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[US: Top Stories of 2018: Indian Child Welfare Act Turns 40 \(Commentary\)](#)

**Chronicle of Social Change - December 27, 2018**

Forty years ago, Congress approved the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) after years of painstaking research and activism. The grassroots work had laid bare a shameful truth: Up to 30 percent of all Native American children had been removed from their parents by state and local governments, often placed into the homes of white families.

[NY: St. Regis Mohawk Tribe latest to sue drug manufacturers over opioid crisis](#)

**Malone Telegram - December 28, 2018**

"The Tribe has experienced increased child abuse and neglect, family dysfunction, criminal behavior, poverty, property damage, unemployment, and social despair," the complaint states. "As a result, more and more of the Tribe's resources are devoted to combating addiction-related problems, leaving a diminished pool of available resources to devote to vital societal causes like education, cultural preservation, and welfare programs. Meanwhile, the prescription opioid crisis diminishes the Tribe's available workforce, decreases productivity, increases poverty, and consequently requires greater government assistance expenditures by the Tribe."

[District of Despair: On a Montana Reservation, Schools Favor Whites Over Native Americans](#)

**Annie Waldman, ProPublica and Erica L. Green, The New York Times - December 28, 2018**

Tribes say that discrimination by the Wolf Point School District contributes to some of their youth dropping out, harming themselves or even committing suicide. But the Trump administration hasn't acted on their complaint.

[Canada: How Indigenous reporters are elevating true crime \(Commentary\)](#)

**High Country News - January 02, 2019**

Finding Cleo doesn't focus on a death for its own sake. The story's true mystery lies in systems that dwarf a single event: the Canadian government, child welfare practices, Indian residential schools and the colonial legacies that shadow Indigenous lives. The Indigenous reporters behind Finding Cleo and Thunder Bay weave true crime and Indigenous history together - deploying a trusted formula to reveal a world frequently invisible to white listeners but reaching beyond the violence that draws much of the public's attention.

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

## **[Muscogee \(Creek\) Nation convicts first non-Indian offender VAWA case](#)**

**MuskogeePhoenix: Jan 5, 2019**

As a Violence Against Women Act implementation, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation convicted its first non-Indian offender by exercising the sovereign power to prosecute domestic violence crimes and protective order violations committed against Natives in Indian Country.

## **[Dozens of Native Americans have gone missing in Montana](#)** **CNN, January 08, 2019**

Legislation being pushed to help 'epidemic'

Across the Western US, Native American women are falling victim to violence in alarming numbers, officials say. In 2018 alone, more than two dozen Native Americans -- the majority of them women -- went missing in sparsely populated Montana, according to Sen. Jon Tester.

## **[AZ: Lawsuit: LDS Church failed to keep Navajo child safe from abuse](#)**

**Salt Lake Tribune - January 09, 2019**

Another member of the Navajo Nation is suing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, saying he was abused in a now-defunct program that sent children into foster care for the school year. Unlike similar lawsuits, the complaint filed Tuesday in tribal court doesn't seek changes to the policies of the church. It seeks unspecified monetary damages for decades of alleged emotional harm, including attempted suicide.

## **[Adoption didn't solve the 'Indian Problem'](#)**

**High Country News – January 9, 2018**

An author recounts how 1960s policies ripped apart families and communities, including her own.

## **[Canada: Southern First Nations Network of Care Partners with RedMane Technology Canada For Innovative Program To Help Mothers and Children Stay Together \(Press release\)](#)**

**CNW - January 11, 2019**

The Southern First Nations Network of Care (Southern Network) in Manitoba, which mandates 10 agencies (nine of which are First Nations agencies) to protect children, provide culturally appropriate services and preserve families in their communities, is launching the "Restoring the Sacred Bond" initiative.

## **[U.S. Supreme Court Rejects State of Utah's Attempt to Overturn the UTE Tribe's Victory In Tribal Exhaustion Case](#)**

**BY NATIVE NEWS ONLINE STAFF / CURRENTS / 12 JAN 2019**

On January 7, 2019, the United States Supreme Court ordered that it would not review or overturn the Utah Supreme Court's November 7, 2017 decision in favor of tribal court jurisdiction.

