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### FORUM NEWS

#### **Judge Joseph Wiseman Profiled in the Daily Journal: Outside Impartiality: Judge Joseph Wiseman Finds it Easy to Not Take sides in Tribal Courts**

Daily Journal – May 10, 2021

Joseph J. Wiseman isn't a member of any of the Indian tribes he serves as a judge. But he said his family history is still part of his motivation for going into tribal justice work.

#### **[Hoopa Valley Tribal Court Joins National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#)**

Redheaded Blackbelt – May 25, 2021

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court](#)

[Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) has selected 12 new state and tribal courts to join their Implementation Sites Project, which seeks to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.

### IN THE NEWS

#### **[Indian Affairs begins disbursement of \\$900 million in American Rescue Plan funding to tribes across Indian Country](#)** (Press release)

Office of the Assistant Secretary - U.S. Department of the Interior  
Indian Affairs - April 30, 2021

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Bryan Newland announced today that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has begun disbursing \$900 million to federally recognized tribes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. ARP was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and the funds will aid tribes as they address the COVID-19 pandemic and its damaging impacts on Indian Country. Tribal payments and direct service for Tribal Government, Social Services, Public Safety and Justice, Indian Child Welfare, and other related expenses - \$772.5 million.

#### **[Family justice in an unjust world: A mother's story of false allegations by doctors, CPS and the police](#)**

San Francisco Bay View - May 02, 2021

The extermination of race and culture by child welfare in America was one of the premises behind the creation of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978, which gave tribal governments exclusive jurisdiction over Native American children who previously were being sent by child protection agencies to boarding schools where they were stripped of cultural and social connections. Moreover, child welfare works together with law enforcement to oppress poor, marginalized communities who don't have the bandwidth to fight back.

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**FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Visit forum's home page

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

**[A sacred fire burns in the heart of Ontario Treaty 3 Territory for survivors of sexual violence](#)**

Express Informer - May 03, 2021

Carol Hopkins of the Lenape Nation at Moraviantown, Ont., has spent years working on that question: How can First Nations across the country begin to heal from sexual violence? The executive director of the Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, a non-profit working with First Nations to address substance use and addictions, said it's important to understand the issue from a perspective of colonization. "To report the issue would mean that children go to child welfare and adults go to jail. It's fear that suppresses any discussion about sexual abuse."

**[Unanimous Oregon House Backs Customary Tribal Adoption](#)**

Imprint - May 04, 2021

The Oregon House of Representatives recently gave unanimous approval to legislation that would require state judges to accept tribal customary adoptions in cases that involve Native American and Alaska Native children, ensuring that they can remain connected to their family and tribe.

Also: [Oregon House Bill 3182](#)

**[Foster families in need for Cherokee youth](#)**

Indianz.com – May 10, 2021

The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" takes on a special meaning for Cherokee kids. Making sure young Cherokees grow up safe, healthy and connected to their family, history and culture is a job for our whole tribe. We take this responsibility especially seriously because of the tragic history of efforts to separate Cherokees and other Native children from their family and tribe.

**[Cherokee, Chickasaw Leaders Support Expected Federal Bill To Address Criminal Jurisdiction](#)**

Public Radio Tulsa – May 11, 2021

Two of the most powerful Native American tribes in Oklahoma said Monday they've reached an agreement on federal legislation that would address concerns over criminal jurisdiction in light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision.

**[The everyday violence of Indian Country's 'bordertowns'](#)**

Indian Country Today – May 12, 2021

In 'Red Nation Rising,' violence in the communities abutting reservations illuminates colonialism's continued presence.

**[Indian Country cheers nomination of Muscogee Nation citizen to federal bench](#)**

Indianz – May 13, 2021

A citizen of the [Muscogee Nation](#) is set to make history as the [first Native person to serve as a federal judge](#) in Washington state.

[Lauren J. King](#), an attorney, will be nominated to serve on the [United States District Court for the Western District of Washington](#), the White House announced on Wednesday. Should she be confirmed by the [U.S. Senate](#), she will only be the third active Native judge in the nation.

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.

## [Chickasaw Nation Creates Hotline to Support Victims of Crime](#)

Chickasaw Nation - May 13, 2021

As part of its comprehensive plan to assume its newly expanded criminal justice duties the Chickasaw Nation has enhanced its criminal code, law enforcement capability and prosecutorial apparatus. It is also keeping the other side of the equation - victims - uppermost in its plans. "Our desire is to listen to the victims and their families' needs and getting them in contact with the appropriate part of the Chickasaw Nation to meet their need," Crawford said. These may include legal assistance, law enforcement support and connection to various programs and services offered by the Chickasaw Nation appropriate to the individuals calling the hotline. Services available include probation management, sexual assault assistance, child support, child welfare and strong family development.

## ['A life well lived': Friendship House family mourns matriarch, 'hero'](#)

Navajo Times – May 14, 2021

Helen Devore Waukazoo, chief executive officer of the Friendship House Association of American Indians, was not just a compassionate leader and loving mother, but a trailblazer who transformed dreams into reality.

## [First Nations families need support to stay together, before we create another Stolen Generation](#)

Conversation - May 14, 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (First Nations) children are increasingly being removed from their families and placed into out-of-home care, raising concerns of another Stolen Generation. One of the main reasons is reporting to child protection services before a child is born, with separation of infants from their parents shortly after birth. This is a national crisis reflecting systemic failures, discrimination, impacts of colonisation and harmful policies, including the Stolen Generations. We must take meaningful steps to enshrine the full intent of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle in legislation and implementation in practice.

## [Restatement of the Law of American Indians Is Approved](#)

The American Law Institute – May 17, 2021

ALI members voted today at The American Law Institute's Annual Meeting to approve Restatement of the Law, The Law of American Indians. This is the first Restatement on this important area of law. The project Reporters are Matthew L.M. Fletcher and Wenona T. Singel, both of Michigan State University College of Law, and Kaighn Smith, Jr. of Drummond Woodsum.

