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IN THE NEWS

[Canada's legal system hates indigenous women](#)

Independent - March 5, 2017

By Thomas L. McMahon

[US: Judge throws out Arizona challenge to Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Navajo-Hopi Observer - March 28, 2017

In an extensive ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Neil Wake said attorneys for the Goldwater Institute had not proven that any of the children they were claiming to represent had been harmed because of the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act. And Wake said that if there is a child who may be in danger that claim can be handled by the state courts that are handling that adoption or foster care proceeding.

[Federal Court Denies TRO in Matter it Already Dismissed under the Tribal Exhaustion Doctrine](#)

Turtle Talk - March 30, 2017

By Matthew L.M. Fletcher

New materials in Acres v. Blue Lake Rancheria (N.D. Cal.)

[AK: Southeast tribal court builds on its experience \(Includes audio\)](#)

Alaska Public Media - March 31, 2017

It started with child support and paternity cases and branched out to include domestic violence protection orders, custody disputes and adoptions. Now, it's planning to further expand the kind of cases it handles.

[Federal Oklahoma ICWA Case Dismissed as Moot](#)

Turtle Talk - April 3, 2017

By Kate Fort

This lawsuit challenged the sections of the Oklahoma state ICWA statute (OICWA) concerning notice and intervention of tribes in voluntary proceedings. This case was first filed back in the summer of 2015. On March 31st, the Court agreed with Cherokee Nation's most recent motion to dismiss as moot.

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<http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-tribal.htm>

[A Right-Wing Think Tank Is Trying to Bring Down the Indian Child Welfare Act. Why?](#)

The Nation – April 6, 2017

By Rebecca Clarren

Native Americans say the law protects their children. The Goldwater Institute claims it does the opposite.

[At Conference, Native American Youths Learn to Smoke Salmon, Play Lacrosse, and ‘Talk Back’](#)

Indian Country Today-April 7, 2017

By Lynn Cordova

While smoked salmon sat stacked nearby on a grill ready for the grubbing, a group of Native American youths from across Indian country participated in an introduction to lacrosse lesson, running up and down an open field, throwing the ball back and forth to one another. The scene was just one small moment of the [42nd Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference](#).

[Agua Caliente Water Rights Suit Heading to Supreme Court](#)

Indian Country Today-April 9, 2017

By Debra Utacia Krol

The Coachella Valley Water District and the Desert Water Agency announced March 29 that they are taking their case to the U.S. Supreme Court. On March 7, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' [water rights](#) include both surface and groundwater including the Coachella Valley aquifer, based on the [Winters Doctrine](#).

[The Rights of Indian Children: Indian Child Welfare Act Regulations](#)

Turtle Talk - April 10, 2017

By Kate Fort

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq., is the “gold standard” of child welfare policy for all children. The law charges that children should be safe, raised within their family, and when that is not possible, raised with relatives within an identityaffirming community.

FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit forum's home page

<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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Judicial Council Rules and Forms Invitation to Comment

The Judicial Council has posted invitations to comment on rule and forms changes. Thirty-two (32) new proposals to amend the California Rules of Court, Judicial Council forms and legislation have been posted to the [California Courts web site](#).

There are two in particular which may be of interest to the ICWA Statewide Workgroup Participants. These are:

[Family Law: Transfers of Title IV-D Child Support Cases Between State and Tribal Court](#)

Item Number: SPR17-18

Deadline for Comments: April 28, 2017 5:00 PM

[Submit Comment Online](#) Or, email: invitations@jud.ca.gov

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and the Tribal Court-State Court Forum propose amendments to rule 5.372 governing discretionary transfer of title IV-D child support cases from the state courts to tribal courts in cases of concurrent jurisdiction. The amendments would allow transfers from the tribal court to the state court, clarify the contents and procedures for motions to transfer, and modify the factors and procedures for ruling on motions to transfer. These proposed amendments are based on suggestions received from those involved in transfers between the state courts in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and the Yurok Tribal Court.

[Indian Child Welfare Act: Amend Rule 5.552 to Allow Indian Child’s Tribe Access to Court Records Consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827](#) :Item Number: SPR17-16

Deadline for Comments: April 28, 2017 5:00 PM

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The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and Tribal Court–State Court Forum jointly propose to amend California Rules of Court, rule 5.552 to conform to California statutory law. This proposal is in response to comments from practitioners and court staff advising that the discrepancies between the rule and statutory requirements were causing confusion.

Publications

[Human Trafficking: Action Needed to Identify the Number of Native American Victims Receiving Federally-funded Services. Highlights of GAO-17-325, a Report to Congressional Requesters](#)

Highlights of GAO-17-325, a Report to Congressional Requesters

U.S. Government Accountability Office. 2017

[2016 Tribal-State Opioid Summit \[October 2016, Morton, Minnesota\]. Final Report](#)

March 9, 2017

At the Annual Summit of State and Tribal Leaders in July 2016, leaders of Minnesota’s Tribal Nations highlighted for Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith the devastating impact of opioids on tribal communities throughout Minnesota. In response, the Dayton-Smith Administration and Minnesota’s Tribal Leaders agreed to partner on a summit focused on developing strategies and solutions to address the opioid crisis in Indian Country. The Tribal-State Opioid Summit took place on Tuesday, October 18 at Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, Minnesota.