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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## [US: Attorney General Becerra Leads Bipartisan Coalition of 21 Attorneys General in Brief Defending Law that Protects Native American Children \(Press release\)](#)

**Office of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra - January 14, 2019**

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra today led a bipartisan coalition of 21 states in filing an amicus brief in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to defend the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in *Brakeen v. Zinke*. ICWA is a 40-year-old federal law that furthers the best interests of Native American children and protects the sovereignty of Indian tribes by preserving children's connections to their tribal heritage. Joining Attorney General Becerra in filing the brief are the Attorneys General of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

## [US: Shutdown strains services for Indian tribes \(Includes video\)](#)

**Associated Press - January 12, 2019**

Tribes rely heavily on funding guaranteed by treaties with the U.S., acts of Congress and other agreements for public safety, social services, education and health care for their members. Because of the shutdown, tribal officials say some programs are on the brink of collapse and others are surviving with tribes filling funding gaps.

[Also: Shutdown frustrates Indian tribes waiting for government to make good on guarantees:](#)

## [Canada: Video of newborn seized from indigenous mom goes viral & triggers uproar in Canada](#)

**TravelWireNews - January 12, 2019**

"We're going to actually physically remove the baby" - these words, unthinkable to any mother, were streamed on Facebook Live and have since prompted angry accusations of state discrimination against indigenous people in Canada. The edict was delivered by a cop as he was taking a newborn girl away from an indigenous woman at a hospital in the Canadian province of Manitoba this week. The mother was accused of alcohol consumption during pregnancy and of being drunk when arriving to give birth - claims that she and her relatives vigorously deny.

[Also: First Nations family advocate says office sees spike in calls for help:](#)

## [Mendocino County Superior Court Judge David Riemenschneider to retire in March](#)

**The Ukiah Daily Journal - January 14, 2019**

Curtis Driscoll

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge David Riemenschneider is retiring as of March 31, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino announced.

## [2018 ICWA by the Numbers](#)

**Turtle Talk – Kathryn E. Fort January 15, 2019 by ilpc**

Annual update of ICWA cases throughout the country.

## [WA: & US: Attorney General Ferguson urges appeals court to preserve Indian Child Welfare Act \(Press release\)](#)

**Office of State Attorney General Bob Ferguson - January 15, 2019**

Attorney General Bob Ferguson has joined a bipartisan coalition of 21 states to urge a federal appeals court to preserve the federal Indian Child Welfare Act after a lower court struck down the law. The Quinault Indian Nation in Washington state is also part of the case defending the act. Washington state, which is home to 29 federally recognized tribes, has also enacted state laws to complement ICWA.

[Also: Northwest Attorneys General Join Federal Appeal Of Decision that Struck Down ICWA \(Includes audio\)](#)

## [US: Lawmakers file bipartisan, bicameral Indian Child Welfare Act amicus brief](#)

**Indian Country Today Media Network - January 16, 2019**

Bipartisan, bicameral amicus brief makes the case for the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act and Congress's authority--and trust responsibility--to legislate for the benefit of Indian Tribes. It urges the Fifth Circuit to overturn lower court's unprecedented ruling.

[Also: State of Idaho Attorney General joins in defense of Indian Child Welfare Act:](#)

[Also: Arizona AG Supports ICWA In Texas Case](#)

## [US: Wampanoags Support Indian Child Welfare Appeal](#)

**Mashpee News - January 16, 2019**

This week, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe signed a legal brief along with more than 300 other federally recognized tribes in support of the Indian Child Welfare Act, a Congressional Act passed 40 years ago that many say is in jeopardy because of a Texas lower court ruling.

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## [AZ: Lawsuit: Mormon Church failed to keep child safe from abuse while in foster care](#)

**Associated Press - January 18, 2019**

Another member of the Navajo Nation is suing the Mormon church, saying he was abused in a now-defunct program that sent children into foster care for the school year.

