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[South Dakota settles Native discrimination lawsuit for \\$350,000](#)

Indianz - January 30, 2020

The state of South Dakota has agreed to pay \$350,000 to Native American job applicants as part of a settlement negotiated by the federal government. The settlement resolves a lawsuit initiated by the Department of Justice in November 2015. The complaint alleged that the South Dakota Department of Social Services discriminated against Native Americans who applied for jobs at the agency's office on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

['It's hopeful': New Indigenous child welfare law prompts questions, optimism in Alberta](#)

CBC News - January 31, 2020

The provincial government has questions about new federal law that affirms Indigenous jurisdiction over child intervention services, but some who work in the field say they are optimistic about the change. The new rules recognize inherent First Nations, Métis and Inuit jurisdiction over Indigenous children who are in care, and also outlines requirements that child intervention service providers must meet when working on cases involving Indigenous children.

[Native women are vanishing across the U.S. Inside an aunt's desperate search for her niece](#)

Los Angeles Times – January 31, 2020

Since Dameron disappeared from her northeast Oklahoma home nearly a year ago, her aunt, Pam Smith, has plastered dozens of placards around town. She has also organized search teams to scour fields and to drain a pond. And she has repeatedly pleaded for information in Facebook posts.

[This Alaska lawyer blends life and law as a tribal court judge and an Orthodox Jew](#)

ABA Journal - February 1, 2020

How does a Jewish kid from Philly become a tribal court judge in Alaska? Just ask Judge David Avraham Voluck. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Voluck has been practicing federal Indian and tribal law from his home base in Sitka, Alaska, since 1996, save for a two-year sabbatical he took to attend the Rabbinical College of America.

He presides in the Sitka Tribal Court (primarily Tlingit and Haida Indians) and the St. Paul Island Tribal Court (primarily Unangan Aleuts), and is organizing an intertribal court for the Kodiak archipelago villages. He co-authored two editions of Alaska Natives and American Laws and is faculty for the National Judicial College's National Tribal Judicial Center and the National Tribal Trial College housed at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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[Bills seek to address violence against indigenous women](#)

Eastern Arizona Courier – February 2, 2020

Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind was 22, eight months pregnant, and looking forward to her baby shower the following day when she went missing on a sunny August afternoon in 2017.

She had gone to a neighbor's apartment in Fargo, N.D., where she had been asked to help with a sewing project. She never came home.

[Trump Administration launches Operation Lady Justice](#)

The Independent – February 2, 2020

On Jan. 29, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services held the first meeting of a White House task force to address the incidence of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The task force, co-chaired by Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and Attorney General William P. Barr, is composed of federal officials charged with enhancing the criminal justice response, consulting with tribal governments on potential solutions and empowering native communities with information.

[Striving to make Indigenous women, girls feel safe in Alaska](#)

Indian Country Today – February 3, 2020

'We face total negligence... when it comes to prosecuting attackers or murderers of our women'

As the names of more than 200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls were read, people listened in silence, many staring into space or at the carpeted floor of the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage. A few quietly wiped away tears. Healers burned braids of sweet grass and bunches of sage, waving the smoke onto the half-dozen men reading the names.

[Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force hears from public, talks resou jurisdiction, community engagement](#)

Great Falls Tribune – February 6, 2020

Members of the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force met Thursday in Billings, where they heard from community members, discussed available resources and outlined the roles of different law enforcement entities. The Montana Legislature created the task force last year with the passage of Senate Bill 312, known as the Looping in Native Communities (LINC) Act. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Jason Small, R-Busby, also created the LINC network grant program, which provides funding to tribal colleges (and reservations without tribal colleges) for the creation of online databases that help law enforcement and families access information on missing people. The task force also makes recommendations to the state legislature regarding missing persons cases.

[Court focuses on Native idea of family](#)

Santa Fe New Mexican – February 9, 2020

Under the direction of Children, Youth and Families Secretary Brian Blalock, state leaders announced in October the creation of New Mexico's first Indian Child Welfare Act court. Only the nation's sixth, the court opened 1 in the 2nd Judicial District to enforce and adjudicate the 1978 congressional law that requires the placement of Native American foster or adopted youth with Indian families. Also: [CYFD forging ahead with Native American court, kinship care to improve child welfare](#)

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.

[Cherokee Nation opioid lawsuit remanded to federal court](#)

Tahlequah Daily Press - February 10, 2020

The Cherokee Nation's landmark opioid lawsuit has been remanded to federal court in Oklahoma, putting the case on a path to resolution and trial. The Cherokee Nation originally filed a lawsuit in 2017 against McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart, charging the companies with breaching legal responsibilities to monitor their supply chains and flooding Cherokee Nation with prescription opioids.

[Native American Court to Run Under Bigger Concept of Family](#)

Youth Today – February 10, 2020

It's already tough sledding for New Mexico children and families in the state's fractured foster care and child welfare systems. Those challenges are amplified for Native American families, says Cynthia Chavers, acting field deputy director, metro region for the Santa Fe-based Children, Youth and Families Department.

"What we hear in child welfare is that it's really hard for our families to feel like they're receiving adequate support and services," said Chavers during the annual New Mexico Children's Law Institute (CLI) conference in January. "That challenge is even greater for an Indian family."

Under the direction of CYFD Cabinet Secretary Brian Blalock, state leaders announced the creation of New Mexico's first Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) court on Indigenous People's Day, Oct. 14, 2019. The court, only the nation's sixth, officially opened on Jan. 1 in the Second Judicial District (Bernalillo County). It will enforce and adjudicate the 1978 congressional law that requires the placement of Native American foster or adopted youth with Indian families, who can help the child maintain a link to tribal culture and traditions.

[Court takes another look at Native American adoption law](#)

Associated Press - February 11, 2020

Federal appellate judges closely questioned attorneys for the government and Native American tribes Jan. 22 over whether a law meant to preserve Native American families and culture unconstitutionally intrudes into state adoption issues.

[Gary LaRance Appointed New Bishop Tribal Court Judge](#)

Sierra Wave Media – February 14, 2020

In a press release, the Bishop Paiute Tribe announce that after a nation-wide search for a tribal court judge, the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council interviewed and selected Gary E. LaRance. He is a Hopi Indian.

Judge LaRance graduated from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 1981 where he received his juris doctorate degree in law. He has spent 37 years in the courtrooms of New Mexico, Arizona, Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nations, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribe and Washoe Tribe of Nevada. He has prosecuted, defended, and tried over 2,000 criminal, juvenile, and civil cases. He has presided as judge over hundreds of other cases.

