignty was a win for every tribal nation in the United States, as well as communities that neighbor tribal nations.”

[Why American Indian and Alaska Native Children and Families Need Child Welfare Redesign.](#)

National Indian Child Welfare Association. 2021

[Legislative Commission on Indian Services Report \[Oregon\]. December 2021.](#) *Government to Government Annual Report; DHS 3998 (12/2021)* Oregon Department of Human Services, Tribal Affairs Unit. 2021

[Back to basics: The Supreme Court’s return to fundamental principles of federal Indian law in *McGirt v. Oklahoma* ahead of equal protection challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.](#)

Russo, Nicole, [55 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 123](#) (2022)

Abstract: The body of law referred to as “federal Indian law” governs the legal status of Indian tribes and regulates the relationships between tribes, the federal government, and states. This body of law is comprised of constitutional text, treaties between tribes and the federal government, regulations, legislation, and the jurisprudence of the United State Supreme Court. Under Chief Justice John Marshall, the Court established some of the fundamental principles of federal Indian law for navigating these relationships and interpreting these sources of law in the cases commonly referred to as “the Marshall Trilogy.” The Supreme Court’s application of those principles, however, has become increasingly inconsistent and “haphazard.”

[Human Trafficking and Child Welfare: Scope of Agency.](#) *OPRE Report; 2022-85.* Charm, Samantha. Latzman, Natasha. Gilot, Bethan. Dolan, Melissa. RTI International. United States. Administration for Children and Families. Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation. United States. Children's Bureau. 2022

[Screening for Human Trafficking in Child Welfare Settings: Tools in Use](#). *OPRE Report; 2022-86*. Charm, Samantha. Latzman, Natasha. Gilot, Bethany. Dolan, Melissa. RTI International. United States. Administration for Children and Families. Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation. United States. Children's Bureau 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Biden [issues Proclamation on Missing Or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, 2022](#) May 4, 2022

For generations, Indigenous persons, including American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, have been forced to mourn a missing or murdered loved one without the answers and support they deserve. On Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, we remember these victims and their families, and commit to working with Tribal Nations and Native communities to achieve justice and healing.

National Center for Victims of Crime

Today, May 5th, is the National Day of Awareness for Missing or Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is sharing this [video](#) to increase MMIP awareness and providing links (below) to resources to address this crisis.

- [MMIP Video](#)
- [MMIP One Pager](#)

Statistical Briefing Book Offers Data Snapshot on Youth Victims of Suicide and Homicide

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) with a new [Data Snapshot](#) on youth victims of suicide and homicide. Drawing on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the data snapshot details the characteristics and trends of youth victims of suicide and homicide in 2020. While the number of youth suicide victims changed little from 2019 to 2020, the number of youth homicide victims increased 47 percent.

Developed for OJJDP by the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#), the research division of the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), the Statistical Briefing Book offers easy online access to statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Office For Victims of Crime [Highlighted Resources for Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day](#), May 5, 2022. New [Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons page](#) featuring resources to support survivors, victim service providers, and allied professionals. The topic page includes publications, state resources, related links, and videos.

Capacity Building Center for Tribes ICWA Compliance Series a three-part webinar series:

[Current Findings & Reflections from the ICWA Baseline Measures Report](#) Learn more about the ICWA Baseline Measures Project, which focused on building the capacity of Court Improvement Programs (CIPs) to measure the application of ICWA in state court practice. Presenters Alicia Summers, Ph.D. and Andy Yost, JD., Ph.D., highlight specific findings, share how CIPs are utilizing findings, discuss the value of data in ICWA implementation work, provide access to the tools and instruments used to collect data, and discuss how focus groups were utilized to develop these tools. [View the ICWA Baseline Measures Report](#)

[What now? New lessons learned in tribal-state partnerships](#) Three sites - Oklahoma, North Dakota, and Minnesota - received ICWA Implementation Partnership Grants from the Administration of Children and Families to create timely and effective models of partnership. Learn more about the outcomes they achieved as presenters Harmony Bercier (ND), Bree Bussey and Mark Erickson (MN), and Te'Ata Purcell, Jonathan Moore, and Jessica Hargrove (OK) share their journeys and lessons learned in this 90-minute webinar. Handouts: [ND ICWA Website](#); [OK Tribal Resource Guide](#); [Indian Child Welfare Act Snapshot: A Pilot Review of ICWA Practice in Oklahoma](#); [OK ICWA Partnership Summary](#); [Case Staffing Template for Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team](#); [ICWA Snapshot Tool](#); [Pottawatomie County](#)

