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IN THE NEWS

[Idaho Supreme Court upholds Coeur d'Alene Tribe's jurisdiction over St. Joe River docks](#)

The Spokesman Review - November 6, 2017

Betsy Z. Russell

BOISE – The Idaho Supreme Court has ruled that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has the authority to remove unpermitted docks and pilings on the St. Joe River that were placed by nontribal members who refused to seek tribal permits or appear in tribal court.

[CO: Court of Appeals: Expert Witness Need Not Recite Exact Statutory Language for ICWA Finding](#)

Legal Connection - November 08, 2017

The Colorado Court of Appeals issued its opinion in *People in Interest of D.B.* on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

[Critics Distort Indian Child Welfare Law](#)

Daily Journal – November 9, 2017

Delia Sharpe, Executive Director, California Tribal Families Coalition

Jedd Parr, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services
While the Indian Child Welfare Act has its detractors, numerous national child welfare organizations tout it as the “gold standard.”

[AK: State embarks on turning over public schools to tribes \(Opinion\)](#)

Alaska Dispatch News - November 12, 2017

Native leaders spoke up for the idea, pointing to successful tribal control of Native health programs. Last month, Gov. Bill Walker signed a compact to allow tribal control of child protection services, although the document lacked details saying what the change would mean practically.

[For Native Americans Facing Sexual Assault, Justice Feels out of Reach](#)

Heard on Morning Edition-November 14, 2017

Melodie Edwards

One morning earlier this year, Northern Arapaho member Rose was sitting at the table with her 14-year-old daughter, Latoya.

"I told her to move her hair because she had her hair like this," said Rose, showing how Latoya pulled her hair over to hide her neck and cheek. "Because I noticed something ... she had marks, hickeys, just completely covering her, even almost on her face."

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[SD: Oglala Sioux tribe working to protect children \(Includes video\)](#)

KOTA - November 14, 2017

It's hard today to paint a rosy picture of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Child Protective Services. The underfunded operation has but one vehicle to serve the 3,500 square mile reservation and hasn't had a full time director for months. But tribal leaders are stepping up and have brought together all the stakeholders -- CPS, police, courts and educators -- for a three day summit in Rapid City to brainstorm solutions.

[ME: The Wabanaki people are taking back their narrative \(Includes audio\)](#)

WESA - November 15, 2017

From boarding schools in the 1800s to foster care today, Native children have repeatedly been separated from their families. In Maine, the Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission formed in 2012 to trace the abuses experienced by Native children since the Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted in 1978.

[US: UB researcher receives \\$2.4M to improve child welfare services for Native Americans](#)

Buffalo Business First - November 15, 2017

A University at Buffalo researcher is working to enhance services for Native American families involved in child welfare cases. Melanie Sage, an assistant professor in UB's School of Social Work, received a \$2.4 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to gather evidence and produce resources to improve the services offered by state agencies.

Also: [Researcher receives major grant to help reunify Native American families](#)

[Native American Students Fight Discrimination By Celebrating Their Heritage](#)

KQED Public Media for Northern CA

November 16, 2017

David Sommerstein

Ask students in the Mohawk Club at Massena Central High School whether they've been on the receiving end of negative stereotypes, and the answer is quick and sharp.

"We see that we're always the troublemakers or that we're bad kids," says Amanda Rourke, the club's president.

[Canada: Indigenous kids largely apprehended because of poverty, says former child protection worker](#)

CBC News - November 21, 2017

A former child protection worker, once with the Ministry of Child and Family Development, says, in her experience, Indigenous children are largely being apprehended due to poverty, and their parents are being over policed when trying to reunite with them.

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

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[Native American judge shows peacemaking courts offer a model for reform](#)

Investigate West - November 30, 2017

Rebecca Clarren

On a gloomy day in September, Lisa Hayden rushed through the circular door of the Yurok Tribal Court in Klamath, California, with her 1-year-old son on her hip. Hayden, 31, worried that the day wouldn't turn out any different from all the others she'd spent in court trying to protect herself from her ex-husband. For 12 years, starting when she was pregnant with their first child, Hayden alleges, her ex-husband had held guns to her head, punched her and called her terrible names.

