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### FORUM NEWS

[New Hillary, Chelsea Clinton Show Features Yurok Tribes' Judge Abby Abinanti and her Tribal Court Team](#)

LostCoast Outpost – August 24, 2022

Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti's Tribal Court team will be featured in Gutsy, a new docuseries created by [Hillary Clinton](#) and [Chelsea Clinton](#). The Apple TV+ series will premiere on Friday, September 9. The Yurok Tribal Court will be showcased in an episode titled Gutsy Women Seek Justice. All eight episodes will be available on the same day. [#gutsy](#) Here is a link to the trailer: [apple.co/Gutsy](https://apple.co/Gutsy)

**Incoming Forum Cochair Judge Joyce Hinrichs**, Superior Court of Humboldt County Honored with a [Judicial Council Distinguished Service Award](#).

### IN THE NEWS

[Tulalip lawyer: Native rights at risk in pending SCOTUS decision](#)

Daily Herald - August 01, 2022

In Washington, the state's high court narrowly reaffirmed a commitment to keeping Native American families together in late July. In a 5-4 split, the court ruled the state is required to help Native American families stay together before placing a child in emergency care. The majority opinion builds from an earlier state Supreme Court decision, which ensured the Washington Indian Child Welfare Act would be invoked as soon as a court had a "reason to know" a child is an Indigenous child. If the U.S. Supreme Court were to declare some pieces of the Indian Child Welfare Act unconstitutional, Washington state could maintain its protections. But current challenges to the federal law also put state law at risk.

[Castro-Huerta decision 'flips federal Indian law on its head'](#)

Indian Country Today – August 2, 2022

The Supreme Court's decision in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta is not an application of the law. It is an outcome-determinative decision designed to satisfy the governor of Oklahoma's multi-million dollar campaign to undermine the court's decision from two years ago, in McGirt.

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**FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Visit forum's home page

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

**[To All My Relations, ICWA Matters](#)** (Opinion)

Imprint - August 03, 2022

The year was 1995. I was four years old. The police showed up in full force responding to a call of domestic violence. That day they arrested my parents, my siblings and me. We were all taken into the police station in the back of separate police cars. Nothing was ever the same after that day the white men in uniform came into our lives. Being removed from the care of my parents and placed into the child welfare system felt like a parallel jail sentence for me.

**[Supreme Court Set to Consider Fate Of Indian Child Welfare Act in November](#)**

Imprint - August 04, 2022

A date has been set for the Supreme Court to consider the most significant legal challenge to Native American families in generations. Oral arguments begin Nov. 9 in *Brackeen v. Haaland* - a case which aims to overturn the historic federal law known as the Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA. Chad and Jennifer Brackeen, a white, evangelical couple from Fort Worth, Texas, are backed by a high-powered legal team in their battle over the adoption of a Navajo boy and his sister. The couple wants the nation's highest court to decide if ICWA - which prioritizes keeping American Indian children who enter foster care with their families and tribal communities - violates equal protection laws and has discriminated against them because they are white. They want ICWA overturned so other white adoptive couples can more easily adopt Indigenous children from foster care.

**[Commentary: Trauma resilience key to advocacy](#)** (Opinion)

StrongHearts Native Helpline - August 04, 2022

Advocacy may sound like a rewarding job because saving lives is undeniably an honorable profession. That may be true, but the fact of the matter is the work of an advocate is steeped in trauma. Those who work in the field may even be victim-survivors and their work can be triggering. Nonetheless, advocates are committed to their work. Despite the risk of having to relive their own trauma - the desire to help others - is as important to them as it is to their contacts. Vicarious Trauma is work-related trauma exposure. It includes secondary stress, compassion fatigue and all the negative impacts of work-related trauma exposure. It is often experienced by people in the fields of child welfare and protection or domestic and sexual violence. It can leave advocates feeling overwhelmed with worry but hopeful they did enough to help.

**[Haaland, Newland to hear Native boarding school survivors' stories in Pellston](#)**

Michigan Advance - August 05, 2022

Pellston is the next stop on U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's year-long "road to healing" tour, in which the country's first Native American cabinet member will hear from survivors and descendants of so-called Indian residential schools. The nationwide implementation of boarding schools - five of which were located in Michigan - was once part of a federal policy to forcibly assimilate Native Americans into white culture. The event is meant to provide an opportunity for Native survivors and their descendants an opportunity to share their experiences. A 106-page report released May 11 by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) was the DOI's first step of a comprehensive investigation to address the dark history of the boarding schools. The report found that 408 federally funded or operated boarding schools existed across 37 states, including Michigan.