[Amid a crime wave on Yakama Reservation, confusion over a checkerboard of jurisdictions](#)

Seattle Times – February 16, 2020

Even before this tiny town at the end of a two-lane highway became a backdrop to a rampage, a public-safety crisis had consumed it for more than a year.

Tribal leaders from Yakama Nation pleaded for more federal help to curb drug trafficking and property crime. And they denounced the Washington State Patrol's 2016 decision to stop patrolling the 1,765-square-mile reservation — an area larger than the size of Rhode Island — due to liability concerns amid a shifting web of jurisdictions.

[New court designed to keep Native American kids close to tribes, pueblos](#)

KOAT Action News – February 17, 2020

In the pueblo of Pojoaque, there's a saying they take to heart. "No one gets left behind, and we don't shoot our wounded," said Joseph Talachy, the governor of the Pojoaque.

When a tribal member is down, the pueblo as a whole works to bring them back up.

"We're all wounded to some extent here in the pueblo, and in northern New Mexico in general we come from very historically traumatic background," Talachy said.

[How a white evangelical family could dismantle adoption protections for Native children](#)

Vox – February 20, 2020

In June 2016, a 10-month-old Navajo and Cherokee boy was placed in the home of a white, evangelical couple in Fort Worth, Texas.

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The baby had been taken from his Navajo mother, who'd left the reservation and was living in Texas, because of her drug use. The foster couple — Jennifer and Chad Brackeen, an anesthesiologist and a former civil engineer — were “self-conscious about their material success,” the New York Times reported, and told the paper that fostering a child was a way to “rectify their blessings.”

[Oregon House OKs protections for Native Americans in foster care](#)

KTVZ – February 20, 2020

Legislation to ensure Native American children within Oregon's foster care system are protected and cared for in culturally appropriate settings passed the Oregon House on Thursday. House Bill 4148 modifies Oregon's dependency code to align with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and requires the Oregon Department of Human Services to provide biennial reports about American Indian and Alaska Native children in the child welfare system.

[Nonprofit Partners with Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe to Establish Village for Children in Foster Care](#)

Chronicle of Social Change – February 23, 2020

Soon central South Dakota's wind-swept prairies will be home to a new village - one that aims to create a community on the Cheyenne River Reservation for children who would otherwise be sent off the reservation to far-flung foster homes. Being built by nonprofit Simply Smiles (<https://www.simplysmiles.org/>), a circle of six four-bedroom homes will comprise the Children's Village, where Native American foster parents will care for up to six children. Unlike group homes or other institutional settings, this village will be a close-knit family community for children in LaPlant, S.D., where they will receive counseling and other services while remaining closely connected to their tribe.

[State would recognize Alaska Native Tribes under new bill](#) (Includes audio)

KNBA - February 25, 2020

The federal government has long recognized Alaska Native Tribes, similar to how it recognizes Tribes in the rest of the country. But Alaska's state government hasn't been as consistent, and state lawmakers are looking to change that. Since the early 1990s, the federal government has included Alaska Native Tribes on the list of federally recognized Tribes. And in 1999, the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that the state must recognize them in the same way the federal government does. But even after that ruling, the state said Alaska Native Tribes didn't have jurisdiction over adoptions, as Tribes had elsewhere in the U.S. The state later changed that position, but this inconsistent history has left Tribes with uncertainty about the future.

Publications

[Title: Identifying the Needs of American Indian Women Who Sought Shelter: A Practitioner-Researcher Partnership](#)

Author: Kathleen A. Fox ; Bonnie S. Fisher

Journal: Journal of Family Violence Volume:33 Issue:4 Dated:2018 Pages:251 to 256

Abstract: American Indian women across all ages are significantly more likely than women of other ethnic groups to be victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Despite their increased risk of interpersonal violence, however, there are few published studies or reports that explicitly examine the needs of victimized American Indian women, so neither researchers or service providers know very much about the multifaceted needs of victimized American Indian women and whether current community services are meeting their needs. Identifying such needs is a logical next step, so that victim service agencies can develop and effectively provide services tailored to victimized American Indian women. Drawing on survey responses from 37 American Indian female clients and interviews with 10 staff members, the findings of the current study reveal that the domestic violence agency service provider is meeting many of their needs. Findings also indicate that clients have a wide variety of specific personal needs (e.g., safety, housing, transportation), needs relating to their children (e.g., safety, education, socialization), community needs (e.g., relating to their tribe), as well as legal needs (e.g., help obtaining a restraining order or divorce). These multifaceted needs are discussed in this article, and recommendations are provided for successful researcher-practitioner partnerships.

[Title: Trajectories Of Child Protective Services Contact Among Alaska Native/American Indian And Non-Native Children.](#)

Author(s): Austin, Anna E.;Gottfredson, Nisha C.;Zolotor, Adam J.;Halpern, Carolyn T.;Marshall, Stephen W.;Naumann, Rebecca B.;Shanahan, Meghan E.

Journal Name: Child Abuse and Neglect v. 95, September 2019, p.

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Abstract: Background Contact with child protective services (CPS) functions as an independent marker of child vulnerability. Alaska children are an important population for understanding patterns of CPS contact given high rates of contact overall and among specific demographic groups. Objective We aimed to identify longitudinal trajectory classes of CPS contact among Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) and non-Native children and examine preconception and prenatal risk factors associated with identified classes. Participants and setting We used data from the Alaska Longitudinal Child Abuse and Neglect Linkage (ALCANLink) project, a linkage of 2009–2011 Alaska Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) births with administrative data including CPS records. Methods We conducted growth mixture modeling to identify trajectory classes of CPS contact from birth to age five years. We used Vermunt’s three-step approach to examine associations with preconception and prenatal risk factors. Results Among AN/AI children, we identified three classes: 1) no/low CPS contact (75.4%); 2) continuous CPS contact (19.6%), and 3) early, decreasing CPS contact (5.0%). Among non-Native children, we identified four classes: 1) no CPS contact (81.3%); 2) low, increasing CPS contact (9.5%); 3) early, rapid decline CPS contact (5.8%); and 4) high, decreasing CPS contact (3.3%). Maternal substance use had the largest impact on probabilities of class membership, increasing the probability of membership in classes characterized by CPS contact, among both AN/AI and non-Native children. Conclusions Results reveal heterogeneity in longitudinal patterns CPS contact across early childhood among Alaska children and identify maternal substance use as an important target for primary prevention.