[MN: Couple Seeking to Adopt Native American Child Balks at Indian Child Welfare Law \(Includes video\)](#)

KSTP - December 05, 2017

Whether the Indian Child Welfare Act applies to a young girl is at the center of a legal custody fight playing out in Hennepin County. The Cliffords said the county had given them reason to believe their adoption of the child would be approved. But 11 months ago, the White Earth Ojibwe tribe intervened, invoking the spirit of the ICWA that attempts to prevent Native American children from being separated from family or extended family. The Cliffords said they couldn't understand why, because the county had said the child is not eligible for membership in any Indian tribe and the Indian Child Welfare Act doesn't apply.

Also: [Information Gateway resources: Permanency for American Indian children and youth](#)

[Permanency and American Indian Children](#)

[Working With American Indian Children and Families in Adoption](#)

[Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Between Certain Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations and the State of Alaska-December 15, 2017](#)

Turtle Talk – December 6, 2017

By Kate Fort

Publications

[Attachment and Bonding in Indian Child Welfare](#)

NICWA Brief

National Indian Child Welfare Association. 2017

[Implementing and Defending the Indian Child Welfare Act Through Revised State Requirements.](#)

Turner, Caroline M.

Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems. 2016

49(4)p. 501-549

[To Sue and Be Sued: Capacity and Immunity of American Indian Nations](#)

Creighton Law Review volume 51, edition 2, 2018 (Forthcoming)

November 9, 2017

[U of Colorado Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 17-21](#)

[Richard B. Collins](#)

University of Colorado Law School

[Fletcher Paper on States and American Indian Citizenship Rights \(+ ICWA\)](#)

Turtle Talk - November 13, 2017

[Matthew L.M. Fletcher](#)

Here is "[States and Their American Indian Citizens](#)," recently published in the [American Indian Law Review](#).

An excerpt:

[The National Law Review: Indian Nations Law Update – November 2017 Selected Court Decisions](#)

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

[Native Youth Toolkit on Human Trafficking Combating Trafficking](#)

Published: November 21, 2017

The purpose of this toolkit is to raise awareness and prevent trafficking of Native youth by educating them on what human trafficking is, available resources, safety tips, and ways to get involved in their communities.

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[New Issue of American Indian Law Review](#)

Turtle Talk - November 27, 2017

[Matthew L.M. Fletcher](#)

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Articles

The Fairness of Tribal Court Juries and Non-Indian Defendants - *Julia M. Bedell* [PDF](#)

Access to Energy in Indian Country: The Difficulties of Self-Determination in Renewable Energy Development - *Nicholas M. Ravotti* [PDF](#)

States and Their American Indian Citizens - *Matthew L.M. Fletcher* [PDF](#)

The Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Do Indian Tribes Finally Hold a Trump Card? - *Vicki J. Limas* [PDF](#)

Continuing to Work for Indian Country in the 115th Congress - *T. Michael Andrews* [PDF](#)

Announcements

[Tribal Justice](#) is now available to law schools, universities, colleges, high schools and other educational institutions for classroom use, as well as to museums, libraries, etc., through the distributor, [Bullfrog Films](#). Please visit: www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/tjs.html

Makepeace Productions is now screening [Tribal Justice](#) at conferences, law schools, workshops, and community events, often followed by Q+As with director Anne Makepeace and/or the film's featured Tribal Judges. Many of our outreach screenings also include panels with local tribal and/or state court judges, scholars, and other experts. To arrange a screening for your organization, please visit our [Outreach Page](#) or email TribalJusticeFilm@gmail.com.

BJS proposes new data collections on state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor offices in PL-280 states serving tribal lands.

BJS encourages comments for 60 days until December 12, 2017, on two new data collections: [Survey of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies in PL-280 States Serving Tribal Lands](#) and [Survey of Prosecutor Offices in PL-280 States Serving Tribal Lands](#). Your comments to BJS's requests to the Office of Management and Budget, published in the Federal Register, should address points such as—

- whether the proposed data collection is necessary, including whether the information will have practical utility
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions
- whether and how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced
- the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

For more information on BJS publications, data collections, data analysis tools, and funding opportunities, [visit BJS online](#).

[OJJDP Launches Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center Website](#)

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center has launched its new website. This website serves as a clearinghouse of culturally appropriate resources, training, and technical assistance to help OJJDP tribal grantees and federally recognized tribes improve, enhance, and support their juvenile justice systems. The website provides information in areas such as juvenile healing to wellness courts; tribal youth-specific prevention, intervention, and treatment programming; and tribal-state collaborations to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native children exposed to violence.