Announcements

[2017-Designated Agents for ICWA Service](#)

Federal Register /Vol. 82, No. 44/Wednesday, March 8, 2017/Notices

[Tribal Sex Offender Registration Code: 2017 Revised Version](#)

SMART. 2017

[AG Sessions Orders Review of Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement](#)

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Turtle Talk-By Matthew L.M. Fletcher

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Webinars

"Racial and Ethnic Disparities: How States and Communities Can Work Together to Combat Disproportionality."

April 24, 2017, 2 to 3 p.m. ET

The [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) will host this webinar. Presenters will discuss how communities and states can address disproportionate minority contact (DMC). Participants will learn about the cross-system impact of DMC and the importance of recognizing how the issues involved in addressing DMC intersect.

Protecting Victims and Communities from Firearms in Domestic Violence Cases: Collaborative Strategies

April 26, 2017, 11:00am PT

Is your community doing all it can to prevent firearms-related violence perpetrated by abusers in DV cases? Are you encountering challenges to implementing existing state, tribal, & federal firearms restrictions? Learn about strategies for effective implementation at all stages of civil & criminal DV cases, as well as a new national project, the Firearms Pilot Site Initiative, through which the NCJFCJ & other national experts will provide communities with in-depth TA, training, & other support.

Disrespect: Elder Abuse and Native Americans

May 10, 2017, 11:00am-12:30pm

Most elders describe abuse as disrespect and using this terminology will get a more robust response during an investigation. This webinar will present language and approaches that will help with the communication and investigation of elder abuse among Native American elders. Jacque Gray will discuss how her research has helped to inform practice with Native American elders.

Domestic Violence Safety Issues When Meth is Present

May 17, 2017, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM PDT

Please join this important webinar panel presentation to learn more about meth; its' impact on domestic violence programs and shelters; what larger environmental and public safety concerns come into play; and what tribes are doing to meet this challenge. Facilitated by Gwendolyn Packard, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, NIWRC; Walter Lamar, President, Lamar Associates; and Lorene Thomas, DV/SA Director, Otokahe Teca Tipi.

State Judicial Branch Online Resources

Newslinks

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

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

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

California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)

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

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Upcoming Conferences

[Courses for Tribal Judges 2017](#)

The National Tribal Judicial Center
At The National Judicial College

[NCJTC - Crimes Against Children in Indian Country Conference](#)

Apr 25-27, 2017
Carlton, MN

[Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative \(NICTI\): Forensic Interviewing of Child and Adolescent Victims and Witnesses in Indian Country Seminar](#)

May 1-4, 2017

National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina

The is pleased to announce the Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education. Forensic interviewing is an interviewing process used with children for the purpose of providing evidence to the police, prosecutors, and the court in the investigation and prosecution of suspected abuse. The goal of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child in a developmentally-sensitive, unbiased, and truth seeking manner. This training is specifically designed for investigators, prosecutors, and social workers who have responsibility for conducting forensic interviews of child and adolescent victims and witnesses. Priority will be given to those individuals working cases in Indian Country. In this course, the attendee will receive instruction on the latest research-based information on interviewing techniques, and will be provided opportunities to develop and refine interviewing skills during child interviewing exercises.

[2017 Symposium on Fairness and Equity Issues in Child Welfare Training and Education](#)

[Register here](#)

May 10, 2017

Clark Kerr Conference Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

This year's theme, *Equity from the Start*, focuses primarily on practice issues related to the early childhood years. The presentations are pertinent to trainers, educators, and advocates in child welfare, behavioral health, and other related systems and disciplines that concern young children. Online registration will be available starting the week of March 27, 2017. For questions about event logistics, please contact Gloria Banderas: gbalderas@berkeley.edu.

[Tribal Law Enforcement Executive Symposium: Breaking Down Jurisdictional Walls](#)

May 10-11, 2017

Warm Springs, OR

Hosted by the Western Community Policing Institute at the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon. Session focusing on Oregon's experience with tribal law enforcement authority as well as other national and tribal experiences and updates around jurisdiction and law enforcement issues.

[Drug Identification and Recognition to Support Tribal Justice](#)

May 16-17, 2017

Neah Bay, WA

Recognize signs and symptoms of stimulants, hallucinogens, opiates, marijuana, alcohol, depressants, inhalants, dissociative anesthetics, and various drug combinations. Examine current drug trends and the legal considerations related to drug investigations.

[Amber Alert in Indian Country: Child Protection Symposium](#)

June 1-2, 2017

BisMarck, ND

[The National Center for School Engagement is offering "Developing a Problem-Solving Truancy Court"](#)

June 16, 2017

Colorado Springs, CO

This training will focus on how problem-solving courts can engage family and community partners to help youth overcome truancy. This training is designed for judges, magistrates, school district personnel, juvenile parole

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officers, and others engaged in helping students and families improve school attendance in conjunction with courts.

[The National Forum on Criminal Justice](#)

July 30-August 1, 2017
Long Beach, CA

Workshops will feature promising and innovative programs and strategies to address crime around the country; explore how technology can improve the administration of justice; examine research and evaluation; and highlight priority issues within the Department of Justice and available resources. Workshop sessions will showcase innovative programs and highlight how research and technology help drive good policy.