## [ME: Greg Kesich: Time's up for Skowhegan 'Indians' \(Commentary\)](#)

**Central Maine - January 20, 2019**

In 2015, the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth & Reconciliation Commission issued a report after 27 months of fact-finding among the state's native people, a process that's the subject of the documentary "Dawnland" (it aired on PBS last year and is scheduled for several screenings around Maine this winter). It describes the lifelong trauma that follows Indian children who were taken away from their homes and brought up in an alien culture. The impact of those placements was well known inside the tribal community but was news to the commission members, which included Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap.

## [US: Tribal nations present united front in Indian Child Welfare Act case](#)

**Indianz - January 22, 2019**

A battle to save the Indian Child Welfare Act is shaping up to be one of the most consequential court cases in recent history. Tribes, Indian organizations, Native women, key members of Congress, prominent legal experts and a slew of state governments are defending the historic law after a federal judge struck it down as unconstitutional. The goal of the united campaign is to ensure that Indian children remain connected to their communities, strengthening tribal sovereignty in the process.

[Also: Bacon, Cole join bicameral team supporting Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

[Also: Tribes offer overwhelming support for Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

### Publications

## [The Colourful Truth: The Reality of Indigenous Overrepresentation in Juvenile Detention in Australia and the United States](#)

*Rachel Thampapillai*

American Indian Law Journal, Seattle U School of Law Volume 7, Issue 1 (2018)

## [August 2017 - August 2018 Case Law on American Indians](#)

*Thomas P. Schlosser*

American Indian Law Journal, Seattle U School of Law Volume 7, Issue 1 (2018)

## [Indian Child Welfare Act Annual Case Law Update and Commentary](#)

*Kathryn Fort and Adrian T. Smith*

American Indian Law Journal, Seattle U School of Law Volume 6, Issue 2 (2018)

## [August 2016 - August 2017 Case Law on American Indians](#)

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## [CDIB: The Role of the Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in Defining Native American Legal Identity](#)

*Paul Spruhan*

American Indian Law Journal, Seattle U School of Law Volume 6, Issue 2 (2018)

## [Tribal Exclusion Authority: Its Sovereign Basis with Recommendations for Federal Support](#)

*Jeremy Wood*

American Indian Law Journal, Seattle U School of Law Volume 6, Issue 2 (2018)

## [Native American Rights & Adoption by Non-Indian Families: The Manipulation and Distortion of Public Opinion to Overthrow ICWA](#)

*Harman Bual*

American Indian Law Journal, Seattle U School of Law Volume 6, Issue 2 (2018)

## **Defining Active Efforts in the Indian Child Welfare Act**

Judge Leonard Edwards [NACC Guardian Vol. 41. No 01 Jan/Feb 2019](#) pp.1-8

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## Announcements

### [Tribal Trial Advocacy Skills Training](#)

**Date:** March 5–7, 2019

**Location:** Tule River Indian Tribe Tribal Court, Porterville, CA

For more information see the "Save The Date."

Sharpen your trial advocacy skills when appearing in Tribal Court at a three-day training featuring interactive, hands-on workshops and practice of opening statements, witness preparation and examination, evidence introduction, jury selection, closing arguments and more. Benefit from the knowledge and insights of seasoned litigators and tribal court judges who will help you better prosecute, defend and represent your clients in Tribal Court.

### [Availability of Funding for the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program](#)

The Tribal component of the YRG Program is specifically for Indian tribes to implement diversion programs for Indian children that use trauma informed, community-based, and health-based interventions.

**Proposals must be received by the BSCC by 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2019.** A copy of the RFP is available on the BSCC [website](#)

[U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \(CTAS\)](#) – This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. DOJ's existing Tribal Government-specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. **Current Closing Date for Applications: February 26, 2019.**

[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/tjso.html](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/tjso.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](mailto:TribalJusticeFilm@gmail.com).