State Judicial Branch Online Resources

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](#).

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

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

Upcoming Conferences

Courses for Tribal Judges 2017

The National Tribal Judicial Center
At the National Judicial College

Women Are Sacred Conference

June 26-28, 2018

Albuquerque, New Mexico

NIWRC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the WAS Conference at the beautiful Hotel Albuquerque on June 26-28, 2018. Mark your calendars and watch our website for more details, including registration and agenda. The WAS Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, tribal community members, tribal leadership, law enforcement and tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. WAS offers state of the art training opportunities designed to increase the capacity of tribal nations, tribal domestic violence and community-based programs to address violence in tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders and experts in the movement to ending violence.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs Funding Opportunities

Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Department of Health and Human Services

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

State and Tribal Grant Programs

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

Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Family Treatment Drug Courts

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

FOA Number: TI-18-002

Deadline: January 16, 2018

Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Family Treatment Drug Courts - The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

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is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Family Treatment Drug Courts [Short Title: Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDC)].

[Supporting Maternal and Child Health Innovation in States](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
HRSA-18-086

Deadline: January 16, 2018

Improve access to and quality of health care for the maternal and child health (MCH) population by engaging key national MCH stakeholders via their state-level members and supporting the development and implementation of strategic state action plans that address priority MCH policy issues facing the states. **To Apply Please Contact: Sarah Sisaye**, (301)443-1943, ssisaye@hrsa.gov

[AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY2018](#)

AmeriCorps
CFDA number: 94.006
Deadline: January 17, 2018

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

[Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2018](#)

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
BOR-DO-18-F001

Deadline: January 17, 2018

Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2018.

To Apply Please Contact: Darren Olson Grants Management Specialist (303)445-3697

[Reclamation Financial Assistance Contact](#)

[OVW FY 2018 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program](#)

Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
OVW-2018-13823

Deadline: January 26, 2018

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C § 20122. The goal of the Disability Grant Program is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. Disability Grant Program funds will be used to establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of violence and abuse; and identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area, and develop a plan to address those identified needs that builds a strong foundation for future work.

[Evaluation of Policies for the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Violence](#)

U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
RFA-CE-18-002

Deadline: February 1, 2018

NCIPC is seeking research proposals focused on rigorously evaluating previously or currently implemented federal, state, local, tribal or organizational policies for impacts on multiple forms of violence, including child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or suicide. The proposed research should evaluate the impact of a selected policy on reducing rates of at least two of these violence outcomes. The proposed research must focus on a policy that has not yet been rigorously evaluated. Applicants are encouraged to assess the impact of the policy on as many violence outcomes that is feasible as well as risk and protective factors that are common to multiple forms

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of violence. The proposed research will add to the limited evidence base regarding the impact of policies on preventing multiple forms of violence by rigorously evaluating federal, state, local, or organizational policy approaches. **To Apply Please Contact:** Sue Neurath, (770) 488-3368, SFN8@cdc.gov

[Vision Screening in Young Children](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
HRSA-18-064**

Deadline: February 15, 2018

To improve vision screening and eye health in young children by providing technical assistance and education to state public health entities in implementing evidence-based recommendations for coordinated education, screening, follow-up and surveillance of vision problems in preschool-aged children. **To Apply Please Contact:** Julia Kibunja (301) 443-1330 or jkibunja@hrsa.gov

[Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control - OSTLTS
CDC-RFA-OT18-1803**

Deadline: March 6, 2017

CDC announces a new cooperative agreement (CoAg) for eligible federally recognized tribes and/or tribally designated organizations to strengthen and improve the public health infrastructure and performance of tribal public health systems. The intent of this program is to assist Tribal entities in strengthening tribal public health leadership and workforce; improving access to tribal-specific data and analytics; developing/adapting evidence-based/informed programs, services, and resources; and improve public health policies and organizational practices that increase the sustainability of the collective tribal public health system. Ultimately, this CoAg aims to 1) advance capacity of Indian Country to identify, respond to, and mitigate public health threats; 2) decrease disease burden among American Indians and Alaska natives; 3) improve capacity of the workforce to deliver essential public health services; and 4) increase implementation of culturally practice-based programs and services. An applicant's program is expected to demonstrate measurable progress towards two or more of the following outcomes: 1) Increased implementation of system tools and processes that build operational efficiency and effectiveness; 2) Increased use of core and discipline-specific public health competencies among public health workers; 3) Improved collection, maintenance, interpretation, and dissemination of tribal health data; 4) Translation of evidence based/informed practices into culturally-appropriate public health programs, policies, and services; 5) Development of culturally relevant public health resources and communication tools; and 6) Established multi-sectorial (e.g., schools, public safety, health care, commerce, etc.) partnerships to address capacity building and quality improvement.

[Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development \(I-LEAD\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families – ANA
HHS-2018-ACF-ANA-NC-1341**

Deadline: March 7, 2018

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2018 funds for the Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD). I-LEAD is a special initiative established under ANA's Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. I-LEAD provides support for community-based initiatives that empower Native youth to address priorities identified by such youth and include youth-focused leadership. As well projects are funded to develop models, approaches and strategies to foster resiliency and build upon Native youth's inherent capacities to thrive. Native youth will contribute to the accomplishment of objectives that promote economic and social self-sufficiency for Native Americans, contribute to community well-being, increase the capacity of tribal governments, strengthen families, and implement culturally appropriate strategies to meet the social service needs of Native Americans. As an agency within the ACF, ANA is providing this unique funding opportunity as a special initiative of the SEDS program. The I-LEAD program will ensure project funding is provided to support youth-driven and youth-focused services and activities related to social and economic development, in order to promote the self-sufficiency of tomorrow's leaders in Native American communities.

To Apply Please Contact: Carmelia Strickland (202) 401-6741 Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov

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Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA

RFA-CE-18-001

Deadline: March 9, 2018

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies to address specific gaps in the prevention of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and youth violence. This initiative is intended to support the evaluation of primary prevention strategies, programs or policies that target universal or selected high-risk populations (i.e., populations that have one or more risk factors that place them at heightened risk for perpetration of violence). Funds are available to conduct such studies focused on preventing the perpetration of youth violence and/or teen dating/intimate partner/sexual violence as detailed elsewhere in this announcement.

To Apply Please Contact: Marcienne Wright, (770) 488-4850, lxv8@cdc.gov

Basic Center Program

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB

HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CY-1354

Deadline: March 11, 2018

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 BCP works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth up to age 18 years of age and their families. BCPs provide youth with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. Basic centers can provide temporary shelter for up to 21 days for youth and seeks to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. Additional services may include: street-based services; home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services. THE PRIMARY purpose of the BCP is to provide 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 end up in contact with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. THE AWARD process for FY2018 BCP allows for annual awards over a three-year project period as funds are available.

To Apply Please Contact: Gloria Watkins (202) 205-9546 Gloria.Watkins@ACF.hhs.gov

Street Outreach Program

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB

HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-YO-1353

Deadline: March 11, 2018

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 Street Outreach Program (SOP). SOP WORKS to increase young people's personal safety, social and emotional well-being, self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks. These services, which are provided in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and to provide them access to shelter and services which include: outreach, gateway services, screening and assessment, harm reduction, access to emergency shelter, crisis stabilization, drop-in centers, which can be optional, and linkages/referrals to services. THE AWARD process for FY2018 SOP allows for annual awards over a three-year project period, as funds are available.

To Apply Please Contact: Oluwatoyin Akintoye (202) 205-7745 Oluwatoyin.Akintoye@ACF.hhs.gov

Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB

HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CX-1352

Deadline: March 11, 2018

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 Transitional Living Program (TLP)

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and Maternity Group Home (MGH). THE PURPOSE of FYSBs TLP and MGH grant programs are 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). Both projects must provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months and provide comprehensive services that supports the transition of homeless youth to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living. Through the provision of shelter and an array of comprehensive services, TLP youth will realize improvements in four core outcome areas (i.e., safe and stable housing, education/employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being.) GRANTS AWARDED under this announcement will have a start date of May 1, 2018 and the project period will be 41 months. The initial award will be for 17 months and run from May 1, 2018 through September 29, 2019. Applicants should not request more than \$241,660 for the initial award. In addition to the initial 17 month award, the 41 month project period will include two 12-month non-competing continuation awards of not more than \$200,000 each. The total 41 month project period should not exceed \$641,660.