[23rd National Symposium on Juvenile Services](#)

[“Improving Juvenile Services: Identifying and Promoting Quality Practice”](#)

October 8-12, 2017
Rosen Plaza Hotel
9700 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

The National Symposium on Juvenile Services is a unique forum that brings together the leadership and direct care professionals from juvenile services and other human services professionals for training and the opportunity to network and share innovative program service approaches being implemented within the juvenile justice system throughout the country. We hope you will have a participatory role in shaping the agenda and future direction of our juvenile justice system.

For more information or to download a [Call for Presentations](#) visit [here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs Funding Opportunities](#)

[Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans provides funds for community-based projects for the Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program. The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing, restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals.

[State and Tribal Grant Programs](#)

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

[Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#)

Deadline: April 21, 2017

NRCS is the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) conservation agency working with farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners nationwide to identify and address natural resource objectives in balance with operational goals in order to benefit soil, water, wildlife, and related natural resources locally, regionally, and nationally. NRCS works in partnership with other entities to accelerate getting conservation on the ground. Through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners in innovative, workable and cost-effective approaches to benefit farming, ranching, and forest operations, local economies, and the communities and resources in a watershed or other geographic area. RCPP partners develop project applications, as described in this notice, to address specific natural resource objectives in a proposed area or region. Partnering organizations design, promote, implement, and evaluate the project outcomes. NRCS will select final RCPP projects following a two-phase application process that includes: (1) a pre-proposal application; and (2) a full proposal application. NRCS will assess and evaluate RCPP project applications against four criteria—solutions, contributions, innovation, and participation. The full proposal process is only open to applicants whose pre-proposal applications are selected by the agency to go forward

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from the pre-proposal stage. All RCPP applications become the property of NRCS for use in the administration of the program and will not be returned to the applicant. RCPP federal assistance is delivered in accordance with the authorities of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP), and in certain geographic areas, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention program. NRCS and partners implement RCPP projects by working with agricultural producers and owners of agricultural and forest land. The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of CCC funding for RCPP and to solicit applications from potential partners. Subject to fiscal year (FY) 2018 appropriations, NRCS anticipates the availability of up to \$252.6 million in funding for RCPP. RCPP is not a grant program. Through RCPP, NRCS works with partners to provide a combination of financial and technical assistance to help producers implement conservation practices. Applications will be accepted from all 50 States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands), and U.S. territories in the Pacific Island Areas (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD)

Department of Health and Human Services: D HHS-2017-ACF-ANA-NC-1263

Due Date: April 24, 2017

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds for the Native Youth I-LEAD. This program will emphasize a comprehensive, culturally-appropriate approach to ensure that all young Native people can thrive and reach their full potential by fostering Native youth resilience, capacity building, and leadership. Native Youth I-LEAD will specifically focus on implementation of community programs that promote Native youth resiliency and foster protective factors such as connections with Native languages and Elders, positive peer groups, culturally-responsive parenting resources, models of safe sanctuary, and reconnection with traditional healing. Projects will also promote Native youth leadership development through the establishment of local models to instill confidence in Native youth of their value and potential, preparation of older youth to be role models for younger peers, and activities that foster leadership and skills-building. In addition, it is intended that Native youth must be actively involved during the planning and implementation phases of the projects to ensure that they are responsive to the needs of Native youth in the communities to be served and to ensure that youth remain engaged throughout the project period.

To apply contact: Carmelia Strickland, (202) 401-6741, Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov

Conservation Innovation Grant

Deadline: April 28, 2017

Overview: The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural and forestry production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS policy, technical manuals, guides, and references or to the private sector. CIG is used to apply or demonstrate previously proven technology in order to increase adoption with an emphasis on opportunities to scale proven, emerging conservation strategies. CIG promotes sharing of skills, knowledge, technologies, and facilities among communities, governments, and other institutions to ensure that scientific and technological developments are accessible to a wider range of users. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. CIG does not fund research projects, with the exception of on-farm conservation research. On-farm conservation research is defined as an investigation conducted to answer a specified conservation-related question using a statistically valid design, while employing farm-scale equipment on farm fields. Specifically, a valid study design will use an appropriate number of replications and statistical analysis of results. To the extent NRCS funds research projects through CIG, the Agency will only fund research projects that stimulate innovative approaches to natural resource management in conjunction with agricultural production. NRCS will accept proposals for single or multi-year projects, not to exceed 3 years, submitted by eligible entities including Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, State and local governments, and non-governmental organizations and individuals. Proposals are accepted from all 50 States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the Pacific Islands Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). However, the project must be implemented within the State of Oregon. Proposals will be screened for completeness and compliance with the provisions of this notice. Incomplete and/or noncompliant proposals will be eliminated from competition, and notification of elimination will be mailed to the applicant. NRCS Oregon will use a 3 tiered review process which is identified in Section V. A. of this notice.

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[Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence - Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting Program \(SAFE-ITR\)](#)

Deadline: April 28, 2017

The program will fund States, units of local government, and tribal governments to implement an evidence management program to inventory, track, and report untested and unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs). From the time an evidence SAK is collected to the time it leaves the laboratory and the case receives final disposition in court, the status and location of the SAK will be known.