The project presents American Indian Law in six chapters: Federal–Tribal Relations, Tribal Authority, State–Tribal Relations, Tribal Economic Development, Indian Country Criminal Jurisdiction, and Natural Resources.

## [Minneapolis Lawyers Rely on 'Gold Standard' Law to Keep Native American Families Together](#)

The Imprint Youth & Family News – May 17, 2021

A federal law enacted 43 years ago designed to protect Native American families from separation is now under threat like no time in recent history.

Last month, the Indian Child Welfare Act, widely considered to be the "gold standard" of the field, was found to be constitutional by a federal appeals court. But the justices nevertheless chipped away at key provisions that make the law known as ICWA successful. The lengthy, complicated decision could well be reviewed by the Supreme Court, placing the indigenous communities of the United States at further risk.

## [Montana's new voting laws violate Native Americans' rights, a lawsuit argues.](#)

New York Times – May 17, 2021

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Native American Rights Fund filed a lawsuit on Monday challenging two new election laws in Montana as unconstitutional infringements on Native Americans' right to vote.

## [Coalition Advances Lawsuit Over Trump-Era Rollback of Critical Data Collection Requirements to Protect Vulnerable Populations in Foster Care System](#)

Democracy Forward - May 18, 2021

Late Monday, the California Tribal Families Coalition, the Yurok Tribe, the Cherokee Nation, Facing Foster Care in Alaska, Ark of Freedom Alliance, the Ruth Ellis Center, and True Colors, Inc. pressed

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forward with their lawsuit challenging a Trump-era rollback of important child welfare data collection requirements. The plaintiffs are represented by Democracy Forward, Lambda Legal, and the Michigan State University College of Law's Indian Law Clinic.

### [ICWA: Reclaiming Indigenous identity](#) (Includes video)

Indian Country Today - May 19, 2021

The Indian Child Welfare Act became law in 1978 with a goal of keeping Native children with their families and tribes. As Blackfeet citizen and Salish descendant Brooke Pepion Swaney found out, the law was overlooked when Kendra was adopted by the Mylnechuk family. Brooke's first feature-length documentary, "Daughter of a Lost Bird," premieres at the prestigious Human Rights Watch Festival in New York, and everywhere online.

Also: [Daughter of a Lost Bird](#) (Video)

### [Alaska House Of Representatives Passes 2 Bills To Strengthen State's Partnership With Tribes](#)

KYUK - May 20, 2021

The Alaska House of Representatives has passed two bills sponsored by Representative Tiffany Zulkosky (D-Bethel). House Bill 123, a bill for the state legislature to formally recognize Alaska Native tribes, passed on May 19 by a vote of 35-4. According to a press release by the Alaska House Coalition, Zulkosky said, "There are many ongoing discussions about the benefits of expanding our relationship with tribes to advance our many shared values." She said that state recognition of Alaska Native tribes would make a relationship more possible.

Also: [Act providing State recognition of Alaska Native Tribes passes House of Representatives](#)

### [HB 184 gives tribes voice in child welfare](#)

Cordova Times - May 21, 2021

Legislation approved by the House and now before the Senate would empower tribal governments to manage oversight of child welfare issues in partnership with the state. House Bill 184, sponsored by Rep. Tiffany Zilkosky, D-Bethel, co-chair of the House Health and Social Services Committee, codifies an agreement reached in 2017 between the state and tribes under Gov. Bill Walker and continued in 2019 by Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

Also: [Alaska House passes bills for tribal child welfare, state recognition of tribes](#)

Also: [Alaska House Bill 184](#)

### [Senators Warren, Murkowski Reintroduce Bipartisan Legislation to Address the Lack of Funding for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention in Indian Country](#) (Press release)

Office of Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator for Massachusetts - May 26, 2021

United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) reintroduced the American Indian and Alaska Native Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (AI/AN CAPTA). First introduced in 2019 with Representative Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.), the bipartisan bill would amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) to help provide tribal nations with resources to combat child abuse and neglect. Senate cosponsors include Senators Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.).

Also: [A Bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act](#)

### [H.R.1688 - Native American Child Protection Act](#) (Video)

C-SPAN - May 23, 2021

The U.S. House of Representatives considers H.R.1688, the Native American Child Protection Act, on May 12, 2021. The bill updates the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, which first became law in 1990 to help tribes and the federal government address child abuse in Indian Country amid reports of widespread victimization.

Also: [H.R.1688 - Native American Child Protection Act](#)

### [Fighting A Racist 184-Year-Old Law](#) (audio)

NPR: The Indicator – May 27, 2021

The Chehalis Tribe had a plan to create jobs and revenue. The only problem? A racist law from 1834.

## [The Remains Of 215 Indigenous Children Have Been Found At A Former School In Canada](#)

NPR – May 29, 2021

The remains of 215 children, including some as young as three, have been found in a mass grave on the grounds of a former residential school that was once part of a nationwide effort in Canada to separate Indigenous children from their families in an attempt to assimilate them.

## [Court unanimously holds that Indian tribes retain the inherent power to police non-Indians](#)

SCOTUSblog – June 1, 2021

In its first major opinion on the scope of American Indian tribes' sovereign powers in decades, the Supreme court [held](#) on Tuesday in [United States v. Cooley](#) that tribal governments — and thus their police officers — have the power to search and temporarily detain non-Indians suspected of breaking federal or state laws within reservations.

## PUBLICATIONS

### [Tribally Defined Citizenship Criteria: Countering Whiteness as Property Interpretations of “Indian” for Restoring Inherent Sovereignty](#), 18 Hastings Race & Poverty L.J. 29 (2021)

Lori Bable

**Abstract:** This article implements the framework of whiteness of property to articulate the ways in which holdings of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) have limited Tribal Nations' sovereignty because of the illegibility and correlative dispossession of inherent sovereignty itself. This article also highlights how these past SCOTUS opinions, especially recently, threaten to further reduce tribal sovereignty insofar as Tribal Nation citizenship remains based upon blood quantum.

### [House Bill 447: Track Children Between School & CYFD Task Force: Final Report to the Legislative Education Study Committee](#) [New Mexico].