Also: [Tribal citizens brace for trauma, hope for healing with federal report on boarding schools](#)

Also: [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report, May 2022](#)

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.

## [Indigenous residential schools: Support Truth and Healing Commission](#)

The Seattle Times – August 5, 2022

Re: "[Pope apologizes for 'catastrophic' school policy in Canada](#)"

More than 350 similar Indigenous boarding schools existed in the U.S., including Washington. The time to begin healing that intergenerational trauma is now. A proposed new bill, the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act, is supported by several members of Washington's congressional delegation (H.R.5444) and Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell (S.2907).

## [Advocates worry federal law protecting Native adoptees could be overturned by Supreme Court](#) (Commentary)

Michigan Advance - August 06, 2022

Harness's story is one of countless others among Native American transracial adoptees, many of whom have not been as lucky to reconnect with their family and Indigenous identity due to being cut off for so long. For the last 44 years, a federal law called the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) has sought to prevent these situations by prioritizing that Native children adoptees be placed, when possible, with Native relatives or other members within the child's tribe. But after months of consequential rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court's right-wing majority, four cases teed up for hearings by the court this fall are prompting worries that ICWA, too, could be toppled or drastically altered.

## ['We look deeper': the Native court settling cases outside the justice system](#)

The Guardian – August 6, 2022

In South Dakota, the Oyate Court – made up of Lakota elders – uses traditional peacemaking principles to stress healing over punishment

## [Strategies to Support Healthy Relationships for American Indian and Alaska Native Fathers](#) (Includes audio) (Press release)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation - August 09, 2022  
Fathers, children, and families benefit when fathers have healthy coparenting and romantic relationships. Given the importance of healthy relationships, many fatherhood programs address coparenting and romantic relationships in programming and aim to improve skills that are applicable across different types of relationships, including communication, conflict management, and emotional self-regulation. In addition, coparenting and romantic relationships are shaped by a range of contextual factors, such as differing family structures, economic circumstances, and involvement with child welfare and justice systems. Fatherhood programs recognize that families have unique strengths and needs, and they often account for these contextual factors in programming.

Also: [Report: Strategies to Support Healthy Relationships for American Indian and Alaska Native Fathers](#)

## [Historic Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Becomes Law](#)

Alaska House Coalition - August 11, 2022

On Friday, August 5, HB 184, a bill codifying the Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact, automatically became State law without the Governor's signature. The Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact began in 2017, under Governor Bill Walker and HSS Commissioner Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, who signed the landmark State-Tribal Compact with 18 Tribal Co-Signers, representing 161 federally-recognized Tribes. The Compact was created to address and improve deep structural inequities in Alaska's child welfare system, and has continued under the current Administration.

Also: [HB 184](#)

## [California Indian Tribes Denied Resources for Decades as Federal Acknowledgement Lags](#)

San Francisco Public Press – August 11, 2022

In 1978, the U.S. government created a path to recognizing Indian tribes in the United States. Four years later, the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation, a tribe native to Yosemite Valley, submitted its initial request to become a recognized tribe. The tribe is still waiting.

## [Native American Foster And Kinship Families Provide Essential Service](#)

Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan - August 12, 2022

Native American foster and kinship families play a vital role in the lives of native youth while their parents work through difficulties that make it unsafe to stay at home. Being cared for by Native American families within their own community can minimize the trauma to children while helping maintain important cultural connections. "There is already a common foundation established by both being from similar backgrounds and the foster parent having survived and persevered through many similar obstacles already," said Sequoia Crosswhite, a Lakota language and culture immersion teacher at a Rapid City elementary school.

## [Alaska State Law Codifies Child Welfare Protections for Indigenous Families](#)

Imprint - August 15, 2022

A new state law that took effect August 5 in Alaska aims to "address and improve deep structural inequities" in the state's child welfare system - protecting residents should broader federal protections be overturned by a pending Supreme Court case. Specifically, HB 184 solidifies the state's intergovernmental relationship with the tribes and codifies the protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act, the 1978 federal law providing Indigenous communities enhanced protections from foster care separation. The law known as ICWA faces a Nov. 9 challenge before the nation's highest court.