Title: Preserving Connections: [Best Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Tribal Foster Families for American Indian and Alaska Native Children](#)

Abstract: This webpage explains American Indian and Alaska Native children thrive with families that reflect their culture, especially if they need to be placed in out-of-home care. To preserve these connections, the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) lays out preferred placements for out-of-home care when a child who meets the ICWA’s definition of an “Indian child” is not able to be safe at home. It then reviews ICA requirements, shares statistics that indicate only 17% of American Indian children in out-of-home care live with American Indian caregivers, and highlights four essential strategy areas for effective recruitment and retention of ICWA-preferred caregivers. Strategies are discussed in the following areas: infrastructure and resources, agency practices, policy, and advocacy.

Title: [Moving forward from the scoop era: Providing active efforts under the Indian Child Welfare Act in Illinois.](#)

Author: Crandall, Cassandra

Source: [40 N. Ill. U. L. Rev. 100 \(2019\)](#) *

Title: [For the Children: Indian Status Is a Political Classification](#)

Author: Austin R. Vance

Source: The Oklahoma Bar Journal, February 2020 at page 12

Abstract: The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) made headlines again in 2019. It was under attack, as usual, by those who have never been to Indian country, much less a tribal court proceeding. The primary culprit was not among the usual talking heads or lobbyists. Instead, Judge Reed O’Connor of the Northern District of Texas made national news by declaring ICWA unconstitutional in *Brackeen v. Bernhart*. That controversial decision is now subject to en banc review before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which will decide whether Indian status under ICWA is an “impermissible racial classification.”

Announcements

[Protecting Families Through Tribal Courts](#)

Please join the Tribal Justice Project, in partnership with the Aoki Center for Critical Race & Nation Studies and the UC Davis School of Law, for the 2020 Tribal Justice Symposium, "Protecting Families Through Tribal Courts."

The Tribal Justice Project Presents: Tribal Justice Symposium: Protecting Families Through Tribal Courts!

Tribal court judges, court personnel, practitioners, community members, and students are invited to attend this FREE event. Space is limited, please RSVP today!

Date: March 13, 2020

Location: UC Davis School of Law – Davis, CA

Fee: No Registration Fee

Click [here to register](#).

For questions, please contact tjp@law.ucdavis.edu.

Flyer ([PDF](#))

TLPI Announcement

Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum

The [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#) is pleased to offer the following publications addressing what victim advocates need to know concerning sex trafficking as it impacts Native people and Indian country.

The Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum

(Curriculum) is designed to introduce information on sex trafficking of Native people, covering topics such as the definition of sex trafficking, red flags, trafficker tactics, screening for sex trafficking, and advocacy roles and responsibilities. The Curriculum consists of three components:

[Participant Workbook](#), [PowerPoints](#), and [Instructor Guide](#). (2020)

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Updated list of [Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services](#)

Published in the Federal Register 1/30/2020

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration on Children, Youth and Families

Released [Information Memorandum ACYF-CB-IM-20-01](#) on January 22, 2020

Purpose: To inform state and tribal title IV-E agencies of the enactment of the *Family First Transition Act* and provide basic information on the new law.

The Tribal Justice Collaborative moved to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) January 1, 2020. The collaboration will provide an opportunity to increase engagement with state and tribal courts to improve outcomes for Native communities. For all our partners there is no interruption in planning or collaboration. We are grateful to our partners and especially to Paternal Opportunities Programs & Services and Casey Family Programs San Diego Field Office for your leadership and collaboration. For more information about Tribal and Policy Institute visit www.tlpi.org.

The Tribal Justice Collaborative works with state courts, tribal courts, tribes, child welfare and all systems serving Native children and families in California. For more information please email Tom@tlpi.org.

Our partners at the HHS Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) are pleased to announce the launch of the [SOAR for Native Communities online module](#) through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/nhttac>). This free training was developed in collaboration with:

- HHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA)
- National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH)
- Jeri Moomaw, Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative
- Gwendolyn Packard, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
- Theresa Friend, Forensic Nurse Consultant, Indian Health Service
- Bonnie Clairmont, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- Kandi Fowler, Project Beacon, American Indian Center of Chicago

Through a public health approach, the **SOAR for Native Communities** online module helps those serving indigenous populations to better understand human trafficking and its impact on Native communities. The training includes resources relevant to indigenous populations and supports professionals in building trauma-informed and culturally responsive interventions to human trafficking in American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

SOAR Online is a series of training modules that can be completed anytime, anywhere. Because individuals who have experienced trafficking or who are at risk of trafficking access a variety of services, **SOAR Online** includes training tailored for specific professionals on how to identify and respond to human trafficking. To access more information and register for **SOAR Online**, [please click here](#).

The HHS SOAR to Health and Wellness training is administered by OTIP in partnership with the HHS Office on Women's Health through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC). NHTTAC delivers training and technical assistance (T/TA) to inform and enhance the public health response to human trafficking. Contact NHTTAC by emailing info@nhttac.org or calling 844-648-8822 to find out how you can request T/TA for your agency or conference.

Office for Victims of Crime Human Trafficking Public Awareness

["Faces of Human Trafficking" Video Series](#)

The series is intended to be used for outreach and education efforts of service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and others in the community. The series includes information about sex and labor trafficking, multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of human trafficking, effective victim services, victims' legal needs, and voices of survivors.

Accompanying the video series is a discussion guide, four OVC Fact Sheets, and four posters that can be used to augment trainings and generate discussion. Download the complete Discussion Guide or the sections associated with each video below.

The Fact Sheets provide an [introduction to human trafficking](#), information on the [legal needs and rights of victims of human trafficking in the United States](#), information on the [special considerations and needs of youth victims](#), and promising practices for [building effective collaborations to address human trafficking](#).

The posters are designed to target specific audiences—service providers and allied professionals, law enforcement, the general public, and victims/survivors. Download the posters from the gallery on the right and customize them with information about your organization, training opportunities, or local service providers.

Indian Health Service Has Strengthened Patient Protection Policies but Must Fully Integrate Them Into Practice and Organizational Culture. *Office of Inspector General Report; OEI-06-19-00330* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. 2019 <https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-06-19-00330.asp> <https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-06-19-00330.pdf>

Promoting Health Coverage of American Indian and Alaska Native Children. *Future of Children's Health Coverage*; 8 Roygardner, Lauren. Schneider, Andy. Steiger, Doug. Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Center for Children and Families. 2019 <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2019/09/17/promoting-health-coverage-of-american-indian-and-alaska-native-children/>

Amber Alert In Indian Country [Webpage]. OJJDP <https://amber-ic.org/>

OJJDP has [launched](#) a refreshed [AMBER Alert website](#). The refreshed website now includes access to the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country website](#), a summary of the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative](#), and training and technical assistance resources. The website, managed by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), provides resources to help regional and state-level AMBER Alert training and coordination efforts and links to resources that support the AMBER Alert program through national partners and OJJDP grantees. "This updated website gives our AMBER Alert partners more information, greater access to resources and a better chance to rescue endangered children," said OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan and National Coordinator for the AMBER Alert Program.