Linda Trujillo and Andrea Romero – New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department

**Abstract:** This report complies with New Mexico House Bill 447 that required the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) and the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) to convene a task force to develop and provide recommendations with regard to a shared student tracking system.

### [Equity over equality: Equal protection and the Indian Child Welfare Act](#), 77 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. Online 411 (2021)

Dempsey, Lucy

**Abstract:** In 2018, a Texas District Court shocked the nation by declaring the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) unconstitutional pursuant to the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The decision was overturned by the Fifth Circuit but may well be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The ICWA provides a framework for the removal and placement of Indian children into foster and adoptive homes in such a way that attempts to reflect the unique values of Indian culture and supports the autonomy of the tribe. In doing so, the law treats Indian children differently than it would White children. But does this divergent treatment constitute impermissible racial discrimination? Should the ICWA's protections be applied to children merely eligible for tribal membership? What level of scrutiny should courts use when analyzing the ICWA's constitutionality?

### ['The Court of the Conqueror': Colonialism, the Constitution, and the Time of Redemption](#)

Sherally Munshi: \* Forthcoming in *Law's Infamy: Understanding the Canon of Bad Law* (eds. Austin Sarat, Lawrence Douglas, and Martha M. Umphrey) (NYU Press 2021).

**Abstract.** Within the constitutional imaginary, colonialism is often represented as a regrettable prehistory to the founding of the nation, an event that conditioned the founding of the revolutionary republic but is not constitutive of it. Moreover, the constitution itself is invested with the faith that the United States will slowly but eventually overcome its founding sins. But if the arc of constitutional redemption is defined by the eventual repudiation of infamous race cases—*Dred Scott v. Sanford* and *Korematsu v. United States*—then a case like *Johnson v. M'Intosh* is revealing of the ways in which law continues to place colonial power beyond the scope of constitutional review, historical redress, and national progress. In *Johnson*, the Supreme Court recognized that the federal government had the extraordinary power to assert its authority over indigenous peoples, a power which “the Courts of the Conqueror cannot deny.” That extra-constitutional power, inherent to sovereignty, has since been formalized in the plenary power doctrine, according to which the federal government continues to assert unilateral authority over matters involving Indians, immigrants, and peoples in the United States' overseas colonies. As such *Johnson* and

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its unfolding legacy represent the stillness of sovereignty, a colonial power that stands beyond the time of redemption.

### [On Power & the Law: McGirt v. Oklahoma](#)

Maggie Blackhawk: *Sup. Ct. Rev.* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2021).

Almost every aspect of *McGirt v. Oklahoma* strains the imagination. On July 9, 2020, over two years after agreeing to resolve the question, the Supreme Court issued in *McGirt* a landmark ruling for federal Indian law. In that opinion, the Court held that a “huge swathe of Oklahoma,” including “three million acres and [] most of the city of Tulsa,” was recognized by the United States as within the reservation lands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

### [A National Truth Commission for Native Americans](#)

Sara L. Ochs: *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society*, 2021

**Abstract:** Native Americans have endured centuries of genocide. What began as a systemic attempt by European colonialists to decimate the indigenous population subsequently evolved into more subtle, devastating acts intended to destroy indigenous culture. Today, Native Americans remain the subject of ongoing discrimination and human rights abuses, especially pertaining to the forced removal of children from Native homes in violation of federal law. Despite the egregiousness of these wrongs, Native Americans have yet to be provided with a true sense of justice for the historical and ongoing crimes committed against them.

### [Incorporation by Any Other Name? Comparing Congress’ Federalization of Tribal Court Criminal Procedure with the Supreme Court’s Regulation of State Courts](#)

Jordan Gross: *Kentucky Law Journal*, Vol. 109, No. 299, 2020

**Abstract:** The Bill of Rights, as enacted, only constrained the national government prosecuting crimes in its own courts; it did not apply to the states. The Fourteenth Amendment, ratified in 1868 following the Civil War, redefined the relationship of the states to the national government and created an opening for federal oversight of states’ criminal justice systems. The Fourteenth Amendment, among other things, prohibits any state from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, or denying any person the equal protection of the laws. The Supreme Court initially interpreted the Fourteenth Amendment to allow states to diverge from what the Bill of Rights required from the national government in federal court prosecutions as long as states provided some basic level of fairness to the accused. Today, however, the contours of state court criminal procedure are tethered, for the most to by the Bill of Rights by the Supreme Court’s “incorporation” jurisprudence.

### [Jurisprudence and Recommendations for Tribal Court Authority Due to Imposition of U.S. Limitations](#)

Angelique EagleWoman: 47 Mitchell Hamline L. Rev. 339 (2021)

**Abstract:** There are over 570 federally-recognized Tribal Nations in the United States and more than 330 tribal courts serving as the judicial branch of those nations. Yet, there is little mention of the existence of tribal courts in most mainstream civil procedure courses taught in the over 200 law schools in the United States. To gain any knowledge as to the existence of these courts, law students must take a course on federal Indian law, which is not available in the majority of law schools. In fact, less than twenty law schools offer a series of courses forming an Indian law program. Thus, the invisibility of tribal courts is perpetuated through curriculum omission in mainstream civil procedure courses and rarely remedied through offering a stand-alone course on federal Indian law. Tribal Nations have existed from time immemorial with their own laws, dispute resolution systems, and governing structures. This lack of attention and suppression of information serves only to reinforce colonizing ideas of subsuming tribal governance into the forums set up by the United States.

### [Working Together: Building and Sustaining a Multijurisdictional Response to Missing or Murdered Indigenous Children and , Adolescents](#)

Catherine S. Connell, Leslie A Hagen, Stephanie C. Snapp: March 2021 DOJ Journal of Federal Law and Practice pg. 5

Sadly, children, all too frequently, go missing in communities across the country, including tribal communities. A prompt, comprehensive response to these cases is critical to recovering the children and prosecuting cases if a child fell victim to a crime. Our fundamental understanding and knowledge of investigating missing person cases and the development of improved investigative techniques has increased dramatically over the last several years. This article covers some of the key components of a comprehensive response to a missing, neglected, abused, or exploited child case, including federal law,

multidisciplinary teams, forensic interviews, and prosecution strategies for using a forensic interview at trial.