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[Core Leadership Team and ICWA Partnership Grant Team Roles and Responsibilities](#); [Staffing Process Map](#)

[Active Efforts & The ICWA Family Preservation Program with the North Dakota ICWA Implementation Partnership Grant](#) The final webinar in this 3-part series highlighted innovative compliance and research approaches from North Dakota that help honor the spirit of ICWA and tribal sovereignty. Hear findings from a qualitative and quantitative active efforts survey and learn about the ICWA Family Preservation (IFP) program from presenters Jessi Leneau, Avery Davies, Jennifer Russell, and Harmony Bercier. Handouts: [ND ICWA Website](#); [Active Efforts Survey](#); [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#); [IFP Assignment Process \(with clickable North Dakota ICWA Inquiry/Case Status Form\)](#); [IFP Fact Sheet](#); [IFP Tribal Involvement Tiers](#); [Native American Training Institute](#); [Tribal-State Agreements on Tools from Tribes](#); [ICWA Resources on the Tribal Information Exchange](#); [ICWA Courts Information from NCJFCJ](#)

Integrating Tradition and Culture into Wellness Court Programming | Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Presented by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Rhonda Decontie, the Cultural Resources Coordinator for the Penobscot Wellness Court, will lead a webinar discussing how culture can support participant recovery. Rhonda will highlight how culture and tradition can be woven into Wellness Court operations and approached in the process of recovery..

Webinar Materials and Recording

- [Video Recording](#)
- [PowerPoint PDF](#)

The Capacity Building Center for Tribes-New Resources:

- [Engaging and Supporting Native Fathers](#)
Find resources focused on engaging and supporting Native fathers.
- [Resources for Grandparents](#)
Resources from the field related to supports for Native grand families .
- [Trauma-Informed Practice Strategies \(Tips\) for Supporting Caregivers of Native Youth in Out-of-Home Care](#)
The resource provides strategies and suggestions for both tribal child welfare programs and caseworkers to incorporate trauma-informed practices into their work supporting kinship and non-relative caregivers.
- **Working With Your Community to Address Sex Trafficking**
Raise the awareness of your community members, youth, and their caregivers about how they can help prevent sex trafficking. Find helpful examples that have been successful in other tribal communities in these brief resources.
[Awareness Campaign Examples & Resources](#)
[Training & Resources for Youth & Their Caregivers](#)
- **New Series Detailing Four Key Components of ICWA**
This series highlights four key components that make the ICWA stand out as the gold standard in child welfare practice: [Active Efforts](#), [Placement Preferences](#), [Inquiry and Notification](#), and [Qualified Expert Witness](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

Tribal Perspectives on Recruiting, Licensing, and Retaining Native Resource Families. (Webinar series from the Capacity Building Center for Tribes)

Staying within their community and remaining connected to their family and culture helps minimize the impacts of trauma that Native children experience when placed in out-of-home care.

Join this two-part webinar series to learn from tribal nations about their efforts to recruit and retain Native resource families. Presenters will share practical information on:

- Developing tribal foster and kinship care programs
- Successfully recruiting and training resource families

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- Creating tribal resource family licensing standards
- Establishing effective tribal-state collaborations for recruiting and dual-licensing

Having licensed Native resource homes available when children must be placed in out-of-home care is essential. State child welfare professionals are also invited to attend this series to learn about the importance of working collaboratively to improve outcomes with tribal nations through the recruitment and licensing of Native resource families. Learn more and register for each session below. All webinars begin at 3:00 Eastern (2:00 Central, 1:00 Mountain, 12:00 Pacific, 11:00 Alaska). To view Part 1: **Native Families for Native Children: Recruiting and Training Resource Families in Nebraska** aired on June 1, 2022, please contact Webinar host: [Laura Dyer](#).

[Part 2: Working Collaboratively to Create Tribal Licensing Standards](#)

June 8, 2022 – 1.5 hours

Discover how the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska collaboratively developed foster and kinship care licensing standards. Presenters will share the licensing tools they utilize and information on how they train staff and maintain best practices. Participants will also learn how the tribes and state of Alaska are working together to navigate licensing regulations and achieve dual-license recognition.