Newslinks

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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 contact the Judicial Council of California Tribal/State Programs Unit at 415-865-7739 or cfcc@jud.ca.gov.

California Dependency Online Guide (CalDOG)

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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Webinars & Podcasts

[Tribal Provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act](#)

Event Date: March 2, 2020

Location: Online

[Register](#)

The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act as it relates to tribes and to open a dialogue regarding plans for consultation. The webinar will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET.

[Learn More](#)

[Child Welfare Information Gateway Podcast Series](#)

Audio podcasts support learning-on-the-go and allow us to hear the outcomes, experiences, and tips from innovators across the child welfare continuum. This podcast series, produced by Child Welfare Information Gateway on behalf of the Children's Bureau, presents a series of interviews and group conversations intended to provide beneficial information for busy child welfare and social work professionals. The podcasts cover a wide range of topics and provide perspectives from communities served by child welfare agencies and tips and stories from professionals about implementing new services and programs, working across agencies, and improving practice. Topic Areas: Foster Care: A Path to Reunification; Tribal Courts and Child Welfare Series; Housing's Critical Connection to Child Welfare Series; Family Group Decision-Making Series; Prevention - Services and Programs; Prevention – Protective Factors; Workforce Series; Child Welfare Then and Now; Diligent Recruitment Series; Collaborating between Child Welfare and Mental Health; Supporting Kinship Caregivers Series; Engaging Fathers Series; Washington, D.C., and the Local Child Welfare Professional Working With the Correctional System and Incarcerated Parents; Secondary Traumatic Stress; Interagency Collaboration to Address Human Trafficking and Engaging Youth in Foster Care.

Upcoming Conferences and Trainings

[Community Workshop on Child Sex Trafficking in Tribal Communities](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center – Fox Valley Technical College

Join first responders, community members, and child protection officials for this eight-hour workshop to combat trafficking and exploitation of minors. During this workshop, you will learn the dynamics of trafficking and participate in a focus group discussion on the efforts to identify, prevent, and respond to human trafficking, as well as the special considerations related to the abduction, trafficking, and exploitation of Native women and children. The workshop will conclude with a survivor's perspective to the community's response to protect our children.

Training available on request: [here](#)

[Tribal ICWA Advocates Training Program](#)

March 16-18, 2020

Blue Lake, CA

The Tribal Indian Child Welfare Advocates Training Program is funded by the California Department of Social Services, Office of Tribal Affairs and administered by the National Indian Justice Center. The following topics will be presented at the Sapphire Palace Event Center, in Blue Lake, CA.

- March 16: Tribal Customary Adoptions (9:00-4:00 pm)
- March 17: Active Efforts (9:00-4:00 pm)
- March 18: Stages of Dependency (9:00-4:00 pm)

RSVP today either using our **Eventbrite Registration:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/91045943869> or by completing the flyer. To view flyer, [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Garcia at christyg@nijc.org or (707) 579-5507

[38th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

March 29–April 1, 2020

Denver, Colorado

Each year, NICWA hosts the largest national gathering on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child

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advocacy issues. With over 1,400 attendees—and growing every year—this four-day conference has become the premiere national event addressing tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to youth with lived experience in child welfare systems. NICWA provides meaningful programming to conference attendees, creating a space where participants can learn about the latest developments and best practices from experts in the field and from one another. Participants represent a cross-section of fields and interests including child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice service providers; legal professionals; students; advocates for children; and tribal, state, and federal leaders.

Additional information available at [the NICWA website](#).

[Foundation and Key Principles: Strengthening the Role of Advocacy in Indian Country Workshop](#)

April 21- 23, 2020

Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, NM

The foundation of advocates' role in Indian Country is built upon our indigenous understanding of our relationships and roles as Relatives in the context of historical and ongoing dynamics of colonization. The key principles of advocacy come from indigenous cultural beliefs and values, and encompass concepts of resilience, trauma-informed approaches and sovereignty. These are the themes of this workshop with a focus on the dynamics and impact of battering, particularly on Native women and what advocacy skills, including confidentiality and the basics of shelter programming, are needed in order to meet the needs of Native victims of domestic violence. Advocates' role in social change initiatives outside of shelter doors is also addressed. Discussion and interactive exercises are planned throughout this workshop. [Download Agenda](#)

[2020 CalSWEC Title IV-E Summit](#)

April 23 & 24, 2020

Hilton Oakland Airport Hotel

Oakland, CA

This is an annual event that convenes child welfare social work practitioners, educators, and CalSWEC Title IV-E students. The Summit is intended to provide opportunities for a diverse group of child welfare stakeholders to network and learn from one another. Summit's theme — *Take it to the Top: Bridging the Disconnect between Policy and Practice in Child Welfare*.

[Register here.](#) Email calswec_events@berkeley.edu if you have questions about event logistics. Email Rose Chahla, Title IV-E Assistant Director, at rose.chahla@berkeley if you have questions about the Summit content or eligibility.

[2020 Women Are Sacred Conference](#)

June 23-25, 2019

Saint Paul, Minnesota

The WAS Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, tribal community members, tribal leadership, law enforcement and tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. WAS offers state of the art training opportunities designed to increase the capacity of tribal nations, tribal domestic violence and community-based programs to address violence in tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders and experts in the movement to ending violence.

[Recognition and Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation at Tribal Casinos](#)

August 5, 2020

Mayetta, Kansas

Tribal communities are increasingly seeing the rise in cases of trafficking and exploitation involving native and non-native youth in and around tribal operated casinos, hotels, and travel plazas. During the training, you will examine different types of human trafficking, the importance of recognizing domestic trafficking of tribal children, and identifying and reporting suspected cases. Learn the investigative challenges of trafficking cases, the victim interview, and victim placement. Through a facilitated discussion with other local public safety officials and stakeholders, you will identify available resources for victims to ensure an effective response.

Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:

- Recognize the warning signs of human trafficking
- Identify the investigative challenges with human trafficking cases
- Recommend local resources to victims

Cost: NO FEE **Deadline to Register:** July 1, 2020

Who: Can benefit from this training?