[FY17 FDPNE Projects](#)

**Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service**

Deadline: May 1, 2017

Since 2008, FNS awards funding for nutrition education projects through Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) grants each fiscal year. Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and State agencies (SAs) that are current FDPIR allowance holders (have a direct agreement with FNS to administer FDPIR) are eligible to apply for funds to conduct projects that provide nutrition information and services to FDPIR participants. The FY 2017 SNAP Education Plan Guidance is the basis for FDPNE nutrition, gardening, and physical activities. FNS selects components of this guidance for development of FDPNE project requirements. The FY 2017 SNAP Education Plan Guidance may be reviewed at <https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/national-snap-ed/snap-ed-plan-guidance-and-templates>.

[Changing Minds: Professional Development and Public Education To Address Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma](#)

Deadline: May 2, 2017

There are three categories of funding available under this solicitation: Category 1: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on children exposed to violence (CEV) and childhood trauma for educators and educational administrators in public school and correctional and alternative education settings based on the Changing Minds K-12 training institute. Category 2: Master Trainings/Training of Trainers on CEV and childhood trauma for law enforcement based on the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence curriculum and toolkit. Category 3: Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign expansion and enhancement—phase 2.

[Juvenile Drug Court Testing Guidelines](#)

Deadline: May 2, 2017

This solicitation will support juvenile drug treatment courts to implement system changes, service delivery, and programming enhancements that are in alignment with the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines (JDTC Guidelines) that OJJDP anticipates releasing by the end of 2016. The new JDTC Guidelines will provide juvenile courts with an evidence-based, treatment-oriented approach that emphasizes family engagement and addresses the substance use and often co-occurring mental health challenges experienced by the youth. The guidelines are grounded in research on adolescent development, substance use treatment, youth interventions, family engagement, juvenile courts, and juvenile drug courts. Successful applicants will also be required to work with OJJDP's training and technical assistance provider and to participate in research and evaluation activities to be conducted by an independent evaluator, funded separately by OJJDP.

[Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

Deadline: May 2, 2017

The goal of this program is to support existing Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts (JDTCs) in implementing system changes, service delivery, and programming practices that are in alignment with the JDTC Guidelines. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET) on May 2, 2017.

Regional Telehealth Resource Center Program

Deadline: May 2, 2017

This announcement solicits applications for the Regional Telehealth Resource Center Program (RTRC). RTRCs assist health care organizations, health care networks, and health care providers in the implementation of cost-effective telehealth programs to serve rural and medically underserved areas and populations. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will support twelve RTRCs that focus on state-wide and regional telehealth activities as shown below. RTRCs will serve as focal points for advancing the effective use of telehealth technologies in their respective communities and states. Northeast Region Southeast Region Upper Midwest Region Northwest Region Connecticut Alabama Illinois Alaska Maine Florida Indiana Idaho Massachusetts Georgia Michigan Montana New Hampshire South Carolina Ohio Oregon New Jersey* Utah* New York South Region North Central Region Washington Rhode Island Arkansas Iowa Wyoming

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Vermont Mississippi Minnesota Tennessee Nebraska West Region Mid-Atlantic Region North Dakota California Delaware South Central Region South Dakota District of Columbia Kansas Wisconsin Pacific Region Kentucky Missouri American Samoa Maryland Oklahoma Southwest Region Guam New Jersey* Arizona Hawaii North Carolina West Central Region Colorado Northern Mariana Is. Pennsylvania Louisiana Nevada Virginia Texas New Mexico West Virginia Utah* * Historically, two regions serve New Jersey and Utah in this program. Post-award, successful applicants in these regions will be required to provide HRSA with a written plan outlining how New Jersey and Utah will be divided to ensure that services are not duplicated. The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) expects all RTRCs to fully collaborate with each other, to share and combine expertise and resources to create a unified telehealth technical assistance capability with effective and efficient educational tools, consulting and support capabilities. In addition to the RTRCs, HRSA expects to fund two National Telehealth Resource Centers (NTRCs), focused on policy and technology respectively, with which RTRCs will share expertise and resources. The NTRCs are intended to assist the work of RTRCs in advancing telehealth by providing a collective resource for information on telehealth policy and technology. RTRC applicants are encouraged to review the NTRC announcement (HRSA-17-108) to understand the distinction between RTRCs and NTRCs. The technical assistance provided by RTRCs will focus on meeting needs of telehealth networks, practitioners or organizations in their region. Awards are expected to be used for salaries, equipment, and operating or other expenses related to: Providing technical assistance, training (including travel expenses) and support for health care providers and entities planning or providing telehealth services; Disseminating information or research findings related to telehealth services; Supporting effective collaboration among telehealth resource centers; Conducting evaluations to determine the best utilization of telehealth technologies to meet health care needs; Supporting the integration of technologies used in clinical information systems with other telehealth technologies; Fostering the use of telehealth technologies to provide health care information and education for health care providers and consumers in a more effective manner; and Implementing special projects or studies. Awardees are required to explain the amount of free technical assistance available to anyone contacting a RTRC to provide complete transparency about the intent of services provided through the award.

To apply contact:

Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration
nmanzanero@hrsa.gov; Natassja Manzanero at (301)443-2077 or email nmanzanero@hrsa.gov

[Serving Crime Victims With Disabilities: A Seamless Approach From First Response to Healing](#)

Deadline: May 2, 2017

The goal of this solicitation is to update and expand OVC's resources to support victims with disabilities, particularly the following two resources: Victims With Disabilities: Collaborative, Multidisciplinary First Response—Techniques for First Responders Called To Help Victims Who Have Disabilities DVD and Trainers Guide (published in 2009 and revised in 2011), and Victims With Disabilities: The Forensic Interview—Techniques for Interviewing Victims With Communication and/or Cognitive Disabilities DVD and Trainer's Guide (published in 2007 and revised in 2011).