### [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Releases Reentry Toolkit](#)

OJJDP has released "[Reentry Starts Here: A Guide for Youth in Long-Term Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Programs](#)." This user-friendly guide is designed to help youth in juvenile corrections and treatment programs prepare for reentry and success in their community. The guide outlines how transitioning youth can seek assistance from a parent or guardian, mentor, friend, teacher, and other key people. In addition, the publication includes steps that youth can take to address reentry challenges.

### [Free Gun Locks for Tribal Law Enforcement and Health Organizations](#)

Law enforcement agencies are invited to order our free firearm safety kits and become Project ChildSafe Partners. These locks are provided and shipped at no cost; use the link below to access the order form. Requests for Project ChildSafe firearm safety kits should be made by law enforcement partners only. Individuals seeking a firearm safety kit should use [this link](#) to find a participating law enforcement agency near them. (If your law enforcement agency is not already a partner, call the Crime Prevention Officer or Community Liaison and urge that the agency sign up – it's free.) To distribute kits in their communities, law enforcement agencies have the option, and are encouraged, to partner with individuals, community groups and businesses. Firearm safety kits include a gun lock and safety education brochure; law enforcement also may request additional program materials – see "Partner Materials and Resources" on this page.

### [2018 edition of the SART Toolkit is available for download](#)

The 2018 edition of the SART Toolkit is available for download. The SART Toolkit is designed to support SARTs in all aspects of their work, including practical tips for effective teamwork, ideas for expansion, tools for identifying what is most important in each community, best practices, and connections to technical assistance providers to guide development and improvement.

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## State Judicial Branch Online Resources

### Indian Civil Rights Act – Fifty Year’s Later [video](#)

Attempting to impose certain constitutional restrictions and protections upon tribal governments and to guarantee Native Americans equal protection under the Bill of Rights, Congress passed the Indian Civil Rights Act. The history of the Act, the effects of the Act, and the state of tribal courts fifty years after enactment are discussed in this edition of the Continuing the Dialogue broadcast series. Chief Judge Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge Claudette White, Tribal Advisor to the Governor Cynthia Gomez (retired), and Professor Joseph Myers, moderated by Chief Judge Christine Williams, explore California tribal court issues and how they relate to and are intertwined with the work of the state’s judicial branch.

### Newslinks

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

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

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

### California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)

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

## Webinars

Ongoing

February 6, 2019  
11:00am

[Indian Country Criminal Jurisdiction \(ICCJ\)](#)  
[Trauma and Mental Health Considerations in a Child Sex Trafficking Response](#)

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)  
National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC)

## Upcoming Conferences

### The [National Indian Child Welfare Association](#)

February 5-7, 2019 – Palm Springs, CA

- Tribal Customary Adoption (two-day)
- Understanding ICWA (three-day)
- In-Home Services (three-day)

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

#### [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.

#### [Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

Lannan Foundation  
Deadline: Open

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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 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.

## [OVW FY 2019 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program](#)

### **Department of Justice**

#### **Office on Violence Against Women**

#### **OVW-2019-15843**

#### **Deadline: February 7, 2019**

Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program supports community-based organizations in providing culturally relevant services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

## [OVW FY 2019 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program](#)

### **Department of Justice**

#### **Office on Violence Against Women**

#### **OVW-2019-15806**

#### **Deadline: February 7, 2019**

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 improves the response to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. Disability Grant Program funds are 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; 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.

## [Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury \(R01\)](#)

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA**

#### **RFA-CE-19-005**

#### **Deadline: February 8, 2019**

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 that impacts children and youth, collectively referred to as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including child abuse and neglect, teen dating violence, sexual violence, youth violence, and exposure to adult intimate partner 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 child abuse and neglect and at least one other form of violence affecting children and youth, including teen dating violence, sexual violence, youth violence and exposure to adult intimate partner violence as detailed elsewhere in this announcement.

## [OVW FY 2019 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15804**

**Deadline: February 13, 2019**

The program was authorized to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations. Grant funds are used to provide enhanced services to underserved populations; build the capacity of both mainstream organizations and organizations serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services; and to increase training and outreach activities targeted at organizations providing services to underserved populations.