## [Victim Services for Native Families with Missing Loved Ones](#)

Michele L. Steward, Tiffany Mow, Savannah Joe: March 2021 DOJ Journal of Federal Law and Practice pg. 27

Ambiguous loss describes the unknown circumstances and resulting anxiety that families may experience after the disappearance of a loved one. They do not know if their family member is alive, safe, sick, hurt, in danger, or ever coming home. In long-term cases, there is often no return home, no funeral, and no memorial. This kind of loss may also occur after reunification with a loved one if the person is physically present but psychologically or emotionally absent as a result of victimization and/or the length of time missing. Families may struggle with both types of loss.

## [Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country](#)

M. Brent Leonhard: 2021 DOJ Journal of Federal Law and Practice pg. 45

Criminal jurisdiction in Indian country can be complex depending on where an incident occurs, whether the defendant or victim is an Indian, the type of crime alleged, treaty provisions, various state and federal court decisions, and federal regulations. Professor Robert Clinton described it as a “jurisdictional maze.”

## [“The Rule of the Strong, Not the Rule of Law”: Reexamining Implicit Divestiture After \*McGirt v. Oklahoma\*](#)

Joseph Palandrani: 89 Fordham Law Review 2375 (2021)

In *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, the U.S. Supreme Court found that the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which were set in 1866 and which encompass a large swath of present-day Oklahoma, remain intact. Although non-Indigenous people had settled on the land in droves by the early twentieth century, the Court held that the land remains “Indian Country” until Congress explicitly indicates otherwise. Because Congress never so indicated, the reservation is undiminished. *McGirt* marked a massive shift in the Court’s approach to the question of whether reservation boundaries remain in force; demographic history had previously figured prominently in the Court’s rulings in this arena. The Court has relied on similar historical evidence to inform its analysis of a closely related set of questions: those pertaining to whether Indigenous nations’ sovereign powers over their reservations extend to non-Indigenous people. This Note argues that *McGirt*’s repudiation of a context-driven inquiry in the former line of cases has ramifications for the latter. In particular, this Note argues that the types of evidence and the modes of reasoning that *McGirt* rejects have been central to the Court’s doctrine of “implicit divestiture,” which holds that Indigenous nations have limited authority over non-Indigenous people on reservations. This Note argues that *McGirt* and implicit divestiture are incompatible.

## [American Indian Law Journal, Volume 9, Issue 2 \(2021\)](#)

Articles include:

- [In Defense of the Indian Commerce Clause](#)  
*Stephen Andrews*
- [Beyond A Sliver Of A Full Moon: Acknowledging And Abolishing White Bias To Restore Safety & Sovereignty To Indian Country](#)  
*Mary T. Hannon*
- [Case Law On American Indians](#)  
*Thomas P. Schlosser*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [Domestic Violence Court Mentoring Program - Call for Proposals](#)

**All applications are due by 11:59 pm Eastern on June 14, 2021**

The Center for Court Innovation, with support from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), is accepting proposals from courts in the United States and U.S. Territories to receive technical assistance from OVW funded [Domestic Violence Mentor Courts](#). The Domestic Violence Court Mentoring Program will support the efforts of courts to create or enhance a specialized domestic violence court or a domestic violence docket. The program will also provide sites with the unique opportunity to receive one-on-one technical assistance and support from OVW-designated domestic violence Mentor Court staff and stakeholders. Each selected site will be paired with one Mentor Court to participate in regular technical

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assistance calls and virtual and in-person site visits, with the goal of enhancing court-based responses to domestic violence cases.

## **Tribal Law and Policy Institute Publication Announcement**

### **Tribal-State Court Forums: An Annotated Directory, 2nd Edition**

This directory includes a detailed listing of the 13 currently operational Tribal -State Court forums around the nation. and **Tribal-State Court Forums: Intergovernmental Collaborative Strategies to Improve Public Safety (Policy Brief)**

This brief provides a summary overview of Tribal-State Court Forums and includes a chart that provides an overview of key features of forums, such as membership attributes, information about authorizing documents and key accomplishments.

## **Department of Justice Releases Second Online Journal on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives**

The second issue of the "Department of Justice Journal of Federal Law and Practice" addresses missing or murdered indigenous persons. This issue includes articles describing components of a comprehensive response to missing, neglected, abused, or exploited child cases, including federal law, multidisciplinary teams, and forensic interviewing.

## **New Resource for On-going Tribal Court Clerk Training & Court Development: Sage Education**

We are an online provider of Tribal Court Clerk continuing education. We recognize that Tribal Courts are looking for easier and more cost-effective ways to get their staff the training they need. As an online provider of Tribal Court education, we can help you meet your goals for staff training without additional travel costs and time away from the office. We are also available for onsite courses that are specifically tailored to your jurisdiction. In addition, Sage Education offers onsite consulting services, including but not limited to, court reviews, corrective actions, procedure manual development, policy review and development, code review, revision and development, and judicial benchbooks tailored to your court.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### **Tribal EPO (Emergency Protective Order) Training: A step by step guide for Tribal Court Judges and Law Enforcement on Tribal Court Emergency Protection Orders (video)**

Northern California Tribal Court Coalition – Training Conducted May 21, 2021

The training has been created by a collaboration between the Hoopa Valley Court, the Hoopa Valley Victim Advocacy Program and the Yurok Tribal Court. Training hosted by the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition Training Material: <https://nctcc.org/education/tribal-ep...>

### **Building Tribal Child Welfare Programs' Capacity Around Suicide Prevention Resource List & Toolkits**

The resources compiled here can support the development or enhancement of suicide prevention efforts and tribal child welfare best practice within your program and community.