Since these documents were first published, expansive work has been done on disabilities (e.g., new terms are being used, new approaches have been created, much more is known about autism spectrum disorders) and the technology landscape (e.g., cell phones, internet and social media platforms) of victimization has rapidly changed. In addition, there is a need for guidance on making services accessible and appropriate to crime victims with disabilities throughout the process, from first response and forensic interviewing to healing.

[Humanities Access Grants](#)

Deadline: May 3, 2017

Humanities Access grants help support capacity building for humanities programs that benefit one or more of the following groups: children, family, and young adults (defined to include those between ages 18 and 30). Humanities Access grants provide funding for existing programs at institutions such as public libraries, local and regional museums, historical societies, community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, archival repositories, and other cultural organizations. Programs supported by Humanities Access grants have included, for example • a young readers' initiative sponsored by a state humanities council; • a "family conversations" program at a rural historical society connecting the area's cultural and natural resources; and • internships for students at a liberal arts college to work in local cultural organizations during the summer. Humanities Access Grants offer two years of match-based funding. All funds must be expended by the end of the grant period. Humanities Access grant funds should not be used to replace existing program funds. Instead, the grant should

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expand or enhance an existing exemplary humanities program. Institutions that have never received an NEH grant and small to mid-sized institutions are especially encouraged to apply.

National Incidence Studies of Missing Children Reported to Law Enforcement

Deadline: May 3, 2017

This program will test strategies and work to produce national estimates of missing children reported to law enforcement in response to the Congressional mandate: The administrator [OJJDP] shall triennially conduct national incidence studies to determine for a given year the actual number of children who are abducted by strangers, the number of children who are victims of parental kidnappings, and the number of children who are recovered each year. Missing Children's Assistance Act PL98-473 Section 404(b)(3).

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, or via email to support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays. An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center (Response Center) at grants@ncjrs.gov within 24 hours after the application deadline in order to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. Additional information on reporting technical issues appears under "Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues" in the How To Apply section. For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), by email at grants@ncjrs.gov, or by web chat. Response Center hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date. Answers to frequently asked questions that may assist applicants are posted at www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2017/FAQ/NISMCRLE.pdf. grants@ncjrs.gov

Research and Evaluation in Safety, Health, and Wellness in the Criminal Justice System

Deadline: May 8, 2017

This solicitation promotes multidisciplinary research in the area of safety, health, and wellness of populations, including children, impacted by the criminal justice system. Among the focus areas of this research are the criminal or juvenile justice system responses to children exposed to violence and the impact of parental incarceration on children.

Second Chance Act Smart on Juvenile Justice: Community Supervision Reform Program

Deadline: May 8, 2017

This solicitation supports the planning and implementation phases of a comprehensive community supervision improvement/reform plan and will address the following: (1) critical programmatic functions in day-to-day juvenile community supervision practice, including the use of a comprehensive assessment of risk for reoffending, strengths, and needs; (2) cognitive-behavioral interventions; (3) family engagement; (4) release readiness; (5) permanency planning; and (6) staffing and workforce competencies. Community supervision efforts that include all six functions operating in tandem exemplify best practices for supporting youth who remain in or return to their communities from out-of-home placements.

2017 AmeriCorps State and National Grants - Targeted Priority

Deadline: May 10, 2017

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans. This competition is for applicants proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in the following two areas: Healthy Futures - Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse and Safer Communities - Strengthening law enforcement and community relations.

Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs Financed Solely by 2017 Prevention and Health Funds (PPHF-2017)

Deadline: May 15, 2017

The Administration on Aging (AoA) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to make

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three-year grants to approximately 6-8 entities to bring to scale and sustain evidence-based falls prevention programs that will reduce the number of falls, fear of falling, and fall-related injuries in older adults and adults with disabilities. Goal 1: Significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities at risk of falls who participate in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risks; and Goal 2: Implement innovative funding arrangements (e.g. contracts with integrated health care systems) to support community-based falls prevention programs beyond the grant period, while embedding the programs into an integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program network.

[NIJ Evaluation of OVC's Vision 21: Law Enforcement and the Communities They Serve: Supporting Collective Healing in the Wake of Harm Program](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2017

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has a long-standing history of collaboration with and support For Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) on research, evaluation, and programmatic projects. With this solicitation, in partnership with OVC, NIJ seeks applications for a single award that will support OVC's Vision 21: Law Enforcement and the Communities They Serve: Supporting Collective Healing in the Wake of Harm (Collective Healing) Program. The purpose of this award will be to support an initial one-year planning phase to develop comprehensive evaluation options to assess the pilot sites of the Collective Healing program. Results from this evaluation planning phase may lay the groundwork for a possible targeted larger evaluation of the Collective Healing program.

[Public Health Nursing](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2017

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant announcement is to improve specific behavioral health outcomes of an identified high risk group of patients through a case management model that utilizes the Public Health Nursing (PHN) as a case manager. The emphasis is on reducing the prevalence and incidence of behavioral health diseases and conditions and to support the efforts of American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities toward achieving excellence in holistic behavioral health treatment, rehabilitation, and prevention services for individuals and their families.