## [OVW FY 2019 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15703**

**Deadline: February 13, 2019**

The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims within culturally specific populations. Eligible applicants are limited to: private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians.

## [OVW FY 2019 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15805**

**Deadline: February 13, 2019**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12351. The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking (Transitional Housing Program) supports programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless<sup>1</sup> or in need of transitional housing as a result of a situation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

## [OVW's Fiscal Year 2019 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

**OMB Number - 1122-0020**

**Deadline: February 14, 2019**

This program is authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12341). The Rural Program supports efforts to enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

## [OVW FY 2019 Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Solicitation](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15604**

**Deadline: February 14, 2019**

Through this grant program, Indian tribes receive support and technical assistance for planning and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) and funds to exercise the jurisdiction. The program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defenders, law enforcement,



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probation, victim services providers, and other partners to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders in the Indian country of the tribe are held accountable.

## [U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

**Department of Justice**

**DOJ-2019-5941**

**Deadline: February 26, 2019**

This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. DOJ's existing Tribal Government–specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

## [OVW FY 2019 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15743**

**Deadline: February 26, 2019**

The Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program encourages state, local, and tribal governments and courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system.

## [OVW FY 2019 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15603**

**Deadline: March 5, 2019**

The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program provides funding directly to tribes, tribal consortiums, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sexual assault services within Indian country and Alaskan native villages.

## [OVW FY 2019 Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15824**

**Deadline: March 6, 2019**

This program is authorized by federal appropriations acts. The CYEM Program supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking. The CYEM Program also funds prevention efforts that engage men and boys as allies to combat violence against women and girls.

## [NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grants FY2019](#)

**Department of the Interior**

**National Park Service**

**P19AS00010**

**Deadline: March 8, 2019**

Grant funds must be used for CONSULTATION and DOCUMENTATION projects under NAGPRA. Consultation projects support efforts related to compiling or revising a NAGPRA inventory and making or responding to requests for items in a NAGPRA summary. Documentation projects support determining the geographical origin, cultural affiliation, and other basic facts surrounding the acquisition of Native American cultural items. Consultation and documentation projects should lead to determining control, treatment, and disposition of NAGPRA cultural items.

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## [FY 2019 Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking on Campus Program](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2019-15863**

**Deadline: March 14, 2019**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20125. The Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program (Campus Program) encourages a comprehensive coordinated community approach that enhances victim safety, provides services and support for victims, and supports efforts to hold offenders accountable. The funding supports activities that develop and strengthen trauma-informed victim services and strategies to prevent, investigate, and respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campus.

## [OVW Fiscal Year 2019 Research and Evaluation Solicitation](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

**OMB Number - 1122-0020**

**Deadline: March 25, 2019**

The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to research and evaluate approaches to combatting domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking:

1. Justice. Ways the justice system can effectively pursue and achieve justice in cases involving domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; with justice broadly understood to include retributive justice, autonomy for victims, accountability for offenders, procedural fairness for all, and restorative justice
2. Victims' needs. How victimization and its aftermath affect people's lives, and what victims need to cope, heal, and achieve safety and justice
3. Cultures, disparities, and access. Ways that cultural differences and social inequalities matter in terms of where and to whom people go for help, and whether people are able to access justice and get services that are useful to them
4. Impact. Short- and long-term impact of the justice system's response, victim services, and other VAWA-funded interventions on victim safety and offender accountability
5. Indicators of success. What success looks like and how to measure it—for victims pursuing safety and justice, for offenders being held accountable for their violence, and for people who work with victims and offenders
6. Reducing recidivism. How to prevent violence from recurring

## [Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program](#)

**Board of State and Community Corrections**

**Deadline: March 29, 2019**

A copy of the RFP is available on the BSCC [website](#)

The Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program is a component of the Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Program, which was established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and related trailer bill (Assembly Bill 1812, Chapter 36, Statutes of 2018). The YRG program is aimed at diverting young people who commit low-level offenses from initial contact with the juvenile justice system. The Tribal component of the YRG Program is specifically for Indian tribes to implement diversion programs for Indian children that use trauma informed, community-based, and health-based interventions. Funding priority must be given to diversion programs that address the needs of Indian children who experience high rates of juvenile arrests, high rates of suicide, high rates of alcohol and substance abuse, and average high school graduation rates that are lower than 75 percent.