Also: [HB 184](#)

## [Tribal boarding schools much improved, but legacy of old schools remains](#)

Cronkite News - August 15, 2022

Few dispute that Indian boarding schools led to more than a century of abuse, systematically seizing Indigenous land, separating children from their families, destroying communities and working to erase tribal languages, religions, cultures and economies. Poor conditions and harsh treatment at the schools are blamed for the deaths of untold numbers of Indigenous children who were supposed to be in the government's care. While the abuses were in the past, the schools are not, entirely. Arizona, home to 47 federal Indian boarding schools at one point, still has eight such schools today.

Also: [H. R. 5444](#)

## [How jurisdictional mazes affect Indigenous survivors of violent crimes](#)

Oregon Public Broadcasting – August 17, 2022

When a Native American is the victim of a violent crime by a non-native person on tribal lands, it can be difficult to prosecute the crime. And limited data can obscure how severe the violence against Native Americans remains. A lack of resources and communication between tribal and urban law enforcement can also create more problems. [EO Media Group](#) and [Underscore News](#) partnered on an investigative project to dig into these issues. Karina Brown is the managing editor of Underscore. Desireé Coyote is the Family Violence Services program manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Laura John is the City of Portland's Tribal Relations director. They join us with more about how violent crimes against Indigenous people can often fall through the cracks.

## [ACLU urges Supreme Court to uphold Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Dakota News Now - August 18, 2022

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in 14 states represented by Cooley LLP, filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court urging the court to uphold the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) - which establishes basic requirements to protect Native American children from continued forced removal from their families, tribes, and tribal culture - is slated to be reviewed by the Supreme Court this fall via *Brackeen v. Haaland*.

## [Indigenous woman nominated to Canada's Supreme Court in 'historic moment'](#)

Reuters – August 19, 2022

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Friday nominated an Indigenous person to join Canada's Supreme Court, a first for the country's highest court. Michelle O'Bonsawin, a judge on Ontario's Superior Court since 2017 and an Abenaki member of the Odanak First Nation, will join the court in September when a long-serving member retires, the prime minister's office said in a statement.

## [Children's rights organizations across the country file Supreme Court amicus brief supporting Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Press release) (Requires free registration)

National Association of Counsel for Children - August 19, 2022

Yesterday, 31 children's rights organizations with extensive experience in child protection cases filed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). In the matter of *Haaland v Brackeen*, advocates argue ICWA safeguards children's constitutional rights and interests by protecting family integrity for Indian families. It also ensures the rights of tribal nations to be involved in child welfare matters involving their citizens. The brief demonstrates that the Indian Child Welfare Act protects Indian children's best interests by ensuring a specific application of regular child welfare practice for children who have a particular legal status as a result of their tribal affiliation. In short, the Indian Child Welfare Act helps shape and ultimately defines best interest for Indian children.

Also: [Brief of the National Associate of Counsel for Children and Thirty Other Children's Rights Organizations as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants Organizational Amici Statements](#)

Also: [Schatz, Murkowski, Davids, Cole Lead Bipartisan, Bicameral members of Congress amicus brief defending the Indian Child Welfare Act in Haaland v. Brackeen](#) (Press release) Amicus Brief  
Also: [Cooley, ACLU Urge Supreme Court to Uphold Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Press release)

**['Indian child' welfare cases continue to surface at state Supreme Court, appeals court](#)** (Requires subscription)

Colorado Politics - August 20, 2022

The question of when juvenile court judges have "reason to know" they are dealing with an American Indian child, thereby triggering longstanding protections for tribal nations, continues to surface in Colorado's appellate courts. This week, the Colorado Supreme Court agreed to hear a case on the subject, two months after holding oral arguments in a similar appeal implicating the Indian Child Welfare Act. Then on Thursday, the state's Court of Appeals sent a different child welfare proceeding back to Logan County to ensure compliance with ICWA. "The federal regulations implementing ICWA provide that a court has reason to know that a child is an Indian child if, as pertinent here, any participant in the proceeding informs the court that it has discovered information indicating that the child is an Indian child," wrote Judge Michael H. Berger in the appeals court's Aug. 18 opinion.