[BJA FY 17 National Initiatives Adjudications: Training and Technical Assistance to Support Protection of Constitutional Rights Under the Sixth Amendment](#)

Deadline: May 16, 2017

Funding to support several projects to support training and technical assistance to state and local governments, including any agent with responsibility thereof, to meet the obligations established by the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, including the rights to a speedy public trial; impartial jury; effective assistance of Defense counsel; defendant notice of nature and cause of accusation; and to compel and cross examine witnesses. TTA activities will include dissemination of model information, best practices and research; support for defense systems strategic planning; and assistance with adopting and implementing a system and/or strategies for the administration of justice consistent with the Sixth Amendment, including the effective assistance of defense counsel.

[Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program Pre and Full Application](#)

Deadline: May 16, 2017

To fund technical studies to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling key housing-related health and safety hazards, including lead-based paint hazards; to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards; and to improve our knowledge of these key housing-related health and safety hazards.

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[Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages](#)

Deadline: May 18, 2017

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4.

[Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program](#)

Deadline: May 23, 2017

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). SORNA (42 U.S.C. § 16901, Title I) was enacted to protect the public by establishing a comprehensive national system of standards for the registration and notification of convicted sex offenders.

[Common Heritage](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2017

America's cultural heritage is preserved not only in libraries, museums, archives, and other community organizations, but also in all of our homes, family histories, and life stories. The Common Heritage program aims to capture this vitally important part of our country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Common Heritage will support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of outreach through community events that explore and interpret these materials as a window on the community's history and culture. The Common Heritage program recognizes that members of the public—in partnership with libraries, museums, archives, and historical organizations—have much to contribute to the understanding of our cultural mosaic. Together, such institutions and the public can be effective partners in the appreciation and stewardship of our common heritage. The program supports events organized by community cultural institutions, which members of the public will be invited to attend. At these events experienced staff will digitize the community historical materials brought in by the public. Project staff will also record descriptive information—provided by community attendees—about the historical materials. Contributors will be given a free digital copy of their items to take home, along with the original materials. With the owner's permission, digital copies of these materials would be included in the institutions' collections. Historical photographs, artifacts, documents, family letters, art works, and audiovisual recordings are among the many items eligible for digitization and public commemoration. Projects must also provide community outreach via public events that would expand understanding of the community's heritage. Public programs could include lectures, panels, reading and discussion groups, special gallery tours, screening and discussion of relevant films, presentations by a historian, special initiatives for families and children, interpretation by curators about items brought in by the public, workshops on preserving heritage materials, or other activities that bring humanities perspectives on heritage materials to community audiences. These activities should provide a framework for a deeper understanding of the community members' shared or divergent heritage. The programs may take place before, during, and/or after the day of the digitization event. Applicants may but need not include in their proposals a topic around which the event and the programs would be organized. Topics proposed for programs may also be proposed for the digitization event. The applicant institution must plan, promote, and organize the event and ensure that a wide range of historical materials can be digitized and also contextualized through public programming. Since the help of additional institutions and organizations in the community may be needed to accomplish this work, the applicant must take responsibility for enlisting appropriate organizations or institutions, such as local libraries and museums, to contribute to the project, as needed.

[NAGPRA Repatriation Grants](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2017

Awards to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial and/or storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and/or cultural items.

Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse

Deadline: June 6, 2017

The purpose of this forecasted funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide competitive grant funds for up to 5 years for projects authorized by the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Pub. L. 112-34). This Act includes a targeted grants program (section 437(f)) that directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reserve funds for regional partnership grants (RPGs) to improve the well-being of children affected by substance abuse. These targeted grants will be awarded to

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regional partnerships that provide, through interagency collaboration and integration of programs and services, activities and services that are designed to increase the well-being of, improve permanency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children who are in out-of-home placements or are at risk of entering out-of-home placements as a result of a parent's or caretaker's substance abuse. Applicants will be expected to have a collaborative structure in place that is capable of building the region's capacity to meet a broad range of needs for families involved with both substance abuse treatment and the child welfare system. Per the legislative requirements, RPGs are required to select and report on performance indicators and evaluation measures to increase the knowledge that can be gained from the program. Partnerships will: Use specific, well-defined, and evidence-based programs that are also trauma-informed and targeted to the identified population; Conduct an evaluation that is sufficiently rigorous to contribute to the evidence base on service delivery, outcomes and costs associated with the project's chosen interventions; Participate in the national cross-site evaluation, which includes an implementation and partnership study, an outcomes study, and an impact study. For more information, contact [Jean Blankenship](#) (202) 401-2887.

2017 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Technical Assistance (TA) Center Grant Deadline: June 7, 2017

The mission of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is to empower, educate and assist Medicare-eligible individuals, their families and caregivers through objective outreach, counseling and training to make informed health insurance decisions that optimize their access to care and benefits. There are currently 54 active SHIP grants: one in every state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The SHIP National Technical Assistance Center serves as a centralized and significant source of information, expertise, and technical assistance for the SHIP grantee projects. With this funding opportunity, ACL is seeking applicants for a single cooperative agreement to operate the SHIP National Technical Assistance Center (The SHIP TA Center). To apply contact: Rebecca Kinney, (202) 795-7375, Rebecca.Kinney@acl.hhs.gov

Research and Development

Deadline: June 8, 2017

The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. This program recognizes that finding solutions to complex problems often requires forming interdisciplinary project teams, bringing together participants with expertise in the humanities; in preservation; and in information, computer, and natural science. All projects must demonstrate how advances in preservation and access would benefit the cultural heritage community in supporting humanities research, teaching, or public programming.

Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants

Deadline: June 13, 2017

NOTE: THIS STANDING FOA HAS BEEN MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: In Section IV.2. The Project Description, Approach, the following text has been added to the end of the paragraph about approaches to data collection: Applicants may want to review the final rule published December 14, 2016 in the Federal Register regarding changes to data collection for AFCARS. The link follows: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/14/2016-29366/adoption-and-foster-care-analysis-and-reporting-system>. Useful Information Memoranda (IMs) and Program Instructions (PIs) on technology are listed at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/state-tribal-info-systems> The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit proposals for one-time grants to tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop and, within 24 months of grant receipt, submit to the Department of Health and Human Services a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance, and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this FOA may be used for the cost of developing a title IV-E plan under section 471 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to carry out a program under section 479B of the Act. The grant may be used for costs relating to the development of case planning and case review systems, foster care licensing and standards for tribal foster homes and child care facilities, quality assurance systems, court structure and procedures, data collection systems, cost allocation methodology development, financial controls and financial

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management processes, or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a title IV-E plan.

Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions

Deadline: June 14, 2017

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide free access to these materials in an open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with the best practices recommended by the Association for Documentary Editing or the Modern Language Association Committee on Scholarly Editions. Projects may also prepare print editions as part of their overall publishing plan. However, projects that do not have definitive plans for digital dissemination and preservation in place at the time of application will not be considered. It is also expected that the contents of any print volumes produced will be made available online within a reasonable period of time following print publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, transcribing, annotating, editing, encoding, and publishing documentary source materials online and in print. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. A grant is for one year and for up to \$200,000. The Commission expects to make up to 25 grants in this category for a total of up to \$2,500,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2018.

AdoptUSKids

Deadline: June 16, 2017

The purpose of this forecasted Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to establish, by awarding a cooperative agreement, a multi-faceted national AdoptUSKids project designed to assist States, Tribes, and Territories in the recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive parents for children in public foster care. The AdoptUSKids project will encompass the following components: (1) National Adoption Internet Photolisting Service: Maintain and manage the National Adoption Internet Photolisting Website (www.AdoptUSKids.org); coordinate with all States, Tribes, and Territories for the listing of their eligible children/youth while incorporating best practices and quality improvement standards in photolisting; (2) National Adoption Recruitment Campaign: Plan, develop, implement and evaluate multimedia National Adoption Recruitment Campaign and a corresponding Recruitment Response Support Initiative intended to reach and inspire adult Americans to adopt by offering important, accurate information about the foster care system and the adoption process. Develop a donated public service campaign strategy and annually create and produce multi-media products including PSAs for television, radio, print and social media, building on the body of work of the National Adoption Campaign launched in 2004. This project will also provide support to States, Tribes and Territories to provide increased access to new recruitment media and their ability to respond in a timely and customer-friendly manner; (3) National Adoption and Foster Care Information Exchange System: Maintain a National Adoption and Foster Care Information Exchange System that raises public awareness and assists States, Tribes, and Territories in recruiting foster and adoptive parents for children in foster care. This will include conducting National Adoption Month activities to raise public awareness and coordinating with organizations sponsoring National Foster Care Month activities. The design of this system will incorporate the provision of a 24-hour, nationwide, toll-free communications network designed to respond to the inquiries from prospective foster and adoptive parents as well as the general public regarding the foster and adoption process. These services will be provided in English and Spanish and will be accessible to other limited English speaking and non-English speaking callers and those who may require other communication accommodations; (4) Adoptive and Foster Family Support Activities: Develop and disseminate information, strategies, and effective or evidence-based models for the implementation of adoptive and foster family support activities for States, Tribes, and Territories. Develop and disseminate information on innovative approaches for creating communities of practice, peer-to-peer technical assistance, and leadership training to enhance and support adoptive and foster family support groups; (5) Capacity Building Services for Diligent Recruitment and Retention of Foster/Adoptive Families: Provide limited constituency services and universal product development and dissemination to States, Tribes, and Territories across the nation to assist in building agency capacity for the diligent recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families, including models of best practices related to photolisting, recruitment media,

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customer service and adoptive and foster family support activities. The project period of this award will be up to 5 years. Contact Person to Apply: June Dorn, 202-205-9540, june.dorn@acf.hhs.gov

Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Historic Preservation Offices

Deadline: June 30, 2017

Program to provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historic preservation of significant resources by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under 54 USC 301 et seq. (commonly known as the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996, as amended through 2006).