## **Newslinks**

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

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

This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. For more information, please contact the Judicial Council of California Tribal/State Programs Unit at 415-865-7739 or [cfcc@jud.ca.gov](mailto: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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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

### [2021 Women Are Sacred Conference](#)

**June 8-10, 2021 - Virtual Event**

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center is pleased to announce registration for the 2021 Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference is now open! A [draft of the conference agenda](#) is available now. The theme for this year's conference is "*Carrying Our Medicine and Strengthening Our Vision to End the Violence.*"

### [Active Efforts: What Judicial Officers & Counsel for Parents & Children Need to Know](#)

**June 15, 2021 12:00-1:00 P.M. – Webinar**

Presented by the Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, with the support of a grant awarded by the California Department of Social Services.

In cases governed by ICWA children and parents are entitled to "active efforts" rather than reasonable services. How are active efforts different than reasonable services? What should a judicial officer be looking for in a case plan and report to ensure that an agency is providing active efforts in an ICWA case? What questions should counsel for an Indian parent or child be asking and what should they be demanding on behalf of their clients to ensure that active efforts are being provided? This webinar will provide a close look at these questions and practical strategies for ensuring the active efforts requirement is being complied with.

### [Brackeen v. Haaland: Legal Implications](#)

**National Indian Child Welfare Association**

**June 15, 2021**

**Time: 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. ET/12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. PT**

Webinar Description:

Presenters will discuss the background of the Brackeen case and the Fifth Circuit's en banc decision. The webinar will address the legal implications of the en banc decision with regard to the constitutionality of ICWA and the federal regulations, what the decision means for other ICWA cases, and what may be next for the case. Presenters: Erin Dougherty Lynch, Native American Rights Fund; Dan Lewerenz, Native American Rights Fund; Sam Daughety, Dentons.

### [Brackeen v. Haaland: State Agency Practice Impacts and Tribal Advocacy](#)

**National Indian Child Welfare Association**

**June 17, 2021**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. ET/11:00 a.m.–Noon PT**

Webinar Description:

Presenters will discuss the child welfare practice implications following the Fifth Circuit's en banc decision in Brackeen v. Haaland. Presenters will also share advocacy strategies for tribal leaders and child welfare workers regarding proper implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Presenters:

David Simmons, NICWA; Angela Connor, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, NICWA Board of Directors

### [Domestic/Family Violence Advocacy Training](#)

**June 16 -17, 2021 – Virtual Event**

Hosted by the Tule River Indian Tribe of California • Sponsored by Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, U.S. Department of the Interior–Indian Affairs • Produced by Native Knowledge Harvest, LLC

Day 1 is open to all and includes:

- What is domestic/family violence?
- Recognize the warning signs.
- How and where to get help.
- Obtaining a protective order.

Day 2 focuses on presenting domestic violence matters in tribal court including court arguments and witness examination.

For more information, or to register, email: [training@native-knowledge.com](mailto:training@native-knowledge.com). MCLE-eligible.

### [National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges 84th Annual Conference](#)

**July 18-21, 2021**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

This conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting edge topics that will inspire, provoke, and precipitate discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system.

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## [Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Virtual Enhancement Training REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#)

**June 21 – 25, 2021**

The [Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Virtual Enhancement Training](#) is a tribal-specific national training for tribal problem-solving courts. The Virtual Enhancement Training features Wellness Court best practices and innovative strategies.

TLPI is pleased to offer four separate tracks in this year's curriculum: Adult Wellness Courts, Juvenile Wellness Courts; Family Wellness Courts; and Veteran's Courts. Sessions addressing Law Enforcement's Role, and Case Management will also be included.

The Training will be oriented around the [Tribal Ten Key Components](#) and the [National Association of Drug Court Professionals](#) (NADCP) [National Drug Court Standards](#). The Enhancement Training focuses upon tribal issues, including jurisdictional and legal issues unique to Indian country; the incorporation of custom and tradition into the phases, case management, treatment curriculums, and tangential services; and the peer-to-peer sharing of successful Healing to Wellness Courts models in operations. Training topics will cover the adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, family dependency, DWI/DUI, and veterans models. The Enhancement Training is free to all participants. A digital copy of all training materials, including publications, handouts and session PowerPoint presentations, will be available on the virtual training space and available to all attendees at [EnhancementTraining.org](#) after the event. View 2012-2020 presentation materials at our [Prior Materials](#) page.

## [Cultural Considerations When Working Within Indian Country – Part 2](#)

**June 23, 2021**

**Time: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT**

Through this second webinar of a 2-part webinar series on "Cultural Considerations when Working within Indian Country," you will gain a better understanding of tribal jurisdictions and its impact on investigations in Indian Country. Join us to examine the history of tribal communities' and how cultural values can impact interactions when working with victims of exploitation. Review best practices to recognize, identify and assist high-risk children living on tribal lands.

**Did you miss Part 1? [Watch it NOW](#)**

### **Contact Information**

[askamber@fvtc.edu](mailto:askamber@fvtc.edu) | [ncjtc.org](http://ncjtc.org)

(877) 712-6237 7:30 am- 4:30 pm CT (M- F)

## [2021 California Statewide I.C.W.A. Conference](#)

**June 24-25, 2021**

Join the California Tribal Families Coalition and other hosts for the first hybrid California I.C.W.A. Conference! Enterprise Rancheria will be offering an in-person & a virtual option!

## [18<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Law Confernce](#)

**Michigan State University College of Law**

**November 4-5, 2021**

**\*Registration coming soon**

The conference's main goal is to provide useful information for Tribal In-House Counsel. In the past, conferences have centered on a variety of themes. Save the date flyer [here](#)

## **COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### [Emergency COVID-19 Victim Services Response](#)

**Office of Emergency Services**

**OES has directed the Partnership to review applications on a rolling basis, and to award funds first come, first served. Online applications will open on June 2nd and be accepted until all funds have been awarded.**

- Applications available: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 9:00am
- Grant term ends (all funds spent by): July 31, 2021

Please note: This funding is only available to organizations, not individuals.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) has announced \$6.1 million dollars in emergency response funds intended to support the needs associated with providing safety and services for victims of interpersonal violence – domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse during this time of social distancing.