## [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\) on Transition to Employment for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Mental Health Conditions](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2019-ACL-NIDILRR-RTEM-0334**

**Deadline: April 1, 2019**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit people with disabilities, family members, rehabilitation service providers, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to improved employment outcomes for youth and young adults with serious mental health conditions. This funding opportunity reflects an ongoing collaboration between NIDILRR and SAMHSA.

## [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\) on Improving Employment Outcomes For People with Psychiatric Disabilities](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2019-ACL-NIDILRR-RTEM-0337**

**Deadline: April 1, 2019**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit people with disabilities, family members, rehabilitation service providers, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to improved employment outcomes of adults with psychiatric disabilities. This funding opportunity reflects an ongoing collaboration between NIDILRR and SAMHSA.

## [Maternity Group Home Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CX-1577**

**Deadline: April 10, 2019**

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's Maternity Group Home (MGH) grant program (hereafter referred to as the MGH program). The purpose of FYSB's MGH program is to provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter only for pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren) for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months. Service providers must accommodate for the needs and safety of the dependent children to include facility safety standards for infants and children on the

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premises. MGH services include, but are not limited to, parenting skills, child development, family budgeting, and health and nutrition education, in addition to the required services provided under the Transitional Living Program to help MGH youth realize improvements in four core outcome areas. The MGH combination of shelter and services is designed to promote long-term, economic independence to ensure the well-being of the youth and their child(ren). Grants awarded under this announcement will have a start date of September 30, 2019 and will be for a 36-month project period.

### [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\) on Family Support](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2019-ACL-NIDILRR-RTGE-0342**

**Deadline: April 15, 2019**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit people with disabilities, family members, rehabilitation service providers, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to effective support of family caregivers of people with disabilities, and ultimately to improved community living, health and function, and employment outcomes of people with disabilities who are supported by family members.

### [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\) on Employment of Transition-Age Youth with Disabilities](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2019-ACL-NIDILRR-RTEM-0339**

**Deadline: April 15, 2019**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit people with disabilities, family members, rehabilitation service providers, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to improved employment outcomes of transition-age youth with disabilities.

### [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\) on Employment of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2019-ACL-NIDILRR-RTEM-0338**

**Deadline: April 15, 2019**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit people with disabilities, family members, rehabilitation service providers, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to conduct research, training, technical assistance, and related activities to contribute to improved employment outcomes of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### [Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CX-1576**

**Deadline: April 29, 2019**

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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). The Purpose of FYSB's TLP grant program is to implement, enhance, and/or support effective strategies for successful transition to sustainable living for runaway and homeless youth ages 16 to under 22 and/or pregnant and parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren). Projects must provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for up to 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months and provide comprehensive services that 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 September 30, 2019 and will be for a 36-month project period.

### [Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice**  
**Office of Justice Programs**  
**National Institute of Justice**  
**OMB No. 1121-0329**  
**Deadline: May 13, 2019**

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks to build knowledge on best practices in offender reentry initiatives. Specifically, NIJ requests proposals for rigorous research to examine reentry initiatives that incorporate promising practices, strategies, or programs. For this solicitation, NIJ is interested in supporting evaluations of innovative reentry initiatives that focus on juveniles, young adults (aged 18-24), and adults with a moderate-to-high risk of reoffending. A particular focus on the risk of reoffending with a violent crime is encouraged. These initiatives may be applicable to juvenile residential facilities, institutional and/or community corrections.

The primary goal of this solicitation is to support the rigorous examination of innovative reentry initiatives, including those in rural communities. Proposals that seek to evaluate reentry initiatives funded by the Second Chance Act or other reentry initiatives will be considered.