**[Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller Urges Supreme Court to Reject Challenge to Key Law Protecting Rights of Native American Children, Families, and Tribes](#)**

River Cities' Reader - August 22, 2022

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller joined a bipartisan coalition of 24 attorneys-general in filing an amicus brief in *Haaland v Brackeen*, urging the US Supreme Court to reject a challenge to longstanding protections guaranteed to Native American children, their families, and tribal communities under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). In the friend-of-the-court brief in support of the federal and tribal parties defending ICWA, the coalition highlights the nation's long history of inequitable removals of Native American children and reiterates the states' fundamental interest in standing up for the well-being of children in state child-custody proceedings.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

**[Supporters of the Indian Child Welfare Act Send 21 Briefs to U.S. Supreme Court](#)**

Native News Online – August 23, 2022

Supporters and opponents of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) have set the stage for *Brackeen v. Haaland*, a Supreme Court case that could overturn the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Over the past week, individuals and organizations have [filed amicus curiae briefs](#) meant to advise the Supreme Court as it decides whether the [constitutional challenges to ICWA](#) have merit. The justices will hear oral arguments in the case on November 9.

## PUBLICATIONS

**[Special Focus on Indian Law, Arizona Attorney July/August 2022.](#)**

Articles include:

[The Impact of \*McGirt v. Oklahoma\*](#) by Robert J. Miller

[ICWA – The Gold Standard: Golden Nuggets of Evidence from Arizona](#) by Tara Hubbard and Fred Urbina

[Reforming Evidence Rule 902 to Reflect Tribal Sovereignty](#) by Henry Oostrom-Shah

**[2022 Progress Report on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan \[Canada\]](#)**. National Action Plan Core Working Group. National Family and Survivors Circle. 2022

**[Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force: New Mexico State Response Plan. May 2022.](#)** New Mexico Indian Affairs Department. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force. 2022

**[2022-2023 Teacher's Memorandum](#)** to accompany Getches, Wilkinson, Williams, Fletcher, Carpenter & Singel FEDERAL INDIAN LAW, 7th ed.

**[The Indian Child Welfare Act as Reproductive Justice](#)** Roemer, Neoshia, (July 2022). Boston University Law Review, Vol. 103, 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [National Indian Nations Conference Registration Opening on August 15, 2022](#)

OVC is pleased to announce that registration for the 17th National Indian Nations Conference will open on **Monday, August 15th**. The conference is scheduled for December 6–9, 2022, at the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in Palm Springs, CA.

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

The agenda for the event is still being finalized, but we are excited to announce some of our Keynote Speakers:

- Advocate Jeremy NeVilles-Sorell will present on Healing Historical Trauma to Build Resiliency, Unity, and Empowerment in the field of victim services.
- Author Tommy Orange, of the National Best-Seller *There There*, will talk about his experience using digital storytelling in Native communities, and how he navigated writing about some of the issues Native American people face today, such as substance abuse, historical trauma, and missing and murdered Indigenous Women.
- Indigenous Wellness Practitioners Johanna Corpeno and Waylon “Pee” Pahona will share a dynamic and energetic session promoting self-awareness, self-care, and resiliency.

You will not want to miss hearing from them, so save the date to register on Monday, August 15th! Please see the [conference website](#) for information on sponsorship opportunities, exhibits, and more. Contact the conference organizers at [IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com](mailto:IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com) if you have any questions.

### [A Joint Statement from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National American Indian Court Judges Association](#)

The **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges** and the **National American Indian Court of Judges Association** have issued a Joint Statement "There can be no Justice without Addressing the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples." The statement acknowledges the history of Native Americans and identifies several objectives. Such as acknowledging the history of Native peoples and Tribal communities being targets of forced assimilation, systemic racism, colonization, and genocide. How Native American and Alaska Native women are significantly overrepresented not only among the victims of such violence, but also among missing and murdered Indigenous peoples (MMIP).

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### [Engaging and Supporting Native Fathers](#)

Capacity Building Center for Tribes 2022

A compilation of targeted [resources](#) for tribal child welfare professionals focused on engaging and supporting fathers.