- Thursday, May 27 – [View Recorded Webinar](#)
- Friday, May 28 – [View Recorded Webinar](#)
- [View the Slideshow](#)
- [View the Questions & Answers from the webinars here](#)

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

Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health  
OS-PAW-20-001

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

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19...” (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

### **Please Contact:**

Eric West Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management  
240-453-8822  
[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## [GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM](#)

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

## [FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

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

## [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

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

## NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership](#)

Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Deadline: Applications Accepted Now until June 14, 2021**

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The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state, tribal and local law enforcement.

## [Smart Probation: Innovations in Supervision Initiative](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-93003**

**Deadline: June 3, 2021**

The Smart Probation: Innovations in Supervision Initiative (ISI) provides opportunities for community corrections agencies to improve supervision outcomes for individuals they supervise.

## [Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-93002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 07, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2021**

The FY 2021 Innovations in Reentry Initiative (IRI): Building System Capacity and Testing Reentry Strategies provides state and local jurisdictions and Indian tribes with the resources to identify assets and gaps in their reentry systems and improve their overall approach to reentry.

## [Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-104001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 07, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2021**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications from eligible agencies that will inventory, track, and report the status of SAKs. As an integral part of these activities, applicants also are expected to identify and prioritize (for testing) SAKs for which prosecution of a perpetrator is soon to be barred by the expiration of an applicable statute of limitations.

## [Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office for Victims of Crime**

**O-OVC-2021-91005**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 14, 2021**

**JustGrants Deadline: June 28, 2021**

OVC seeks to provide funding to organizations that demonstrate innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology in innovative ways to interact directly with crime victims and/or to provide information, referrals, crisis assistance, and longer-term help.

## [State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers \(SJS-SAC\) Technical Assistance Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Statistics**

**O-BJS-2021-17001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 14, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: June 28, 2021**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is publishing this notice of the Technical Assistance Program to support activities under the State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers (SJS-SAC) in FY 2021. The SJS-SAC program is designed to maintain and enhance each state's capacity to coordinate statistical activities in the state, conduct research on relevant criminal justice issues, and serve as a liaison to help BJS gather data from state agencies.

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## [Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams \(E-MDTs\) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-96002

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 14, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: Monday, June 28, 2021**

OVC seeks applications to support the development and/or enhancement of multidisciplinary teams and to strengthen the capacity of E-MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of financial exploitation.

### [COPS Office Hiring Program Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services  
O-COPS-2021-97003

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 15, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: June 22, 2021**

The goal of the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Anticipated outcomes of COPS Hiring Program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.

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

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services  
O-COPS-2021-89002

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 15, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: June 22, 2021**

The goal of the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) is to improve security at schools and on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology. SVPP awards will contribute to this goal by funding projects which include funding of civilian personnel to serve as coordinators with local law enforcement, training for local law enforcement officers, purchase and installation of certain allowable equipment and technology, and other measures to significantly improve school security.

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

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-96004

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 15, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: June 29, 2021**

This program's purpose is to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to fight human trafficking. This solicitation requires two but coordinated applications. One application from an eligible lead law enforcement agency, and one from an eligible lead victim service organization. These two applications should be developed collaboratively and submitted as a pair.

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

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-96005

**Grants.gov Deadline: Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: Tuesday, June 29, 2021**

This program will provide funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals.

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## [Expanding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner \(SANE\) Services to Victims of Sexual Assault](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-91006

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 15, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: June 29, 2021**

OVC is seeking applications to establish or expand sexual assault examination programs, including sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) programs and sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) programs that focus on improving the provision of sexual assault care using a community-based approach, such as through a campus community, nonprofit, community-based, and/or tribe-affiliated victim services provider.

## [Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-63005

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 15, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: June 29, 2021**

The overall goal of the program is to improve responses for child and youth victims of trafficking, with a focus on coordination at the statewide or tribal jurisdiction level, to create effective change across systems. Recognizing that each jurisdiction is unique, applicants should identify the state or tribe's greatest barriers to identifying and assisting child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking and/or to investigating and prosecuting these trafficking cases, and propose a program to systematically address those barriers.

## [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

Department of Justice  
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2021-92005

**Deadline: June 15, 2021**

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 (JDTCs) and enhance existing JDTCs for individuals with substance abuse problems or co-occurring mental health disorders, including histories of trauma.

## [Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program](#)

Department of Justice  
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2021-92004

**Deadline: June 15, 2021**

The Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program encourages collaboration between state agencies, local government, and community- and faith-based organizations to address the challenges that reentry and recidivism reduction pose for moderate to high-risk juvenile offenders returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities. This solicitation has two categories—Category 1: Youth Offender Reentry Program and Category 2: Community-Based Youth Reentry Program.

## [National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Administrators \(2022-2024\)](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-92008

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 17, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 01, 2021**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will make an award to an eligible organization to support the 2022, 2023, and 2024 VOCA National Training Conferences for State VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators and their staff. The conferences will provide training and technical

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assistance and facilitate an opportunity for the presentation of state issues and practices through lectures, panels, workshops, and forums.

## [Services to Support Victims of Hate Crime and Strengthen Communities](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-02001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 18, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 02, 2021**

OVC will fund an entity to support field-generated, innovative strategies, approaches, and models to support individuals, groups and communities impacted by hate crime. The award recipient will also provide technical assistance and capacity-building support to the selected subrecipients.

## [Native American Elder Justice Initiative \(2021\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Community Living  
HHS-2021-ACL-AOA-IERC-0034**

**Deadline: June 21, 2021**

Native American Elder Justice Initiative (NAEJI) will address the need for more culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Indian Country.

## [Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-94001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2021**

The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program supports Department priorities to reduce serious and violent crime, including gun violence; dismantle gang activity; and strengthen local capacity to combat drug abuse. BCJI helps communities build trust and support law enforcement agencies working with these communities by integrating enforcement strategies into community-based crime reduction efforts and using this information to understand and target the issues.