### [NAGPRA Repatriation Grants FY2019](#)

**Department of the Interior**  
**National Park Service**  
**P19AS00009**  
**Deadline: May 17, 2019**

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 CFR 10.11. Repatriation projects defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and storage of NAGPRA related human remains and cultural items.

### [Innovations in Nutrition Programs and Services](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Administration for Community Living**  
**HHS-2019-ACL-AOA-INNU-0345**  
**Deadline: May 28, 2019**

This funding opportunity is for competitive grants to be awarded to support systematic testing and documentation of innovative and promising practices that enhance the quality, effectiveness, and proven outcomes of nutrition programs and services within the aging services network. Innovative and promising practice projects awarded through previous INNU announcements have focused on at least one of the following areas; Creating partnerships between Universities and/or other research organizations in collaboration with aging network organizations to develop or test innovative evidence based programs or practices for senior nutrition; Modernizing the congregate and/or home delivered meal program infrastructure, delivery mechanisms, and/or marketing and outreach that can be used by the national aging network to ensure that States are able to maximize the return on their investment in nutrition programs and expanding the reach of the OAA target populations; Enhancing partnerships with health

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care partners (e.g. oral health, behavioral health, alternative health, and etc.) to further demonstrate the network's value in solving local and national problems, and/or increasing business acumen opportunities and; Advancing the use of technology within the aging and nutrition network Successful awardees will be expected to focus on outcomes including, but not limited to, methods to improve collaboration with local health care entities, decrease health care costs for a specific population, and/or decrease the incidence of the need for institutionalization among older adults.

### [Child Care Policy Research Partnership Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE  
HHS-2019-ACF-OPRE-YE-1591  
Deadline: June 7, 2019**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) plans to solicit applications for Child Care Policy Research Partnership grants. These four-year cooperative agreements will be conducted through partnerships between CCDF Lead Agencies in states, territories, or tribes and researchers from institutions of higher education, research organizations, and other eligible organizations. Applications are invited from CCDF Lead Agencies, institutions of higher education, research organizations, and other organizations with proven expertise conducting policy research. The work supported by this grant program should be collaborative from start to finish. Specifically, the CCDF Lead Agency and their research partners need to work together throughout all phases of the project. Child Care Policy Research Partnership grantees will be expected to pursue research questions of national and state relevance. Therefore, grantees are encouraged to include other local and state child care stakeholders. These projects are intended to add to our knowledge about the efficacy of child care subsidy policies and quality improvement initiatives that support employment and self-sufficiency outcomes for parents, increase low-income families' access to high quality child care programs, and promote positive learning and school readiness outcomes for children. Examples of priority questions include, but are not limited to: effects of policy changes since the CCDBG Act of 2014, supports for family child care providers, consumer education, licensing and monitoring, and efforts to build the supply of high-quality care. Funding is subject to availability of funds and the best interests of the federal government.

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

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CZ-1569  
Deadline: June 17, 2019**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to create, through cooperative agreement, a National Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for Courts (Center). The mission of the Center is to build and enhance state and tribal court capacity for continuous quality improvement in child welfare legal proceedings and to promote meaningful and ongoing collaboration between courts, state child welfare agencies, and tribes to improve child welfare outcomes. The Center will work collaboratively with other Children's Bureau supported technical assistance providers to improve child welfare systems in achieving measurable, sustainable systemic change that results in greater safety, permanency, and well-being for children, youth, and families. Special focus areas for technical assistance will include removing barriers to adoption and permanency, and strategies for preserving families. The Center will serve as the primary technical assistance provider of universal, targeted, and intensive T/TA to State and Tribal Court Improvement Programs. The project period will be a 60-month project period with five 12-month budget periods.

### [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  
Deadline: September 7, 2019**

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[Detecting and Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System](#) (R01- Clinical Trial Required)

Department of Health and Human Services-National Institutes of Health

PAR-18-479

Deadline: September 7, 2019

[FY 2019 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Department of the Interior

LBBP-2019-1

Deadline: September 30, 2019

[Planning Grants for Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Prevention and Care](#) (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-18-924

Deadline: November 1, 2019

[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