### [Reclaiming the Child Welfare Narrative Podcast Episodes](#)

Capacity Building Center for Tribes 2022

Join Jackie Crow Shoe, enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, as she connects with child welfare experts across Indian Country to address the importance of building tribal child welfare programs that are reflective of their community values and culture – reclaiming the narrative from a dominant system to one that reflects Indigenous worldviews and emphasizes responsibilities to children. Find the Center’s podcast series on your favorite hosting site, such as Google, iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, Castbox, or SoundCloud and also on the Capacity Building Center for Tribes website.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

### [Tribal-State Collaboration 3-Part Webinar Series \(Virtual\)](#)

**September 1, 8 & 15, 2022**

**12:00pm-1:30pm**

[Part 1](#): For the Tribes, By the Tribes: How 23 Sovereign Nations Collectively Protect Children and Keep Families Together: The Creation of the New Mexico Tribal Indian Child Welfare Consortium (NMTIC). Learn how 23 tribes in New Mexico came together to form a consortium to address ICWA compliance;

[Part 2](#): New Mexico’s Tribal-State Child Welfare Partnership. Discover how the New Mexico Tribal Indian Child Welfare Consortium established a State Office of Tribal Affairs within CYFD as well as an ICWA Court and Specialized ICWA Unit;

[Part 3](#): Effectively Implementing Stronger ICWA Protections in New Mexico. Learn about the creation of the NMTIC and NM Partners, a coalition of tribal, state, and court agencies, and how their work together resulted in drafting and passing the Indian Family Protection Act, which established higher standards for ICWA within the State of New Mexico.

## [CSEC Action Team Meeting: Impact of CSE on Native Youth \(Virtual\)](#)

**September 7, 2022**

**1:00pm—4:00pm**

Speakers Jessica Valadez and Raechel Ibarra will describe the work they and their partners from PACT and beyond have undertaken to develop the *Native Youth Impacted by Exploitation: A Call to Action for Advocates* report. The goal of the report is to raise awareness and spur action to address CSE of Native youth. To learn more about the presenters click [here](#). In addition to sharing information from the report, including specific strategies about providing access to culture as a means of prevention and intervention, we will be breaking into small groups. The small groups will give us time to collectively think through how to support providers and communities to serve Native youth impacted by CSE, and how to implement the information you learn in the meeting.

## [Exploring the Intersections between Human Trafficking and Missing or Murdered Indigenous People \(Virtual\)](#)

**September 8, 2022**

**12:00pm—1:15pm**

Register for a live, no cost Talking Circle webinar on Thursday, September 8. Human trafficking harms the body and spirit. Learn about the connection between human trafficking and Missing or Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). Both human trafficking and MMIP victims may have been exposed to domestic and sexual violence, adverse childhood experiences, substance use, poverty, and homelessness. While human trafficking can happen to anyone anywhere, traffickers often exploit these vulnerabilities. Join American Indian and Alaska Native panelists as they offer insight and answer participant questions on the possible intersection between MMIP and human trafficking, provide resources for addressing the MMIP crisis, and share actionable steps for involving the community.

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

**Virtual event hosted by CalSWEC**

**September 15, 2022 | 9:00AM–Noon**

**September 16, 2022 | 9:00AM–Noon**

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

## [Understanding ICWA](#)

**National Indian Child Welfare Association**

**September 20-22, 2022**

**Niagara Falls, New York**

This three-day training provides participants with information about the basic legal requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) and the practice issues involved with ICWA’s implementation. A brief history of U.S. Indian policy as it relates to Indian children and families sets the stage for an examination of the specific provisions of ICWA and practice tips for both tribal and state social workers. Participants will also learn how to successfully integrate other federal and state policies with ICWA—such as the Adoption and Safe Families Act—and support developing tribal and state agreements and other systems changes. This training includes information about the recent Bureau of Indian Affairs ICWA regulations and guidelines.

## [2022 Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training: Innovations in Healing to Wellness Courts: Creating a Path Forward](#)

**September 26-28, 2022**

**Albuquerque, NM**

The 2022 Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training (Enhancement 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.

## **Placements of Indian Children in Juvenile Proceedings: What Judges & Attorneys Need to Know (Virtual)**

**October 4, 2022**

**12:00pm—1:00pm**

Sponsored 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. Our panel of experts will discuss the Indian Child Welfare Act placement preferences, what they are, when they apply, and the obligations imposed on the court and an agency to ensure that all placements under ICWA comply with the preferences and the requirements to deviate from the placement preferences. Panelists will also explore some of the common issues that arise and how to avoid them, as well as the rights of native children to a culturally appropriate placement under the Foster Care Bill of Rights even in cases where ICWA may not apply. Speakers: Hon. Ana España, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court Division, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego; Karen Kolb, Social Services Director, Indian Health Council, Inc.; & Evangelina Woo, Senior Deputy County Counsel, San Diego County.