Presenters:

- Mary Johnson, Director of Tribal Family and Youth Services, The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- Rachel Hanft (she/her), Family Support Specialist, Alaska Center for Resource Families
- Barbara Cosolito, Social Service Program Office, Office of Children's Services

[Positive Indian Parenting](#)

June 7-9, 2022

**National Indian Child Welfare Association
Palm Springs, California**

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) prepares tribal and non-tribal child welfare personnel to train American Indian and Alaska Native parents using a culturally specific approach. The materials presented during this training draw on the strengths of historic Indian child-rearing practices and blend traditional values with contemporary skills. Storytelling, cradleboards, harmony, lessons of nature, behavior management, and the use of praise are discussed.

[Talking Circle: Trauma and Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities](#)

June 9, 2022

12:00-1:30 p.m. PST

Intergenerational and historical trauma have existed for hundreds of years within tribal communities. Understanding this history as well as the impact of complex trauma on survivors of human trafficking is critical to supporting their healing process. Join the American Indian and Alaska Native panelists as they offer insight and answer participant questions on recognizing and addressing trauma from a human trafficking survivor's lived experience.

[2022 California Statewide I.C.W.A. Conference \(Hybrid\)](#)

June 13 & 14, 2022

Presented by the California Tribal Families Coalition, The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and the California Department of Social Services.

Hybrid Format - online and in person at 5469 Casino Way - El Cajon, CA 92019

[Indian Law and Policy Now Event \(Hybrid\)](#)

June 23, 2022

9:00am-3:00pm

The Indian Gaming & Tribal Self-Governance Programs and the Academy for Justice at ASU Law with the support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians are proud to present a day of practical learning on current federal Indian law and policy matters at the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Event Center in downtown Los Angeles. Topics include: Foundations of Federal Indian Law, VAWA 2022: How we got here & where we came from, Practical Learning Focused on Recent Bureau of Indian Affairs Actions – Tribal Lands and Practical Learning Focused on Recent Bureau of Indian Affairs Actions – Indian Gaming.

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[4th Annual Noojimo’iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act and Indian Child Welfare Act Training \(Hybrid\)](#)

August 3-5, 2022

On-Line Format-Whoova or

In-person Format-Bay Mills Resort & Casinos

Brimley, MI

Each unit focuses on a topic related to violence and provides tools to support community healing. Engaging, expert faculty facilitate each unit which has been designed to help advocates, providers, and legal professionals implement effective service strategies.

[Fairness and Equity Symposium \(Virtual\)](#)

Virtual event hosted by CalSWEC

September 15, 2022 | 9:00AM–Noon

September 16, 2022 | 9:00AM–Noon

Advancing Equity Through Prevention: As California prepares for a statewide prevention focus, generating collaboration across systems, the intention of this symposium is to contribute to this conversation through the lens of equity. Please contact the following email for any questions: rta_calswec@berkeley.edu

[California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: 2022 Virtual Shifting the Lens 7th Annual Conference](#) *Shifting the Lens: Survivors and Families Coming into Focus (Virtual)*

November 7-9, 2022

In November 2022, we will continue to broaden the focus and engage a larger community to find answers to pressing questions that impact survivors, families and communities. What happens when we shift the lens and look at domestic violence with a broader view that includes discussions with opposing and unified viewpoints? Conference registration, will open July 1, 2022.

[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

December 6-9, 2022

Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California

OVC has rescheduled the 17th National Indian Nations Conference for December 6-9, 2022.

This conference will focus on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and provide training for victim service providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; judges; medical and mental health professionals; social workers; and victim advocates at the tribal, federal, state, and local levels. If you have questions, please email IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS

Deadline: September 30, 2022

EDA's American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities NOFO is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. For additional information: <http://www.eda.gov/>

[SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Program Activities](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

OS-PAW-20-001

Deadline: To be determined based on public health emergency needs.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19..." (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially

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increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

Please Contact:

Eric West Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management
240-453-8822

[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

[NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19](#)

With the continued spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), NCAI is committed to supporting Indian Country and lifting up our communities as we continue to combat this global pandemic. Keeping in mind the needs of our tribal nations. NCAI is awarding \$5,000 to various tribal nations that have been affected by this pandemic through NCAI's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for Indian Country.