To Apply Please Contact: Angie Webley (202) 401-5490 Angie.Webley@acf.hhs.gov

Tribal Court Improvement Program

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CS-1348

Deadline: April 1, 2018

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of awards to provide tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to compete for grants to enable tribal courts to design and implement projects and/or activities to assess, expand, or enhance the effectiveness of tribal courts and/or legal representation in cases related to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification, guardianship, and adoption. In doing this work, grantees are required to engage in and demonstrate "meaningful, ongoing collaboration" with the tribal social service agencies. Tribal Court Improvement Project (TCIP) funds may be used to: (1) Conduct assessments of how tribal courts (including courts for tribal consortia) handle child welfare proceedings; (2) Implement changes to address the results of court assessments; (3) Ensure that the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of children are met in a timely and complete manner; and (4) Continuously improve the quality of court hearings and legal representation, including engagement of parties, through training and efforts to increase substantive and procedural justice.

To Apply Please Contact: David Kelly (202) 205-8709 David.Kelly@ACF.hhs.gov

Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families – ANA

HHS-2018-ACF-ANA-NL-1342

Deadline: April 6, 2018

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance program. The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing, restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

To Apply Please Contact: Carmelia Strickland (202) 401-6741 Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov

Community Collaborations to Strengthen Family Connections

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CF-1351

Deadline: April 13, 2018

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of one grant to: (1) implement a multi-system approach among public and private agencies integrating community and faith-based to promote effective partnerships; (2) develop or enhance a navigator program to meet caregivers own needs and the needs of the children they are raising; (3) utilize intensive family-finding activities, including search technology, effective family engagement, collaboration with child support, and other means to identify biological family members for the target population to create a greater volume of relationships and connectedness within

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their families and establish permanent family placements when appropriate; and (4) implement family group decision-making (FGDM) meetings for children in the child welfare system. The project funded under this announcement will be implemented through strong collaboration between the grantee and the public child welfare agency. The successful applicant will facilitate cross collaboration and data sharing among relevant agencies, including the courts, child welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), aging and family caregiver support programs, child support, fatherhood programs, education, domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse in order to better identify, assess, and service kinship caregivers and at-risk families within the child welfare system.

To Apply Please Contact: Jenny (Beth) Claxon (202) 205-3398 beth.claxon@Acf.Hhs.Gov

[Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

PAR-17-496

Deadline: May 14, 2018

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life.

[NAGPRA Repatriation Grants FY2018](#)

NAGPRA

CFDA 15.922

Deadline: June 1, 2018

This is a grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Grant funds must be used for REPATRIATION under NAGPRA, which means the transfer of control of Native American human remains and cultural items to lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Repatriation includes disposition of culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains (CUI) according to 43 C.F.R. 10.11. Repatriation projects defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2018-ACL-AOA-DASG-0237

Deadline: September 14, 2018

This grant is through the Administration for Community Living. 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 National Disaster and may only be used in those areas designated in the Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States. Eligible SUAs and Title VI grantees should discuss all disaster applications with ACL/AoA Regional staff before submitting a formal application. The amount of funds requested should be discussed with Regional staff before the application is completed. Providing a draft of the narrative justification for the application will help expedite the processing of an award. Applicants should talk with the State and local Emergency Managers to determine what funds may be available through other resources before applying for OAA funding. SUAs and federally recognized Tribal Organizations currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act must submit proposals electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>. At <http://www.grants.gov>, you will be able to download a copy of the application packet, complete it off-line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov website.