## **Restoring the Integrity and Status of Women as Sacred (Virtual)**

**October 12, 2022**

**12:00pm—1:30pm**

This webinar provides an opportunity to challenge each other to think about how colonized thinking, and subsequent internalized oppression impacts us as advocates.

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

**November 7-9, 2022**

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

## **17th National Indian Nations Conference**

**The Office for Victims of Crime**

**December 6-9, 2022**

**Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California**

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

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

## **2022 National Tribal Youth Conference**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) & Tribal Youth Resource Center**

**December 14-15, 2022**

**San Diego, California**

This meeting is a national gathering of OJJDP Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court grantees as well as other interested federally recognized Tribes, tribal service providers, and state entities that serve tribal communities. Training topics at this event will support participants working in Tribal-and-State Collaboration, Tribal Juvenile Reentry, Tribal Youth Prevention, Intervention and Diversion, Court-Based Services, Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts, and other programs that support Tribal Youth. [Call for proposals.](#)



## COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS  
Deadline: September 30, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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### [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

### [Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants](#)

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**FR-6600-N-25**

**Deadline: September 30, 2022**

The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit organizations, state governments, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities, as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103), and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion, to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

### [National Tribal Broadband Grant \(NTBG\)](#)

**Department of the Interior**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**BIA-NTBG-2022-OIED**

**Deadline: October 17, 2022**

The grant funding is to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously, through DSL, cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and BPL. NTBG grants may be used to fund an assessment of the current broadband services, if any, that are available to an applicant's community; an engineering assessment of new or expanded broadband services; an estimate of the cost of building or expanding a broadband network; a determination of the transmission medium(s) that will be employed; identification of potential funding and/or financing for the network; and consideration of financial and practical risks associated with developing a broadband network.

### [AmeriCorps State and National Native Nations Planning Grants](#)

**AmeriCorps**

**AC-08-18-22**

**Deadline: April 5, 2023**

AmeriCorps is committed to working on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Native Nations and upholding the federal government's Tribal trust responsibility. AmeriCorps planning grants provide support to a grant recipient to develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in implementing evidence-based interventions to solve community problems.

### [AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Grants](#)

**AmeriCorps**

**AC-08-19-22**

**Deadline: April 5, 2023**

AmeriCorps is committed to working on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Native Nations and upholding the federal government's Tribal trust responsibility. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations (See Section C. 1 Eligible Applicants) proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in interventions/practices to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Community Living  
HHS-2022-ACL-AOA-DASG-0068  
Deadline: September 6, 2022**

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

**[Youth Regional Treatment Center Aftercare Program](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Indian Health Service  
HHS-2023-IHS-YRTC-0001  
Deadline: September 19, 2022**

The goal of the Youth Aftercare cooperative agreement is to help AI/AN youth pursue and sustain safety, sobriety, and employability after release from a Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC). While aftercare support services may not exist in a youth’s home community, the YRTC can lead the development of effective aftercare methods. The YRTC Aftercare cooperative agreement awardee (“awardee”) will pursue the above stated goal in each American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) client who separates from their respective YRTCs. In addition to the stated goal, a focus of this funding opportunity is to understand and overcome aftercare management and performance barriers that affect the capacity of YRTCs and the IHS to develop effective and responsive solutions within the scope of the AI/AN Youth Continuum of Care (CoC), given AI/AN youth’s behavioral health treatment requirements.

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

**Department of Housing and Urban Development  
FR-6600-N-23  
Deadline: October 24, 2022**

The primary objective of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low-and moderate-incomes.

**[Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) Competitive Grant Program](#)**

**Department of Housing and Urban Development  
FR-6600-N-48  
Deadline: November 17, 2022**

Under the program, eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) receive grants to carry out a range of affordable housing activities. Grant funds may be used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas and carry out other affordable housing activities.

**[Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
HRSA-23-090  
Deadline: December 21, 2022**

The purpose of the program is to expand the number of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, and social workers trained to provide mental and substance use disorder services in underserved community-based settings that integrate primary care and mental and substance use disorder services.

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

**Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health  
PAR-21-358  
Deadline: May 7, 2025**

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

[EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

**Department of Commerce**

**Economic Development Administration**

**EDA-2019-DISASTER**

**Deadline: None**

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