## [Children's Advocacy Centers National Subgrants Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2021-07001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2021**

The OJJDP FY 2021 Children's Advocacy Centers National Subgrants Program provides support to CACs through a variety of subgrant assistance designed to enhance effective interventions in child abuse cases. CACs provide a coordinated response to child abuse victims through multidisciplinary teams composed of representatives from the statutorily mandated and other agencies involved in the intervention, prevention, prosecution, and investigation systems that respond to child abuse cases.

## [Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2021-05001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: July 6, 2021**

This solicitation provides funding for communities to develop and implement prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies that aim to reduce youth gun and gang violence.

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## [Family Drug Court Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2021-92009

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**JustGrants Application Deadline: July 6, 2021**

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 establish new family drug courts, 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.

## [Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-95004

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2021**

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system. This program supports public safety efforts through partnerships with social services and other organizations that will enhance responses to people with MI and CMISA.

## [National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative \(SAKI\)](#)

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-94003

**Deadline: June 22, 2021**

SAKI supports the Department's priorities of reducing violent crime and supporting law enforcement officers and prosecutors by: (1) Providing jurisdictions (including rural and tribal) with resources to address sexual assault kits in their custody that have not been submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing by Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)-eligible DNA methodologies. (2) Improving investigation and prosecution in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process. (3) Providing sites with resources to collect DNA samples from qualifying individuals who should have a sample in CODIS (based on the type and time of the offense in relation to applicable state law), but from whom a sample has never been collected or submitted to a laboratory for testing.

## [Project Safe Neighborhood](#)

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-94005

**Deadline: June 22, 2021**

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create and foster safer communities through a sustained reduction in violent crime.

## [Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA](#)

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-94004

**Deadline: June 22, 2021**

The Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA Program provides funds to: (1) prosecute violent crime cold cases and (2) decrease the number of violent crime cold cases awaiting/pending prosecution

## [Second Chance Act: Adult Reentry Education, Employment, Treatment and Recovery Program](#)

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-98001



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## **Deadline: June 22, 2021**

The Second Chance Act: Adult Reentry Education, Employment, Treatment and Recovery Program is designed to improve correctional educational and employment services for general inmate populations and to improve treatment services for offenders with substance use disorders. This will in turn help reduce recidivism, and promote public safety and recovery.

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

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-93001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2021**

Pay for Success is performance-based and outcomes-based programming that ties payment for services to reaching agreed upon goals. Under this initiative, services that may be purchased include permanent supportive and recovery housing, as well as other types of reentry services which are tailored to individuals leaving incarceration, particularly those with substance use disorders.

### **[Services for Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2021-04002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2021**

This program is designed to develop, expand, and strengthen assistance programs for minor victims of sex trafficking.

### **[Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2021-00002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 22, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 06, 2021**

This solicitation provides funding for communities to develop and provide support services for children exposed to violence as well as training and technical assistance to child and family-serving organizations to help them better recognize and help families at risk for violence.

### **[Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision Program: Applying the Principles Behind Project HOPE](#)**

**Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-95003**

**Deadline: June 22, 2021**

BJA will select six applicants to develop and test new or enhanced applications of the swift, certain, and fair (SCF) principles of intervention.

### **[American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Native Language Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
HHS-2021-ACF-ANA-XN-0001**

**Deadline: June 25, 2021**

These funds will be used to make emergency awards to eligible recipients to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages during and after the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **[Advancing Hospital-Based Victim Services](#)**

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

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## **O-OVC-2021-1600**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 12, 2021**

This solicitation seeks to improve linkages between the victim services field and hospitals and other medical facilities that increase support for victims of crime, improve victim outcomes, and reduce chances of further victimization.

## **[Delinquency Prevention Grants Program](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2021-06003**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 12, 2021**

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.

## **[Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellowship Program](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office for Victims of Crime**

**O-OVC-2021-14002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 12, 2021**

This program will support one fellow housed within the OVC Human Trafficking Division (HTD); where relevant and applicable, the Law Enforcement Fellow may also advise and support other OVC Divisions.

## **[Opioid Affected Youth Initiative](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2021-10001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 12, 2021**

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 to ensure public safety.

## **[National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office for Victims of Crime**

**O-OVC-2021-14001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 12, 2021**

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

This cooperative agreement will enable an organization to provide financial and technical assistance to approximately 50 communities nationwide to conduct public education and awareness activities on crime victims' rights and services in their jurisdictions during the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW).

## **[Supporting Tribal Youth: Training and Technical Assistance and Youth Leadership Development Assistance](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

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## **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2021-13001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 28, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 12, 2021**

This program will support the provision of juvenile justice-related training and technical assistance to federally recognized tribes, and will support and enhance tribal youth engagement related to juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and public safety issues in Indian country.

## **[Collaborative Approaches toward Preventing and Addressing Hate Crime — Demonstration Projects](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-111001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 29, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 13, 2021**

The Collaborative Approaches toward Preventing and Addressing Hate Crime — Demonstration Projects supports efforts of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in developing comprehensive approaches to address a precipitous increase in hate crimes.

## **[Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-111003**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 29, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 13, 2021**

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program supports efforts of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes committed on the basis of the victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

## **[Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-47002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: June 30, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 14, 2021**

The purpose of this initiative is to support local and tribal jurisdictions' capacity to work with their ATF partners to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

## **[Family-Based Alternative Sentencing Program](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2021-11002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: July 02, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 16, 2021**

The OJJDP Family-Based Alternative Sentencing Program seeks to build the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to implement new, or enhance existing, alternative sentencing programs for parents in the criminal justice system to improve child, parent, and family outcomes.

## **[Collaborative Crisis Response Training](#)**

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**O-BJA-2021-121003**

**Grants.gov Deadline: July 06, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 20, 2021**

This initiative seeks to implement transdisciplinary crisis response training to educate and prepare law enforcement and correctional officers so that they are equipped to appropriately interact with people who have behavioral health conditions or disabilities in the course of completing their job responsibilities.

## [Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses](#)

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**Office of Justice Programs**

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**O-BJA-2021-121001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: July 06, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 20, 2021**

BJA is seeking applicants to design or enhance a law enforcement-behavioral health response to people with MI and CMISA who come into contact with law enforcement due to their illness.

## [Fostering Resilience and Hope: Bridging the Gap Between Law Enforcement and the Community](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office for Victims of Crime**

**O-OVC-2021-23001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: July 06, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 19, 2021**

This program will support demonstration sites in implementing a hope-centered framework to 1) address trauma experienced by law enforcement and 2) build trust with the communities they serve.

## [Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-120001**

**Grants.gov Deadline: July 06, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 20, 2021**

These grants will support improved training and technology, expanded community-based crime prevention programs, and partnerships with victim services providers. This initiative is intended to improve communication and collaboration between state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve in order to address the unique criminal justice challenges in rural areas.

## [Smart Policing Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

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**O-BJA-2021-119004**

**Grants.gov Deadline: July 06, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: July 20, 2021**

The Smart Policing Initiative (SPI, formerly Strategies for Policing Innovation) provides funding to enable police agencies to effectively use evidence-based practices, data, and technology.

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

**Department of Justice**

**O-COPS-2021-75014**

**GRANTS.GOV Application deadline: Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

**JUSTGRANTS Application deadline: Thursday, July 8, 2021**

The Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

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## [Crisis Intervention Teams \(CIT\) Program](#)

Department of Justice

O-COPS-2021-75007

GRANTS.GOV Application deadline: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

JUSTGRANTS Application deadline: Thursday, July 8, 2021

The Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) program is for expansion of the use of crisis intervention teams in order to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement, as well as the development of training programs.

## [Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2021-31001

Deadline: July 12, 2021

The purpose of the FY 2021 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCIIP-LEA) is to fund the purchase of body-worn cameras (BWCs) that are implemented as part of comprehensive BWC programs.

## [National Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2021-32002

Grants.gov Deadline: July 12, 2021

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 26, 2021

The program provides for the development, operation, and management of the Office for Victims of Crime's National Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services (the Center). The Center will facilitate the delivery of national-scale, highquality training and technical assistance to increase access to victim services and victim compensation for victims of crime in areas that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, including communities of color

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

AmeriCorps

AC-05-24-21

Deadline: July 23, 2021

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities.

## [Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program](#)

Department of Transportation

DOT/Federal Transit Administration

FTA-2021-003-TR

Deadline: August 25, 2021

As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for any purpose eligible under FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311, including planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services in rural areas.

## [Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

ARCHIVAL-202110

Deadline: October 6, 2021

The NHPRC seeks projects that will significantly improve online public discovery and use of historical records collections. The Commission encourages projects centered on collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history.

## [Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinating Center](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

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**HHS-2022-IHS-ZSICC-0001**

**Deadline: October 29, 2021**

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to build capacity of ZSI projects to improve the system of care for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention in Indian Health Systems.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [2021 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-Grant Program Request for Proposals](#)

**National Congress of American Indians**

**U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime**

**Deadline: The NCAI Fund will review applications on a rolling basis, beginning April 1, 2021, until funds are expended.**

Funding can be used to support a wide range of program activities and services to crime victims, including conducting a needs assessment or developing a strategic plan, purchasing equipment or supplies, or other support for new or existing victim services programs.

### [NHPRC-Mellon Start-Up Grants for Collaborative Digital Editions in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American History](#)

**National Archives and Records Administration**

**DIGITALEDITIONS-202106**

**Deadline: June 9, 2021**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), with funding provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, seeks proposals for its new program for Collaborative Digital Editions in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American History.

### [Local Jail Reporting Program \(LJRP\) Pilot Test](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Justice Statistics**

**O-BJS-2021-60012**

**Deadline: June 14, 2021**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is seeking applications for funding to conduct a pilot test of the Local Jails Reporting Program (LJRP), a new jail-data collection of individual-level jail inmate administrative records. The LJRP will capture jail bookings with timestamps and information on the circumstances of admission and release. It will also collect data on a one-day snapshot of the jail population, including demographic and criminal justice characteristics of inmates, such as offense or charge, bail and temporary release, court disposition, and sentence.

### [Basic Center Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB**

**HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CY-1923**

**Deadline: June 21, 2021**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Basic Center Program (BCP). The purpose of BCP is to provide emergency 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.

### [Native American Elder Justice Initiative](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2021-ACL-AOA-IERC-0034**

**Deadline: June 21, 2021**

Under the new funding opportunity the Native American Elder Justice Initiative (NAEJI) will address the need for more culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Indian Country.

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## [Street Outreach Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-YO-1926  
Deadline: June 21, 2021**

The purpose of the Street Outreach Program (SOP) is to provide 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.

## [Transitional Living Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CX-1905  
Deadline: June 28, 2021**

The Purpose of FYSB's TLP grant program is to implement, enhance, and/or support effective strategies for successful transition to sustainable living for runaway and homeless youth ages 16 to under 22 and/or pregnant and parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren). Projects must provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for up to 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months and provide comprehensive services that support the transition of homeless youth to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living.

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

**Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health  
NOT-MH-21-187  
Deadline: June 29, 2021**

Research to test the effectiveness of combined interventions to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide, suicide ideation and behavior (SIB), and non-suicide self-injury (NSSI) among youth from populations that are often underserved by the mental health system.

## [Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
VA National Cemetery Administration  
VA-GRANTS-NCA-FY2021-1  
Deadline: July 1, 2021**

Grants may be used only for the purpose of establishing, expanding or improving Veterans cemeteries that are owned and operated by a state, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territory.

## [Family Violence Prevention and Services - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Institute on Intimate Partner Violence](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1966  
Deadline: July 6, 2021**

To award one cooperative agreement under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants program to support a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Institute on Intimate Partner Violence (Institute) to expand and enhance the capacity of both domestic violence and LGBTQ-specific organizations to more effectively identify and respond to the unique needs of LGBTQ intimate partner violence victims.

## [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.