[FY 2018 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

U.S. Department of the Interior

Deadline: September 30, 2018

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program has announced a revised schedule of locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are scheduled to take place over the next several years. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with the eligible tribes that have jurisdiction over these 20 locations, as well as any locations that may be added to the implementation schedule, to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts given the tribes' unique qualifications to perform land consolidation activities for their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with these eligible tribes to not only capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, whenever feasible and practical, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction. Tribes are encouraged to contact Program staff for more information on developing the cooperative agreement application prior to submission. Tribes are not required to enter into cooperative agreements to participate in the Program. In certain cases, it may be unnecessary and a memorandum of agreement may be used. The Settlement Agreement limits the amount of funding that may be used for implementation costs associated with the Program (e.g., outreach, land research, and appraisals). Thus, to help ensure that it stays within the established limit on implementation costs, the Program will fund indirect costs through cooperative agreements equal to no more than 15% of the modified total direct costs. PLEASE NOTE: This is a 10-year program. The expiration on this posting reflects this current opportunity, and new opportunities will be posted over the duration of the Program. In addition, given that the Cobell Settlement specifically limits overall implementation costs for the duration of the Program, cooperative agreement awards are not intended to fund or support long-term, multi-year programs at each location or reservation. Most awards will provide funding for no longer than 9 months, and tribes are encouraged to utilize the award amount to work with existing tribal land offices and programs. Tribes are also encouraged to first review information available from the Program and to work with Program staff in the development of the cooperative agreement application.

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Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grants

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - OCC
HHS-2018-ACF-OCC-TH-1365
Deadline: September 30, 2018

This funding opportunity announcement provides Fiscal Year 2018 funds for the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Tribal MIECHV): Implementation and Expansion Grants. Funds will support 5-year grants (cooperative agreements) between ACF and federally-recognized Indian tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations that are currently operating an evidence-based home visiting program and propose to expand or sustain their established infrastructure for home visiting services in tribal communities. This funding opportunity announcement is intended for tribal entities that have an established history of implementation of high-quality, culturally relevant, evidence-based home visiting services to American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) families and children, implementation of performance measurement and continuous quality improvement systems, development of early childhood systems, and conducting rigorous evaluation. Applicants may include existing grantees under the Tribal MIECHV program that are proposing to sustain services, as well as other tribal entities that can demonstrate past and current experience with conducting such activities and are proposing to expand services. During Year 1 of the cooperative agreements, grantees must maintain existing services to families while conducting a needs and readiness assessment and developing an implementation plan to respond to identified needs through sustained or expanded services (including developing a plan for measuring and reporting on program participants' progress toward meeting legislatively mandated benchmarks and conducting rigorous evaluation activities). During Years 2-5, grantees will implement approved plans to sustain or expand their high-quality evidence-based home visiting services; implement performance measurement systems and engage in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) activities; engage in activities to strengthen early childhood systems development; and conduct rigorous evaluation activities.

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Development of Psychosocial Therapeutic and Preventive Interventions for Mental Disorders

National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
RFA-MH-17-604

Deadline: October 15, 2018

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

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[Pilot Studies to Detect and Prevent Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System](#) (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-18-228

September 7, 2019

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Opportunities for detection and prevention start at early points of contact (e.g., police interaction, the intake interview) and continue through many juvenile justice settings (e.g., pre-trial detention, juvenile or family court activities, court disposition, placement and on-going care in either residential or multiple community settings.) This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population.

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

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases ([NIDDK](#))

PAR-17-177

Deadline: November 1, 2019

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to test innovative approaches to improve diabetes and obesity prevention and/or treatment that are adapted for implementation in healthcare settings where individuals receive their routine medical care. Research applications should be designed to test practical and sustainable strategies to improve processes of care and health outcomes for individuals with or at risk of diabetes and/or obesity. The research should also focus on approaches that can be broadly disseminated outside the specific setting where it is being tested. The goal of the research is to obtain results that will improve routine healthcare practice and inform healthcare policy for the prevention or management of these conditions. Therefore, interventions must be integrated into the existing healthcare structure and/or processes; the healthcare setting may not be used solely as a venue for recruitment.

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

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

National Institute of Nursing Research ([NINR](#))

PA-17-016

Deadline: January 7, 2020

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

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

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

National Institute of Nursing Research ([NINR](#))

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders ([NIDCD](#))

PA-17-118

Deadline: May 7, 2020

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific

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health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion prevention and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings.

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

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

PA-17-165

Deadline: June 2, 2020

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

[Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PA-18-354

Deadline: January 7, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is to encourage Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary team that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. The goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

[Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

Lannan Foundation

Deadline: Open

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

[Tribal Justice Support Directorate](#)

U.S. Department of the Interior

Office of Justice Services

Deadline: Open

Tribal Justice Support provides funding guidance, technical support, and advisory services to tribal courts and the Courts of Indian Offenses. This includes providing funding to tribal courts, training directed to

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