National Training and Development Initiative for Foster/Adoptive Parents

Deadline: July 1, 2017

THE PURPOSE of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to an organization to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized free of charge by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research on the common characteristics of foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability. Common characteristics of families that are more likely to foster and/or adopt harder to place children/youth and are successful and remain committed to the relationship will be identified and integrated into the program. The program would be inclusive of developmental, training, and capacity needs of individuals/families that are interested in becoming foster parents, as well as those who would be interested in fostering with the intention to adopt. Many basic concepts would be in common for foster and adoptive parents, however, there would be particular focus for foster parents on working with birth parents around reunification efforts and for adoptive parents there would be particular focus on the common adoption issues pertinent to all types of adoption, i.e., child welfare, private domestic, and international. THE INITIAL YEAR would entail an extensive review of all current training and preparation programs and include new intervention strategies that foster/adoptive parents should be skilled in as they develop as foster and adoptive parents. The initial year would also involve the basic development of the training competencies upon which the training will be based and a preliminary selection of 6-8 pilot sites in which the curriculum will be implemented and tested. YEARS 2-5 would include the development of the curriculum from the basic competencies; implementation and testing of the curriculum in the pilot sites; refining the curriculum based on the pilot site experience; making the curriculum available to all States, Tribes, and Territories; and assisting them with integrating it into their training systems. An evaluation of the impact of the new intensive training curriculum would also be conducted. ADOPTION is most likely to be successful when the adoptive family is properly educated about the background and needs of the child placed in their care, has learned appropriate intervention strategies for the mental health, medical, emotional and behavioral challenges of the child and fully commits to embracing these challenges. Preparation services benefit the adoptive placement by strengthening the caregivers understanding of the unique needs of the child and developing their own capacities in relation to the child's needs and is able to nurture the relational permanency needed. OUTCOMES will include state-of-the-art training curricula that could be consistently applied across the nation for the development of foster and adoptive parents who will be equipped to meet the current needs of children/youth in the foster care system as well as those in private domestic and international adoptive families; and improved outcomes for children/youth in foster/adoptive families with improved capacity to meet their needs. It is anticipated that INITIAL YEAR FUNDING CEILING will be \$700,000 and each subsequent year funding ceiling will be \$2,000,000. To apply contact: June Dorn, (202) 205-9540, june.dorn@acf.hhs.gov

Technical Assistance to Tribes for fiscal year (FY) 2017

Deadline: August 31, 2017

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program (Technical Assistance Program [TAP]), provides technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. The TAP is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate fully in the Reclamation Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources.

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[FY 2017 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2017

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program has announced 105 locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are scheduled to take place through the middle of 2021. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with the eligible tribes that have jurisdiction over these 105 locations, as well as any locations that may be added to the implementation schedule, to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts given the tribes' unique qualifications to perform land consolidation activities for their reservations.

Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with these eligible tribes to not only capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, whenever feasible and practical, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction. Tribes are encouraged to contact Program staff for more information on developing the cooperative agreement application prior to submission. Tribes are not required to enter into cooperative agreements to participate in the Program. The Settlement Agreement limits the amount of funding that may be used for implementation costs associated with the Program (e.g., outreach, land research, and appraisals). This is a 10-year program. Most awards will provide funding for no longer than 1 year, and tribes are encouraged to utilize the award amount to work with existing tribal land offices and programs. Tribes are also encouraged to first review information available from the Program and to work with Program staff in the development of the cooperative agreement application.

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

Deadline: October 15, 2018

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

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

Deadline: November 1, 2019

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to test innovative approaches to improve diabetes and obesity prevention and/or treatment that are adapted for implementation in healthcare settings where individuals receive their routine medical care. Research

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applications should be designed to test practical and sustainable strategies to improve processes of care and health outcomes for individuals with or at risk of diabetes and/or obesity. The research should also focus on approaches that can be broadly disseminated outside the specific setting where it is being tested. The goal of the research is to obtain results that will improve routine healthcare practice and inform healthcare policy for the prevention or management of these conditions. Therefore, interventions must be integrated into the existing healthcare structure and/or processes; the healthcare setting may not be used solely as a venue for recruitment.

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

Deadline: January 7, 2020

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

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

Deadline: May 7, 2020

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

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

Deadline: May 7, 2020

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

Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative - Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) Initiative Support

Deadline: None specified

The primary purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant is to focus on Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) goal #6, "to promote positive American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth development and family engagement through the implementation of early intervention strategies to reduce risk factors for suicidal behavior and substance use." Projects will accomplish this by focusing specifically on MSPI Purpose Area #4: GEN-I Initiative Support. Purpose Area #4: Generation Indigenous Initiative Support The focus of Purpose Area #4 is to: 1. Implement evidence-based and practice-based approaches to build resiliency, promote positive development, and increase self-sufficiency behaviors among Native youth; 2. Promote family engagement; 3. Increase access to prevention activities for youth to prevent methamphetamine use and other substance use disorders that contribute to suicidal behaviors, in culturally appropriate ways; and 4. Hire additional behavioral health staff (i.e., licensed behavioral health providers and paraprofessionals, including but not limited to peer specialists, mental health technicians, and community health aides) specializing in child, adolescent, and family services who will be responsible for implementing the project's activities that address all the broad objectives listed. Paul Gettys Grant Systems Coordinator 301-443-2114 [Grants Policy Office](#)

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[Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation](#)

Deadline: Open

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

[California Wellness Foundation](#)

Deadline: Open

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

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

Deadline: Open

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

[Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

Deadline: Open

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

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

Deadline: Open

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

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;
- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;
- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens' success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.

Tribal Justice Support Directorate

Deadline: Open

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