Applications guidelines are located [here](#). NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, Vice President of Development, cweaver@ncai.org

Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

- FEMA assistance for tribal nations related to COVID-19, click [here](#).
- What expenses qualify as Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, click [here](#).
- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI's COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

[GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM](#)

Attention CalWORKs families with an approved case status as of March 27 will receive a one-time Golden State Grant payment of \$600. The payment is to help families who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This payment is not a CalWORKs grant payment and not subject to hearing rights.

[FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

If you've have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses starting in April 2021.

[Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized a new [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). This benefit will provide a discount of \$50 per month for eligible low-income households or \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands to cover internet bills, as well as provide discounts on some devices. This program can also be combined with Lifeline benefits. The FCC has developed a [consumer FAQ](#), which provides information about eligibility and program details.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2022-171280

Grants.gov Deadline: June 13, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 17, 2022

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) supports states, units of local government, and tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts that identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs. COSSAP funding provides necessary resources that allow communities to respond to illicit substance use and misuse to reduce overdose deaths; promote public safety; and support access to prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and recovery services in the community and justice system.

[Tribal Opioid Response Grants](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

TI-22-006

Deadline: June 27, 2022

The purpose of the TOR program is to assist in addressing the overdose crisis in Tribal communities by increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (MOUD), and supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorders. The TOR program also supports the full continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery support services for stimulant misuse and use disorders, including for cocaine and methamphetamine.

[Field-Generated Solicitation: Increasing Options and Expanding Access for Victims of Crime](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2022-171321

Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: July 05, 2022

This program is authorized under 34 U.S.C. § 20103 (c)(1)(A), which provides that the OVC Director shall make grants for “victim services, demonstration projects, program evaluation, compliance efforts, and training and technical assistance services to eligible crime victim assistance programs.”

[Preventing Trafficking of Girls](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2022-171319

Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: July 05, 2022

The goal of this program is to develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services for girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.

[Census of State Courts](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics

O-BJS-2022-171320

Grants.gov Deadline: June 29, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2022

The CSC is intended to provide a complete census of all state and local courts operating in the United States and to compile important staffing data and information about the case types heard in state municipal, trial, and appellate courts. Judges, court administrators, federal and state policymakers, researchers, and journalists can use the CSC for information about how different court systems staff their courts. Through a cooperative agreement, the recipient of funds will be responsible for working closely with BJS on the CSC to (1) develop and test a data collection instrument, (2) update the existing frame of courts, including identifying municipal courts, (3) field the CSC, and (4) conduct data cleaning, analysis, and delivery of raw and final datasets.

[Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2022-171359

Grants.gov Deadline: July 27, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: August 01, 2022

This program seeks to fill a gap within OJP’s current funding plan by seeding the development, implementation, and testing of a new or innovative approach to achieving community safety that is an alternative to a traditional enforcement model for less serious and lower-level crimes.

[Project Safe Neighborhoods](#)

**Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171346**

Deadline: July 14, 2022

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community-based partners, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. PSN is coordinated by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs) in the 94 federal judicial districts throughout the 50 states and U.S. territories.

[Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
O-OJJDP-2022-171360**

Grants.gov Deadline: July 18, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: August 01, 2022

This solicitation will support high-quality arts programs for justice-involved youth to reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, and/or other problem and high-risk behaviors. Arts programs include but are not limited to painting, sculpting, drama, digital media, film, music, dance, singing, and creative writing.

[Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171361**

Grants.gov Deadline: July 28, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: August 02, 2022

SCA and reentry-focused grant funding is designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism reduction. "Reentry" is not a specific program but rather an ongoing process that starts from the moment an individual is initially incarcerated.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Advancing Hospital-Based Victim Services](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
O-OVC-2022-171238**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 08, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 15, 2022

The goal of this solicitation is to support evidence-based models, practices, and policies that improve partnerships between the victim services field and hospitals and other medical facilities to increase support for crime victims. The objective of these partnerships is to provide comprehensive, coordinated, culturally relevant, trauma-informed services and support that address the full range of victim needs. T

[Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office for Victims of Crime
O-OVC-2022-171264**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 09, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 16, 2022

The purpose of the Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Program is to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to fight human trafficking. T

[Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171280**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 13, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 17, 2022

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) supports states, units of local government, and tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts that identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs. by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs. COSSAP funding provides necessary resources that allow communities to respond to illicit substance use and misuse to reduce overdose deaths; promote public safety; and support access to prevention, harm-reduction, treatment, and recovery services in the community and justice system. The program also promotes cross-system planning and coordination to deliver a broad range of evidence-based, culturally relevant interventions.

[Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
O-OVC-2022-171309**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 13, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 27, 2022

This program will provide funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals, which under this program means pets, service animals, emotional support animals, and horses.

[Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171034**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 14, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2022

This solicitation is part of the Second Chance Act (SCA) suite of programs in FY 2022. This year a range of programs for states, local units of government, nonprofit organizations, and tribal governments are being competed, including: Community-based Reentry Program, Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes Program, Improving Reentry Substance Use Disorder, Treatment Outcomes Program, Pay for Success, Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision and HOPE Institute Smart Reentry and Smart Supervision with Technical Assistance: New Tools to Facilitate Change.

[Services for Victims of Human Trafficking](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
O-OVC-2022-171307**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 14, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 28, 2022

This program will provide funding for services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11).

[Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Evaluation and Research Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
PA-PHE-22-002**

Deadline: June 14, 2022

This notice solicits applications for projects that will conduct evaluations or research that would make significant contributions to the mission of OPA and to the teen pregnancy prevention, adolescent sexual and reproductive health, and family planning fields.

[Bridging Inequities - Legal Services and Victims' Rights Enforcement for Underserved Communities](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office for Victims of Crime
O-OVC-2022-171291**

Deadline: June 16, 2022

This program supports activities related to expanding access to legal assistance for victims of crime in underserved communities.

[Field-Generated Strategies to Address the Criminalization of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking](#)

**Department of Justice
Office for Victims of Crime**

O-OVC-2022-171295

Deadline: June 16, 2022

This program will provide funding for services to victims of human trafficking, as defined by 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11).

[Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance**

O-BJA-2022-171282

Grants.gov Deadline: June 16, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2022

BJA is administering OJP's CVIPI, working in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This collaborative approach will help ensure jurisdictions have access to the expertise to address community violence that involves children, youth, young adults, and adults, both as the individuals responsible for perpetrating this violence and those who are victims of it. As appropriate, awards made under this solicitation may be managed by BJA, OJJDP, or OVC depending on the nature of the funded project.

[Services for Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime**

O-OVC-2022-171292

Grants.gov Deadline: June 16, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 23, 2022

This program is designed to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist minor victims of labor trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended, by providing high quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims.

[Research and Evaluation Solicitation](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women**

O-OVW-2022-171120

Grants.gov Deadline: June 17, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2022

The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to research and evaluate approaches to combatting domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (hereafter referred to as "VAWA crimes").

[Community Courts Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance**

O-BJA-2022-171297

Deadline: June 21, 2022

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The Community Courts Initiative supports efforts by state, local, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments to establish and enhance community courts in their jurisdictions. Community courts are neighborhood-focused court programs that combine the power of the community and the justice system to address local problems. They connect persons committing less serious crimes — often misdemeanor cases — to judicially supervised substance use disorder treatment, alternative sanctions, and other community-based services.

[Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services Technical Assistance Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2022-171308

Grants.gov Deadline: June 23, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 30, 2022

OVC will use this Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services (LEV) Technical Assistance (TA) Program solicitation to select one organization to maintain a national level TA effort to develop, enhance, and sustain direct victim service programs within law enforcement-based systems to serve the needs and rights of all crime victims.

[Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(Tribal HHAP\) Grants Program](#)

California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Deadline: June 30, 2022

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is seeking partnership with federally recognized tribes and stakeholders in the development of a tribal grant program, including an application process that meets the needs of tribal communities, and is seeking feedback as to how Cal ICH can best support federally recognized tribes in their goals to prevent and end homelessness in their communities.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2022-ACL-AOA-DASG-0068

Deadline: September 6, 2022

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 Major Disaster under the Robert T. Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and may only be used in those areas designated in the Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

[Risk and Protective Factors of Family Health and Family Level Interventions](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-21-358

Deadline: May 7, 2025

The purpose of this initiative is to advance the science of minority health and health disparities by supporting research on family health and well-being and resilience. The NIMHD Research Framework recognizes family health, family well-being, and family resilience as critically important areas of research.

[EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2019-DISASTER

Deadline: None

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO.