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### IN THE NEWS

#### [First Native Hawaiian woman confirmed as federal judge](#)

The 19<sup>th</sup> – November 30, 2023

For the first time, a Native Hawaiian woman will serve a lifetime appointment as a federal judge in the United States. The U.S. Senate voted 53-45 on Thursday to confirm Hawaii state Judge Shanlyn A.S. Park to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Hawaii.

#### [Looking Back at Restorative Justice in Indian Country](#)

Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog – November 30, 2023

The theme for this year's annual restorative justice conference, under the leadership of Ret. Justice Janine Geske, was Restorative Justice in Indian Country: Speaking the Truth, Instilling Accountability, and Working Toward Healing. With Native American Heritage Month now concluded, the Andrew Center would like to reflect on and draw attention to the continuing importance of our 2023 conference.

#### [Ada Deer: Advocate for Tribal Sovereignty](#)

Library of Congress Blog – November 30, 2023

This [Native American Heritage Month](#), we honor the significant figures in history who contributed to civil rights and the law. [Ada Deer](#), [Menominee](#), was an activist, tribal leader, social worker, government official, professor, and community activist, all in service to her community. In the process of trying to make improvements in the quality of Native lives, she accomplished several firsts.

#### [Native American mothers whose children have been separated from them experience a raw and ongoing grief that has no end](#)

(Commentary) (Includes video)

Conversation – December 01, 2023

Native American mothers whose children were separated from them – either through child removal for assimilation into residential boarding schools or through coerced adoption – experience the kind of grief no parent should ever feel. Yet theirs is a loss that is ongoing, with no sense of meaning or closure. While some families have eventually been reunited, far too many languish in the child welfare system, where Native American children are overrepresented as a result of discrimination and racial bias, structural racism and increased exposure to poverty.

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**[How to Create Intentional Pathways for Native American Attorneys](#)**

LexBlog – December 1, 2023

During the American Bar Association's recent ABA Equity Summit, Torey Dolan, an attorney and scholar who focuses on Native American self-determination and political actualization, spoke on the slow growth of Native American attorneys in the law, especially in leadership positions.

**[At 45, Indian Child Welfare Act sets standard for kinship care](#)**

CBS Colorado – December 1, 2023

This year marks 45 years since the passage of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. The law which was upheld earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court works to keep Native American children close to their traditions and tribal cultures.

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Tribal/State Programs Link:

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**[Cherokee Nation celebrates traffic citation revenue-sharing agreements](#)**

Tulsa World - Dec 3, 2023

Cherokee Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. met with Tahlequah's mayor Thursday to sign the kind of agreement he thinks could begin to resolve strife over tribal license plates.

**[Indian child welfare coalition and ACLU of Nebraska file brief in Lincoln case on appeal](#)** (Includes audio) (Includes video)

Lincoln Journal Star - December 04, 2023

A civil liberties group and Indian child welfare coalition have filed a "friend of the court" brief in a Lancaster County case involving the termination of a Native mother's parental rights to her sons. The Nebraska Court of Appeals is set to hear oral arguments in the case involving the Indian Child Welfare Act later this month. The Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition and the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska aren't parties to the case, but filed an amicus brief in which they provide information or argument for the judges to consider as they weigh the legal arguments.

**[Court 'Justice Stations' Open in New Mexico, Navajo Nation, Allowing More Remote Appearances](#)**

U.S. News – December 4, 2023

[New Mexico](#) officials are setting up "justice stations" in the northwestern part of the state including on the Navajo Nation, in order to help people access state courts without traveling as far. State officials said Monday that newly installed judicial outposts provide virtual access to magistrate court hearings.

**FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

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

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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[Biden signs executive order reforming federal funding for tribal nations](#)

NBC News – December 6, 2023

President Joe Biden signed an executive order aiming to ease Native American access to federal funding and investment at the White House Tribal Nations Summit. Biden also said he supports the idea of six Indigenous nations from the U.S. and Canada competing under its own flag in Olympics lacrosse in 2028.

[KOTA Cares: Friends of the Children focuses on Native American youth](#) (Includes video)

KOTA - December 07, 2023

Friends of the Children is a non-profit program that originally started 30 years ago in Portland, Oregon. That program was brought here to Rapid City more than a year ago and focuses on pairing mentors (also known as relatives) with Native American children four years old.

[Native families welcome children home, but issues linger after court affirms landmark law](#) (Includes video)

Arizona Central - December 07, 2023

Even with ICWA in place, Native children are still being removed from homes by child welfare agencies for suspected neglect or abuse at rates more than three times the national average, according to data evaluated by Casey Family Programs. The nonprofit foundation aims to prevent the need for foster care by strengthening families and supporting child and family wellbeing. In contrast to other states like Montana, Minnesota and Alaska, Arizona's history is not as dire, but records supplied by the Department of Child Safety said Native kids in Arizona account for 10% of foster children in the system. Native people in Arizona account for about 5% of the state's total population. David Lujan, director of the Arizona Department of Child Safety, would like to lower those numbers for both Native and non-Native kids. "Everybody can learn from the enactment of ICWA," he said, particularly using kinship care models developed by tribes. Lujan said his agency's goal is to place 65 to 70% of kids in kinship foster arrangements. "We find kids have better outcomes in kinship arrangements," he said. "It also keeps kids within their culture." The agency now has more than 55% kinship placements for kids over four or five years, Lujan said.

[Washington works to reconcile its history of Indigenous boarding schools](#)

High Country News - December 12, 2023

Yakama bands once gathered at Mool Mool springs in what is now Washington state to use the area's bubbling waters for medicinal purposes. In 1855, the Yakama bands signed a treaty that ceded millions of acres to the United States in exchange for specific reserved rights. The next year, the U.S. Army built Fort Simcoe over a tribal campsite near the springs, and in 1860 established the Fort Simcoe Indian Boarding School there. It was the first boarding school built in the U.S., the beginning of an era marked by the forced removal, abuse and neglect of thousands of Indigenous children in several hundred similar institutions across the country. "Educating was never an actual part of these schools," said Theresa Sheldon, a citizen of the Tulalip Tribes and director of policy and advocacy for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. "It was just the label to use for assimilation and colonization."

[Alaska Native leaders bring light to state-specific challenges in federal MMIP report](#)

Alaska Beacon – December 13, 2023

Alaska is the only state with its own chapter in a [report](#) on missing and murdered Indigenous people that describes a failure of the federal government to fulfill its [trust responsibilities](#) to tribal nations, resulting in a public health, public safety and justice crisis nationwide.

[Public Law 280: The path forward](#)

Lake County Leader – December 14, 2023

The sheriff, county and civil attorneys, county commissioners and members of various law enforcement agencies were on hand for a public meeting to address questions and concerns about Lake County's recent announcement that it's pulling out of Public Law 280. The agreement between the state, county and Tribes has governed felony law enforcement on the Flathead Reservation since nearly six decades.

**[Funding Opportunity for the Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program](#)** (Press release)

Indian Health Service - December 18, 2023

The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) is accepting applications for grants for the Community Opioid Intervention Prevention Program (COIPP). This program is authorized under the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. 13, and the Transfer Act, 42 U.S.C. 2001(a). Funding for this program is provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Public Law 117-328, 136 Stat. 4459, 4808 (2022). The Assistance Listings section of SAM.gov (<https://sam.gov/content/home>) describes this program under 93.654.

**[Judge Sara Hill Will Be the First Native Woman to Serve United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.](#)**

Native News Online – December 19, 2023

Judge Sara Hill (Cherokee) has been confirmed to serve on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, making history as the first Native American woman confirmed for a lifetime judicial appointment in the state.

**[Dispute over criminal jurisdiction flares in Oklahoma between tribal police, jailers](#)**

AP News – December 21, 2023

A dispute erupted this week between police officers from the Muscogee Nation and jailers in a small eastern Oklahoma county that led to one jailer facing a battery charge in tribal court. The confrontation underscores the tension between tribal authorities and some state and county officials over the limits of tribal sovereignty.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**[Without Children, A Native Nation Has No Future: National Child Traumatic Stress Network Position Statement.](#)**

Acknowledges that the experiences of Indigenous children have resulted in profound loss and complex trauma. Prior to the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978, Indigenous children were systematically removed from the care and custody of their parents, their families, and their communities. These removals destroyed cultural connections and resulted in a catastrophic number of children's lives being lost.

**[Developing Aboriginal Cultural Support Plans. Guidance Tools: Cultural Support Planning for Aboriginal Children and Young People.](#)** Curijo. 2023

**[Making red lives matter: Public choice theory and Indian Country crime.](#)**

**[Spotlight on Tribal Child Welfare](#)** Children's Bureau Express, December/January 2024. Vol. 24, No. 10

This issue of CBX spotlights tribal child welfare; the work being done to support American Indian/Alaska Native children and families; and the importance of preserving and nurturing youth's connections to their tribe, culture, and traditions. Read a message from Associate Commissioner Aysha E. Schomburg in which she recognizes the unspoken mental health challenges faced by so many Americans and encourages readers to check in on loved ones, especially during the holiday season. This issue also includes the latest resources and tools for child welfare professionals and the families they serve.

**[2023 Progress Report for Tribal Nations: The White House Tribal Nations Summit Progress Report.](#)**

United States. Domestic Policy Council. 2023

**[Exploring strengths, psychological functioning and youth victimization among American Indians and Alaska Natives in four southern states.](#)** Katie Schultz, Elizabeth Taylor, Sherise McKinney and Shrry Hamby, Child Abuse and Neglect, May 2023 article 106197

**Abstract:** Identifying factors that support healthy psychological functioning after experiencing violence or other adversities in youth can lead to better prevention and intervention efforts. This is particularly important among communities with disproportionately high rates of adversity resulting from legacies of social and political injustices, such as American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

[The Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) as a Model of Support for Belonging](#), Bree Bussey & Amelia Frank Meyer, Family Justice Journal, Winter 2023, page 34

It is critical to our overall health and well-being to know where we belong, and to know who we belong to. This is universally true and expands across all peoples and cultures. Many of us who work in child welfare know that the child welfare system does not provide a foundation to foster belonging; this is especially true for American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.

[Justice for Tribal Elders: Issues Impacting American Indian and Alaska Native Older Adults](#) (Issue Briefing) Justice in Aging, December 20, 2023

This paper, **Justice for Tribal Elders: Issues Impacting American Indian and Alaska Native Older Adults**, aims to introduce legal and aging advocates to information on health, economic, and other barriers for tribal elders; laws, government programs, and eligibility rules unique to tribal communities; and the necessary cultural competency to better serve tribal elders.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [Live Art Gallery - Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#)

The event will celebrate the voice of lived experience experts and explore themes of healing as artists present their submissions. This year's collection will be featured on the ["Online Gallery"](#) – launching January 1, 2024 and will include submissions from the [CSEC Action Team's Advisory Board](#) and the [Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking \(PACT\) Consultant Network](#).

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### [Digital Toolkit - Child & Family Policy Institute of California \(CFPIC\)](#)

Check out the **2024 Human Trafficking Prevention Month Toolkit** which inspires individuals, agencies, tribes and communities to consider ways to raise awareness and take action during January and all year-around!

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

**January 8, 2024, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm (Virtual)**

### [Human Trafficking in Indian Country](#)

National Indian Country Training

The topic of human trafficking in Indian Country encompasses two categories: human trafficking within Indian country and human trafficking of Native American victims. This session will cover investigation and prosecution tactics, strategies and legal arguments from an experienced federal prosecutor who has worked both categories of cases.

### [Tribal Child Welfare Data System Procurement Webinar Series](#)

#### **Session 2 - Procuring a Tribal Child Welfare Data System**

January 17, 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm Pacific

#### **Session 3 - Contracting with Data System Vendors**

February 21, 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm Pacific

**January 31, 2024 from 9:00am – 10:30am (Virtual)**

### [Mental Health Treatment Foundations: Engagement and the Therapeutic Relationship with Youth Impacted by Trafficking](#)

**February 8, 2024, 9:00 am – 10:30 am (Virtual)**

### [Crossing State or Tribal Lines with Children in Domestic Violence Cases](#)

The Center for Justice Innovation, in partnership with the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women (LRC), will be offering a webinar on basic interstate custody issues.