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- Management security personnel and staff at tribal casinos/hotels/resorts.
- Tribal and local Law enforcement investigators
- Human Trafficking Task Force members
- Social Service providers
- Prosecutors, NPO/NGOs

Registration: Register for this training online [here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[FY 2019 STOP School Violence Grant Program](#)

Bureau of Justice Assistance

U.S. Department of Justice

Deadline: March 3, 2020

The FY 2019 Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence. The program's objective is to increase school safety by implementing training and school threat assessments and/or intervention teams to identify school violence risks among students; technological solutions such as anonymous reporting technology that can be implemented as a mobile phone-based app, a hotline, or a website in the applicant's geographic area to enable students, teachers, faculty, and community members to anonymously identify threats of school violence; or other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.

[Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program](#)

Department of Energy

DE-FOA-0002144

Deadline: March 4, 2020

The Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program (MSIPP) is a vital program within the DOE/NNSA Management and Budget, Learning and Career Management which awards grants to Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) to prepare NNSA's next-generation technical workforce. MSIPP aligns investments in university capacity and workforce development with DOE/NNSA mission areas to develop the needed skills and talent for DOE/NNSA's enduring technical workforce and to enhance research and education at MSIs. The program's primary mission is to create and foster a sustainable STEM-pipeline that prepares a diverse workforce of world class talent through strategic partnerships between Minority Serving Institutions and the DOE/NNSA Enterprise. To execute this mission, MSIPP builds a network of NSE ready students through enrichment activities from K-20 to post-doctoral level. Through university-lab consortia partnerships students are exposed to cutting-edge research and activities in their relevant fields.

[Indian Highway Safety Lifesavers Conference Grant](#)

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIA-IHSP-2020-0001

Deadline: March 6, 2020

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) solicits proposals for implementing traffic safety programs and projects which are designated to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, injuries and property damage within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are reimbursable grants available to federally recognized Native American Tribes. Eligible Applicants are Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

[Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Promote the Mental Health of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives \(AI/AN\) Communities](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Adminis

SM-20-010

Deadline: March 9, 2020

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Promote the Mental Health of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN)

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Communities (Short Title: Circles of Care) grants. The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, evidence and community-based, coordinated system of care to support mental health for children, youth, and families. These grants are intended to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving AI/AN communities. Circles of Care grant recipients will focus on the need to reduce the gap between the need for mental health services and the availability of such services for the target population. The program has a strong emphasis on cross-system collaboration, inclusion of family, youth and community resources, and cultural approaches.

[FY20 COPS Hiring Program \(CHP\)](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Deadline: March 11, 2020

CHP provides funding to hire and re-hire entry level career law enforcement officers in order to preserve jobs, increase community policing capacities and support crime prevention efforts.

Funding under this program may be used to do the following:

- Hire new officers
- Rehire officers (laid off as a result of budget reductions)
- Rehire officers (at the time of application, currently scheduled to be laid off as a result of budget reductions)

[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Microgrants Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Deadline: March 11, 2020

The 2020 Community Policing Development Microgrants Program is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing funding to local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies. Applicants are invited to propose demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented in their agency that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes to support community policing in one of the following ten areas:

1. Hate Crimes
2. Human Trafficking
3. Meeting Rural Law Enforcement Challenges
4. Officer Safety and Wellness
5. Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention
6. School Safety
7. Staffing and Allocation Studies
8. Victim-Centered Approaches
9. Violent Crime
10. Youth Engagement

[FY 2020 Tribal Heritage Grant Program](#)

Department of the Interior

National Park Service

P20AS00027

Deadline: March 11, 2020

The Tribal Heritage Grant awards are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and administered by the NPS. This competitive grant program provides grants to assist Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations. Non-federal matching share is not required, but preference will be given to applications that show community commitment through non-federal match and partnership collaboration. Grants will fund a broad range of planning, development, and research projects for cultural resources including: survey, inventory, oral histories, interpretation, education, architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and bricks and mortar repair.

[Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA

RFA-CE-20-002

Deadline: March 13, 2020

This NCIPC Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) seeks to provide support for an intensive, supervised (mentored) career development experience in violence prevention research leading to research independence. Applicants must identify an experienced mentor and, co-mentor(s) as applicable to supervise the proposed career development and research experience. Applicants must have a qualifying (relevant to the field of study) research or health- professional doctoral or medical degree (specifically PhD, ScD, DO, DrPH, MD, DVM) and less than five years of experience as a researcher in the injury and/or violence prevention field. Applicants must propose violence prevention research to 1) assess the effectiveness of an intervention to prevent one or more forms of violence impacting children and youth ages 0-17 years (i.e., child abuse and neglect, youth violence, teen dating violence, or sexual violence) or to prevent intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or self-directed violence; 2) assess violence outcomes (e.g., victimization or perpetration) or key risk or protective factors;

[OJJDP FY 2020 Juvenile Justice Emergency Planning Demonstration Program](#)**U.S. Department of Justice****Office of Justice Programs****Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention****CFDA 16.823****Deadline: March 16, 2020**

This program provides funds for juvenile justice facilities to respond to and recover from emergencies. Funds may be used to restore essential services and operations.

For the purposes of this solicitation, emergency is defined as an incident—natural, technological, or manmade—that requires a response to protect life, property, or the environment.

In general, funds may be used to cover costs associated with ensuring that the facility is prepared to maintain efficient continuation of operations to reduce risk to the facility, and to ensure the safety and well-being of youth and staff in juvenile justice residential facilities.

[Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants](#)**Department of Health and Human Services****Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB****HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CS-1561****Deadline: March 17, 2020**

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

[Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children \(Demonstration Projects\)](#)**Department of Health and Human Services****Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB****HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1812****Deadline: March 20, 2020**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children (Demonstration Projects) will support up to 24 demonstration projects. Funded demonstration projects will focus on expanding their capacity (as family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence coalitions; local programs; tribal communities; and community-based programs) to prevent future domestic violence by addressing, in an appropriate manner, the needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence. All grantees will provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate services, and culturally relevant and linguistically accessible services, to the victims and children relevant to the unique needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and potentially with co-occurring impacts of child abuse and neglect. All grantees will provide services for nonabusing parents to support

those parents' roles as caregivers and their roles in responding to the social, emotional, and developmental needs of their children; and where appropriate, grantees will provide services while working with a nonabusing parent and child together.