**February 4-6, 2024 (Orange County, CA)**

### [National Association for Court Management 2024 Mid-Year Conference](#)

**February 25 - 28, 2024 (Seattle, WA & Virtual Option)**

### [American Probation and Parole Association 2024 Winter Training Institute](#)

March 17-20, 2024 (Cleveland, OH)  
[2024 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

April 4-5, 2024 (Albuquerque, NM)  
[Indian Law Conference – Federal Bar Association](#)

April 5-7, 2024 (New York, NY)  
[American Judges Association 2024 Midyear Conference](#)

April 7-10, 2024 (Seattle, WA)  
[43rd Annual National Indian Child Welfare Association Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

June 16-20, 2024 (Cherokee, NC)  
[23rd Annual National Tribal Child Support Association Conference](#)

July 21-24, 2024 (Phoenix, AZ)  
[The NCJFCJ's 87th Annual Conference](#)

October 22-24, 2024 – (Las Vegas, Nevada) Save the Date  
[55<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference](#)

### COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

#### [STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center \(STTARS\)](#)

##### **ARP Housing 90EV0537 25**

*Increase the availability of COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and other COVID-19 mitigation strategies for survivors.* NIWRC will allocate pass through funds to tribal organizations addressing housing and domestic violence that we have previously connected with through our National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. These funds will be utilized for COVID-19 mitigation activities (such as testing, PPE, staff related needs, health and wellness supplies for advocates and survivors, and additional resources to specifically address COVID-19 impacts and ongoing advocate pandemic fatigue). Applications will be reviewed in a timely fashion and on an on-going/rolling basis.

#### [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](mailto: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.

**NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**[2024 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Reimbursement Program – Notice of Reimbursement Opportunity](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
O-OVW-2024-171930**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: January 23, 2024**

**Deadline to submit application for reimbursement in JustGrants: January 25, 2024**

Eligible applicants for reimbursement are limited to: Federally Recognized Tribes exercising Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction over any covered crime. The Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Reimbursement Program (Tribal Reimbursement Program, assistance listing #16.059) reimburses tribal governments for expenses incurred in exercising “Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction” (STCJ) over non-Indians who commit certain covered crimes.

**[2024 Justice for Families Program](#)**

**Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women  
O-OVW-2024-171902**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: January 30, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: February 1, 2024**

The Justice for Families Program (CFDA #16.021) supports the following activities for improving the capacity of courts and communities to respond to families affected by the targeted crimes: court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training for people who work with families in the court system; and civil legal assistance.

**[2024 Legal Assistance for Victims](#)**

**Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women  
O-OVW-2024-171904**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: February 13, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: February 15, 2024**

The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program (CFDA 16.524) is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid victims (ages 11 and older) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by providing funds for comprehensive direct legal services to victims in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence.

**[2024 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program Expanding Legal Services Initiative](#)**

**Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women  
O-OVW-2024-171905**

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**[VA Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grant](#)**

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Legal Services for Veterans  
VA-LSV-H-2024**

**Deadline: February 23, 2024**

The goal of the Grant Program is to assist homeless and at-risk Veterans who have unmet needs for legal services, which may create barriers to housing stability.

**PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**[The Road to Resilience Program](#)**

**California Department of Social Services  
Office of Child Abuse Prevention  
RFA24-27**

**Deadline: January 12, 2024**

The Road to Resilience program aims to foster collaborative efforts among health service providers, community-based organizations, and county or Tribes and tribal organizations (child welfare, public health, and behavioral health) to reduce substance exposure to infants and mitigate negative outcomes associated with prenatal and perinatal substance use by strengthening supports for pregnant individuals with known histories of substance use, pregnant individuals with current substance use, parents of substance-exposed infants, and their families.

**[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)**

**Department of Commerce  
NTIA-ICG-TBCPO-2023-2008098**

**Deadline: January 23, 2024**

The TBCP provides new federal funding for grants to Eligible Entities to expand access to and adoption of: (i) broadband service on Tribal Land ;or (ii) programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources.

**[The Youth Homelessness System Improvement \(YHSI\) Grants](#)**

**Department of Housing and Urban Development  
FR-6700-N-96**

**Deadline: February 15, 2024**

The grants will focus on systems change to create and build capacity for Youth Action Boards; collect and use data that work with at-risk youth; develop strong leaders within a community; and improve the coordination, communication, operation, and administration of homeless assistance projects to better serve youth, including prevention and diversion strategies.

**[Systems-Level Risk Detection and Interventions to Reduce Suicide, Ideation, and Behaviors in Youth from Underserved Populations](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health  
RFA-MH-25-125**

**Deadline: February 20, 2024**

The purpose of this R34 NOFO is to provide resources for evaluating the feasibility, acceptability, and safety of novel approaches that are uniquely tailored to the risk profiles of these populations, that will improve outcomes and modify health risk behavior.

**[Missing and Murdered Indigenous People \(MMIP\) Grant Program, Cohort 2](#)**

**Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)**

**Deadline: March 15, 2024**

This grant program was developed with input from members of California’s tribal community and supports a broad range of activities. Tribes are encouraged to develop programs that address their community’s needs.

**[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024 AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Grants](#)**

**AmeriCorps  
AC-08-19-23**

**Deadline: April 5, 2024**

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country’s most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

**[Maternity Group Home Program](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-YZ-0042**

**Deadline: May 20, 2024**



The Maternity Group Home (MGH) program provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for pregnant and/or parenting youth and young adults ages 16 to under 22 who have runaway or are experiencing homelessness, and their dependent child(ren), for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months. Service providers must accommodate for the needs and safety of the dependent children to include facility safety standards for infants and children on the premises. MGH services include, but are not limited to, parenting skills, child development, family budgeting, and health and nutrition education, in addition to the required services provided under the Transitional Living Program to help MGH youth and young adults realize improvements in four core outcome areas. The MGH combination of shelter and services is designed to promote long-term, economic independence to ensure the well-being of the youth and their child(ren).

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

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**PAR-23-094**

**Applications accepted now**

**Deadline: July 5, 2024**

Applicants are required to develop and test the navigator model's ability to promote early access, engagement, coordination and optimization of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Applicants are also required to identify and test components of navigator models that drive improvements in mental health care; detect and interrogate tailoring variables that optimize the 'personalized match' between the unique mental health needs of youth to the appropriate level of intensity and frequency of mental health services; and utilize emerging novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

**[Engaging Survivors of Sexual Violence and Trafficking in HIV and Substance Use Disorder Services](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**RFA-DA-25-018**

**Deadline: August 5, 2024**

The goal of this concept is to support exploratory research and preliminary interventions to address the interrelated and compounding contextual factors that contribute to substance use and HIV risk among sexual trafficking survivors. This would be accomplished through research that builds new interventions and models of care that can effectively engage ST survivors in care for SUD, HIV, trauma, and other mental health outcomes and addresses key structural and social determinants of health that contribute to risk for ST as well as barriers to and facilitators of escaping continued exploitation.

**[NIDA Research Center of Excellence Grant Program](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**PAR-23-076**

**Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): August 25, 2023**

**Deadline: November 18, 2025**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for research Centers that (1) conduct substance use and addiction research in any area of NIDA's mission, including the intersection of substance use/addiction and HIV, (2) foster outstanding innovative science, (3) are multidisciplinary, thematically integrated, and synergistic, and (4) serve as national resource(s) to provide educational and outreach activities to relevant research communities, educational organizations, the general public, and policy makers.

**[HEAL Initiative: Research to Increase Implementation of Substance Use Preventive Services](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**RFA-DA-24-066**

**Earliest Submission Date: December 17, 2023**

**Expiration Date: January 17, 2026**

The goal of this initiative is to support research that can improve public health and respond to the opioid crisis by increasing knowledge pertaining to the delivery and sustainability of prevention services. This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) solicits applications to address understudied areas of opportunity that, if researched, could create the foundation needed to inform a prevention infrastructure for ongoing delivery and sustainment of interventions to prevent opioid and other substance misuse and use disorders.