[National Communication System for Runaway and Homeless Youth](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CY-1809
Deadline: March 22, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) will award one cooperative agreement on a competitive basis for a period of three years to operate the Runaway and Homeless Youth National Communication System (NCS) Program. The NCS Program is a dedicated toll-free, U.S. national communication system that provides information, referral services, crisis intervention, prevention approaches, and communication services to vulnerable, at-risk, and runaway and homeless youth and their families or legal guardians. The purpose of the NCS is to a) prevent youth from running away and becoming homeless, and b) link youth with a family member or guardian, and/or an available resource that can provide and/or assist the youth in acquiring needed services. To fulfill the objectives of the legislation, the NCS must provide, among other services, a neutral and confidential channel of communication that is available on a 24-hours per day, seven days per week basis throughout the United States so that youth contemplating running away and runaway and homeless youth may re-establish contact with their parents or legal guardians if possible. The NCS Program is also expected to work closely and collaboratively with FYSB to fulfill its mission as the federally funded communication system for runaway and homeless youth. A full description of services that will be required of the NCS grantee will be provided in the published announcement.

[Emotional Well-Being: High-Priority Research Networks](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
RFA-AT-20-003
Deadline: March 22, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications that focus on developing resources by refining and testing key concepts that will advance and further support the study of emotional well-being in the field at large. This infrastructure support will facilitate research networks through meetings, conferences, small-scale pilot research, multidisciplinary cross training (such as intensive workshops, summer institutes, or visiting scholar programs), and information dissemination to foster the growth and development of research in the following priority areas: (1) Ontology and measurement of emotional well-being; (2) Mechanistic research on the role of emotional well-being in health; (3) Biomarkers of emotional well-being; (4) Prevention research (mechanisms-focused intervention development in target populations); (5) Technology and outcome measure development for mechanistic studies; (6) Development and validation of well-being measures.

[SMART FY 2020 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking
SMART-2020-17430
Deadline: March 24, 2020

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Support for Adam Walsh Act (AWA) Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and enhancing programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). SORNA (34 U.S.C. § 20901 et seq.) was enacted to provide a comprehensive set of minimum standards for sex offender registration and notification in the United States.

The AWA Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement SORNA requirements.

[Family Drug Court Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP-2020-17090

Deadline: March 25, 2020

The OJJDP Family Drug Court Program seeks to build the capacity of state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance existing family drug courts or implement statewide or countywide family drug court practices that increase collaboration with substance abuse treatment and child welfare systems to ensure the provision of treatment and other services for families that improve child, parent, and family outcomes.

[Research and Evaluation Initiative Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

CFDA 16.026

Deadline: March 25, 2020

The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to research and evaluate approaches to combatting domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (hereafter referred to as "VAWA crimes"). By generating more knowledge about strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable, communities that benefit from VAWA funding will be better equipped to align their work with practices that are known to be effective, and they will be more capable of generating empirical knowledge on the efficacy of new and promising ways of doing things. The initiative is designed to support researcher-practitioner partnerships and a broad range of research and evaluation methods, including qualitative, mixed-method, and quasi-experimental, and experimental designs.

[Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Program](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

OVW-2020-18234

Deadline: March 30, 2020

The EM Program supports projects that create educational programming and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.

[Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

OVW-2020-18272

Deadline: March 30, 2020

The CY Program supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

[Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP-2020-17051

Deadline: March 30, 2020

As authorized by 34 U.S.C. 10611 et seq., the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to implement new juvenile drug treatment courts and enhance existing juvenile drug treatment courts (JDTCs) for individuals with substance abuse problems² or cooccurring mental health disorders, including histories of trauma.

[Preparing for Active Shooter Situations \(PASS\) Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Deadline: March 31, 2020

The 2020 PASS program will fund projects that will provide training to meet the goal of the 2016 Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act in offering "scenario-based, integrated

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response courses designed to counter active shooter threats or acts of terrorism against individuals or facilities.”

[Tribal Resources Grant Program-Technical Assistance \(TRGP-TA\)](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
Deadline: March 31, 2020

The 2020 TRGP-TA program will fund projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective community policing strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices, and institutionalize community policing practice in routine business.

[Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program Support](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-16970

Deadline: April 6, 2020

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force program supports a national network of 61 multiagency, multijurisdictional task forces engaged in investigations, forensic examinations, and prosecutions related to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Additionally, the task forces provide forensic and investigative technical assistance to law enforcement and prosecutorial officials, and provide community education information to parents, educators, prosecutors, law enforcement, and others concerned with child exploitation.

[Training and Technical Assistance To Expand Children's Advocacy Centers Serving American Indian/Alaska Native Communities](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-17714

Deadline: April 7, 2020

This solicitation provides funding to support training and technical assistance (TTA) services to develop, improve, or expand Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and multidisciplinary team responses to child abuse cases in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

[Tribal Children's Advocacy Center Expansion Initiative for Child Abuse Victims](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-17713

Deadline: April 7, 2020

This solicitation seeks to expand Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) by providing funding for satellite CACs to address the needs of child victims and their families in tribal communities.

[2020 COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Service
Deadline: April 8, 2020

The SVPP provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies (school districts, public boards of education, police departments, sheriffs' departments, etc.) to be used to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantees' jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety program.

[NAGPRA REPATRIATION GRANTS FY2020](#)

Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P20AS00024
Deadline: April 10, 2020

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Grant funds must be used for REPATRIATION under NAGPRA, which means the transfer of control of Native American human remains and/or cultural items to lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Repatriation includes disposition of culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains (CUI) according to 43 CFR § 10.11. Repatriation projects defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and/or storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and/or cultural items.

[Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-16930
Deadline: April 13, 2020**

This program supports the implementation and delivery of mentoring services to youth populations that are at risk for juvenile delinquency, victimization, and juvenile justice system involvement. Mentoring services can be one-on-one, group, peer, or a combination of these types. Applicants in all categories must initiate mentoring services to youth who are 17 years old or younger at the time of admission to the program. Funding can be used to support new mentoring matches or continue existing mentoring matches at the time of application.

[Research and Evaluation on School Safety](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
National Institute of Justice
NIJ-2020-17308
Deadline: April 13, 2020**

This solicitation seeks applications for funding to conduct research to

1. Examine the root causes of school violence.
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the approaches to stopping school violence found in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) FY 2018 or FY 2019 STOP School Violence Act solicitations.
3. Research on the perspectives of STOP School Violence Act solicitations.

[Supporting Effective Interventions for Adolescent Sex Offenders and Children With Sexual Behavior Problems](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Deadline: April 14, 2020**

This solicitation provides funding to develop intervention and supervision services for adolescent sex offenders and children with sexual behavior problems, and to provide treatment services for their victims and families/caregivers.

[Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program \(THSGP\)](#)

**Department of Homeland Security
Department of Homeland Security – FEMA
DHS-20-GPD-067-00-02
Deadline: April 15, 2020**

One of the core missions of DHS/FEMA is to enhance the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's comprehensive suite of grant programs is an important part of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness. The THSGP is one tool among a comprehensive set of initiatives authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. Funding under the FY 2020 THSGP is provided to strengthen tribes' capacity to prepare for and respond to emergency situations.

[National Criminal History Improvement Program \(NCHIP\)](#)

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

Bureau of Justice Statistics

BJS-2020-17632

Deadline: April 16, 2020

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is publishing this notice to announce the continuation of the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) in fiscal year (FY) 2020, identify the program priorities, and provide information on application requirements. This year, BJS is prioritizing the use of funds for two purposes: 1) to improve the reporting of dispositions and 2) to improve the reporting of persons prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to mental health to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

[Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

OVC-2020-17556

Deadline: April 20, 2020

OVC's mission is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and provide leadership in changing policies and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime. Through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), OVC supports a variety of efforts to improve services and response to victims of crime, including programs that provide direct assistance to help victims of all crimes rebuild their lives. Under this program, OVC will fund law enforcement victim specialists to enhance the quantity and quality of services available to victims of crime.

[Opioid Affected Youth Initiative](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP-2020-17352

Deadline: April 20, 2020

This program will support the efforts of states, communities, tribal jurisdictions, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations and institutions of higher education to implement programs and strategies that identify, respond to, treat, and support children, youth, and families impacted by the opioid epidemic.

[Research and Evaluation of Trafficking in Persons, Fiscal Year 2020](#)

Department of Justice

National Institute of Justice

NIJ-2020-17324

Deadline: April 20, 2020

With this solicitation, NIJ continues to build upon its research and evaluation efforts to better understand, prevent, and respond to trafficking in persons in the United States. Applicants should propose research projects that first and foremost have clear implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. This year, NIJ is particularly interested in research responding to the following priority areas: 1. Labor trafficking research. 2. Demand reduction research. 3. Research to identify the health and wellness effects of trafficking victimization. 4. Profiling recruitment Tactics.

[OJJDP FY 2020 Delinquency Prevention Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP-2020-18132

Deadline: April 21, 2020

This program will provide grants to eligible states or federally recognized tribes to implement evidence-based strategies to address the unmet needs of at-risk or delinquent youth through a continuum of delinquency prevention programs for juveniles who have had or who are likely to have contact with the juvenile justice system. States awarded under this grant program are required to provide subgrants to units of local government to carry out the objectives of this program.

[Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

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**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1820
Deadline: April 22, 2020**

The national domestic violence hotline (hotline) serves as a critical partner in the intervention, prevention and resource assistance efforts of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence service providers.

[FY 2020 Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA-2020-17210**

Deadline: April 24, 2020

This program supports local jurisdictions' efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia such as Alzheimer's disease or developmental disabilities such as autism who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments. It provides funding to law enforcement and public safety agencies to implement locative technologies to track missing individuals; and to such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues.

[Juvenile Justice System Enhancements](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-18134**

Deadline: April 27, 2020

The Juvenile Justice System Enhancements program will support efforts to enhance systems that address public safety by holding offenders accountable and supporting child victims. This includes the juvenile justice system as well as those agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting online child exploitation.

[Reducing the Use of Isolation in Juvenile Facilities](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-18133**

Deadline: April 27, 2020

The Reducing the Use of Isolation in Juvenile Facilities program will provide funding to support states, territories, units of local government, and federally recognized tribes to implement strategies to safely reduce the use of isolation in juvenile facilities.

[OJJDP FY 2020 Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP-2020-17926**

Deadline: April 27, 2020

Funding under this program can be used to develop support services for children exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities; and to develop, enhance, and implement violent crime reduction strategies that focus on violent juvenile offenders. This program development and resource allocation decision by interested applicants should be based on currently available resources to the jurisdiction and gaps in services.

[Basic Center Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CY-1800
Deadline: April 29, 2020**

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The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program's Basic Center Program (BCP) provides temporary shelter and counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians, have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might otherwise end up in the law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. BCPs work to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. BCPs provide youth under 18 years of age with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. BCPs can provide up to 21 days of shelter for youth and seeks to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. Additional services may include: street-based services; home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services; and at the request of runaway and homeless youth, testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

[National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1807

Deadline: April 29, 2020

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families is announcing funds for the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH). The goal of the NHTH is to maintain and support the operation of the current NHTH, which includes telephone (1-800-373-7888), text, chat, and website capabilities that provide coverage in the United States (U.S.) and U.S. territories. The NHTH is a dedicated, toll-free hotline, and is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, and is staffed by trained experienced human trafficking advocates that provide services and assistance to victims of severe forms of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. Under the NHTH, the following activities are required: 1. Operate the NHTH, a 24/7 U.S. national telephone and online communication hotline system; 2. Increase the identification and protection of victims of severe forms of human trafficking; 3. Provide information and service referrals to victims of trafficking using a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach, and in a timely manner; and 4. Notify law enforcement agencies of potential cases of human trafficking as well as instances when a trafficking victim is in imminent danger, and document emerging trafficking schemes to assist in the detection and investigation of trafficking cases. The NHTH must provide assistance to both foreign and domestic victims of trafficking to include multi-lingual services, crisis intervention, information, and referrals to anti-trafficking and/or direct victim services programs, temporary lodging/housing resources, and access to other emergency assistance. The NHTH must work cooperatively with law enforcement and other key stakeholders to support appropriate notification and interventions on behalf of potential victims in distress. The NHTH must have the capacity to receive and process requests in multiple formats, i.e., text, chat, email, and telephonically. The NHTH must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information in compliance with 45 CFR §75.303(e).

[Street Outreach Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB

HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-YO-1799

Deadline: April 29, 2020

The Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program's Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons. These services, targeted in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and providing them access to shelter as well as basic needs, including food, hygiene packages and information on a range of available services.

[Ethnic Community Self Help Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ORR

HHS-2020-ACF-ORR-RE-1806

Deadline: May 1, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement announces funding under the Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECSH) Program. The goal of this program is to support Ethnic Community-Based Organizations (ECBOs) in providing refugee populations with critical services to assist them in becoming integrated members of American society. Under the ECSH Program, the following

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three main objectives must be implemented: 1) to strengthen ECBOs' provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to refugees within five years after their initial resettlement; 2) to support ECBOs' organizational development and engagement in capacity building by encouraging their collaboration with established refugee service providers and mainstream organizations; and 3) to support ECBOs in promoting community building and civic participation by refugee individuals and refugee community members.

[Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant](#)

Institute of Museum and Library Services

NAG-ENHANCEMENT-FY20

Deadline: May 1, 2020

Native American Enhancement grants are competitive grants available to carry out activities, described in 20 U.S.C. 9141, that advance the programs and services of eligible Native American libraries. Eligible Applicants are Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

[Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants Solicitation, Fiscal Year 2020](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

NIJ-2020-17329

Deadline: May 4, 2020

NIJ actively supports research that involves federally recognized tribes (or tribally-based organizations) on issues of crime and justice in the United States. In doing so, NIJ is committed to ethical and engaged efforts in line with responsible research conduct and federal trust responsibilities. This solicitation seeks applications for funding for planning grants to develop new and innovative criminal and juvenile justice research or evaluation projects that address the challenges of fighting crime and strengthening justice in Indian country and Alaska Native villages. To ensure proposed projects result in tangible and mutually beneficial studies, they must include a new tribal-researcher partnership component.

[Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-17098

Deadline: May 14, 2020

This program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to enhance the operations of drug courts or to implement new veterans treatment courts. These courts effectively integrate evidence-based substance abuse treatment, random drug testing, equitable sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in judicially-supervised court settings with jurisdiction over offenders to reduce recidivism, substance abuse, and prevent overdoses.

For the purposes of this solicitation, an adult "drug court" is defined as a court program managed by a multidisciplinary team that responds to the offenses and treatment needs of participants who are diagnosed with a substance use disorder. This definition explicitly excludes drug offenders who have committed acts of violence.

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

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-17023

Deadline: May 21, 2020

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) was developed as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation. COSSAP's purpose is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs of abuse.

[Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities \(VHT-NC\) Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP
HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1805
Deadline: May 22, 2020**

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families is announcing funds for the Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Program. The goal of the VHT-NC Program is to fund organizations that will build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to Native (i.e., American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders) victims of severe forms of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals. Through the VHT-NC Program, OTIP is encouraging a focus on individuals affected by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls epidemic. Under VHT-NC the following activities are required: 1) outreach efforts to increase identification of Native victims of sex and labor trafficking; 2) training to service providers and community partners that serve Native victims of trafficking in their respective urban, rural, and/or tribal settings; and 3) provision of comprehensive culturally and linguistically responsive case management to Native victims of trafficking and their immediate family members within their household. The VHT-NC Program is informed by a whole-family approach that focuses equally and intentionally on services and opportunities for victims and their immediate family members living within their households. OTIP is encouraging the establishment of community partnerships, meaningful engagement of Native survivors of trafficking, and the hiring of qualified professionals that reflect the communities being served in all project implementation strategies under the VHT-NC Program. Under VHT-NC there is a 12-month project implementation period to facilitate the development of a sustainability plan, onboarding new staff, and developing culturally and linguistically responsive victim service protocols specific to Native victims of trafficking. Under the VHT-NC Program there is a statutorily mandated 25% match (cash or in-kind) requirement.

[Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach \(DVHT-SO\) Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP
HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1804
Deadline: May 27, 2020**

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families is announcing funds for the Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach (DVHT-SO) Program. The goal of the DVHT-SO Program is to fund organizations that will build, expand, and sustain organizational and local capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals. Under the DVHT-SO Program, the following activities are required: 1) outreach efforts to increase identification of victims of sex and labor trafficking; 2) training to service providers and community partners; and 3) provision of comprehensive case management to domestic victims of human trafficking and their immediate family members. The DVHT-SO Program is informed by a whole-family approach that focuses equally and intentionally on services and opportunities for victims and their immediate family members living within their households. OTIP is encouraging the establishment of community partnerships, meaningful engagement of survivors, and the hiring of qualified professionals that reflect the communities being served in all project implementation strategies under the DVHT-SO Program. Under DVHT-SO there is a 12-month project implementation period to facilitate the development of a sustainability plan, onboarding new staff, and developing victim service protocols. Under the DVHT-SO Program, there is a statutorily mandated 25% match (cash or in-kind) requirement.

[Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CZ-1839
Deadline: May 29, 2020**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to establish, by awarding a cooperative agreement, one Quality Improvement Center (QIC) to develop a model program to assess and address the array of individual and collective needs of birth families to support timely, stable, and lasting family reunification and family well-being.

[Grants for Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse or Neglect](#)

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**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families – OFA
HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-FN-1830
Deadline: May 31, 2020**

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance announces the availability of funds under the Grants for Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse or Neglect. The purpose of these grants, as prescribed by the statute (section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, as amended), is "to fund demonstration projects designed to test the effectiveness of tribal governments or tribal consortia in coordinating the provision to tribal families at risk of child abuse and neglect of child welfare services and services under tribal programs funded under this part."

[National Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for Courts](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CZ-1840
Deadline: June 5, 2020**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to create, through cooperative agreement, a National Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for Courts (Center). The Center will serve as the focal point for national child welfare expertise, evidence-informed training and technical assistance services, and workforce development support for State Court Improvement Programs (CIP), Tribal Court Improvement Programs (TCIP), courts, child welfare attorneys, and the Children's Bureau's State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Implementation Partnership Grantees. These services and supports are designed to build the capacity of state and tribal courts, CIPs, TCIPs and child welfare judges and attorneys to meet federal requirements, to participate in federal monitoring and related state and tribal child welfare program improvement planning activities, to implement national child welfare policies and programs, to improve practice and service delivery, and to achieve prevention, safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children, youth, and families. The project period will be a 48-month project period with four 12-month budget periods.

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

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Community Living
HHS-2020-ACL-AOA-DASG-0364
Deadline: September 7, 2020**

Grants awarded under this announcement are to provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to those State Units on Aging (SUAs), and federally recognized Tribal Organizations who are currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended. These funds only become available when the President of the United States declares a Major Disaster and may only be used in those areas designated in the Major Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

**National Archives and Records Administration
EDITIONS-202010
Deadline: October 8, 2020**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as law (including the social and cultural history of the law), politics, social reform, business, military, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience, or may be centered on the papers of major figures from American history.

[FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

**Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
EDA-2019-DISASTER
Deadline: None**

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise

and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019...". To be competitive, applications must clearly incorporate principles for enhancing the resilience (as defined under Section A.4, below) of the relevant community/region or demonstrate the integration of resilience principles into the investment project itself. Resilience is an essential component of any strategy for mitigating the potential for future disaster-related losses and adverse economic impacts for communities. Therefore, inclusion of resilience principles in the project is a necessary step to improve the capacity of the region to recover more quickly from future disaster events. Applicants must include a narrative attachment as a part of their application materials, describing in detail the nexus between their proposed project scope of work and disaster recovery and resilience efforts. The strength of the nexus to the disaster is drawn from the consequences of the relevant disaster(s) and the intended project outcomes that fulfill the community's specific post-disaster needs.