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## IN THE NEWS

## Forum E-Update

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### [Secretary Jewell to Kick Off Native Youth Listening Tour](#)

February 9, 2015

By [Emma Brown](#)

The Washington Post

Obama Administration Officials to meet with young people across Indian Country to better understand and act on unique challenges facing Native Youth.

### [Report Examines State, Tribal Implementation of ICWA Improving Tribal and Cultural Child Welfare Practice](#)

Children's Bureau Express

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### [The Judges' Page Newsletter - The Need for Trauma-Informed Dependency Courts](#)

Winter 2015

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### [National Survey of Tribal Court Systems Descriptive Brochures — Expect Surveys to Arrive in February 2015](#)

January 28, 2015

by Matthew L.M. Fletcher

**For Tribal Court Judges:** If you intend to submit this information about your court to the US Department of Justice, please send us a copy, as we will use whatever information you are willing to share with us to update our online [tribal court directory](#).

### [Cooperation Improves Kids' Lives in Tribal Nation within County](#)

January 18, 2015

by Molly Miron

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

### [VAWA Criminal Jurisdiction Over Non-Indians: National Congress of American Indians \(NCAI\) Launches Technical Assistance Website](#)

January 28, 2015

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 included historic provisions that reaffirm tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians in certain domestic violence cases. When this provision takes effect nationwide on March 7, 2015, Indian tribes will be able to prosecute non-Indians who abuse Indian women on tribal lands for the first time since the Oliphant v. Suquamish decision. Importantly, there are a number of due process requirements that must first be met. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has developed a website to assist tribes as they implement the new law:

<http://www.ncai.org/tribal-vawa>

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## FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

(To view these and past proposals, see forum home page

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

**[AB 1618: Tribal Access to Confidential Juvenile Court Files](#)** which provides tribal entities and officials with access to confidential juvenile court files and records for children who are members of the tribe or eligible for membership in the tribe. By explicitly including tribes, tribal officials, and tribal entities within the exception to the confidentiality of juvenile court files, the bill will solve a conflict between federal and state law on one side, and juvenile courts on the other.

Chaptered as Stats. 2014, Ch. 37, effective January 1, 2015.

**[SB 406 Tribal Court Civil Money Judgment Act](#)**: which simplifies and clarifies the process by which tribal court civil money judgments are recognized and enforced in California.

Chaptered as Stats. 2014, Ch. 243, effective January 1, 2015.

As directed by Senate Bill 406 (2014 Cal. Stat. ch. 243), the California Law Revision Commission is commencing work on a study on the recognition of tribal and foreign court judgments. To view the introductory memorandum on this topic,

see: <http://www.clrc.ca.gov/pub/2014/MM14-47.pdf>.

To find out more about the study, contact Kristin B. Burford, Staff Counsel, California Law Revision Commission at [kburford@clrc.ca.gov](mailto:kburford@clrc.ca.gov), or subscribe to learn more about the study online: <http://www.clrc.ca.gov/D1200.html>.

**[SB 940 Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act \(UAGPPJA\) Proposed for California](#)**:

which addresses issues involving conservatorships for members of Indian tribes located in California. Chaptered as Stats. 2014, Ch. 553; some portions effective January 1, 2015 and others January 1, 2016.

*We would like to learn about implementation issues relating to these new laws. If you are aware of success stories or challenges, please contact Jennifer Walter at [jennifer.walter@jud.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.walter@jud.ca.gov)*

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.

## WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

### [How Do Survivors of Domestic Violence Define Success for Themselves? A New Project to Address an Overlooked Question](#)

February 19, 2015  
10:00am to 11:30am  
[Register](#)

### [Tribal Courts Conference](#)

Denver, Colorado  
March 19-20, 2015  
by Matthew L.M. Fletcher

### [33rd Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

April 19-22, 2015  
Portland, Oregon  
All individuals who are committed to serving AI/AN children and their families are encouraged to attend NICWA's annual conference. For more information about the conference and post-conference event registration visit: [www.nicwa.org/conference](http://www.nicwa.org/conference).  
[Agenda](#) and [Registration](#)

### [Intergovernmental Tribal Reentry Workshops](#)

Albuquerque, NM — April 28-30, 2015  
Portland, OR — May 19-21, 2015  
Columbia, SC — May 27-29, 2015

### [19th Child Abuse & Neglect Institute](#)

June 1-5, 2015  
University of Nevada, Reno

The Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI) was created to provide training in dependency court best practices for judicial officers. Offered as a highly interactive, in-residence training program, CANI is aimed at judges who have been newly assigned to child abuse and neglect/dependency cases, or judges who have been presiding over these cases for some time and who want the latest information about best practice in this field.

### [2015 National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference](#)

October 6-9, 2015  
[Seneca Niagara Resort and Casino, Niagara Falls, NY](#)

The theme for this year's conference is *Tribal Justice Systems: Pathways to Healing & Sovereignty*. Last year's conference drew over 200 representatives from tribal justice systems and tribal governments in all ten NAICJA association regions as well as representatives from the non-profit, business, academic, and philanthropic sectors.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **CJER Online**

CJER Online consolidates all CJER websites into a single site for easy access to distance education, calendars, and registration. The new site is more accessible, user-friendly, and allows users to easily search CJER publications and distance education materials or register for programs.

The California Judicial Council's Center for Judiciary Education and Research (CJER) and Information Technology Services Office (ITSO) have been working to redesign the education portions of the Court Extranet and integrate them with the other CJER websites--staff education website, the programs calendar, and the course registration site--to create a single site. The concept was to create a user-friendly, integrated website for judicial education. <http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/cjer/cjeronline.htm>

## **Court Extranet**

The State Judicial Branch has a Court Extranet with educational and other resources for state court judges and tribal court judges. 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. It also offers both current news and archived resources. For more information, please contact Carolyn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or [carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov](mailto:carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov).

## **California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)**

The State Judicial Branch has a Dependency Online Guide with dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. This website contains up-to-date information for professionals working in child welfare, regardless of the size of the county, the employer, or the availability of legal and other resources in the local area. For more information, view the [CaIDOG postcard](#). Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here](#).

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Department of Health and Human Services and the Office on Violence Against Women**

#### **OVW Rural Grant Funding**

OVW FY 2015 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program Grant  
**Due: March 4, 2015**

#### **HHS Funding to Support Adolescent Health and Teen Pregnancy Prevention**

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health  
FY15 Announcement of Availability of Funds for Supporting and Enabling Early Innovation to Advance Adolescent Health and Prevent Teen Pregnancy (Tier 2A)  
Modification 4  
**Due: April 10, 2015**

#### **Funding for Tribal Courts**

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
Tribal Court Improvement Program Grant  
**Due: April 20, 2015**

#### **U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Grant Information**

The purpose of this resource page is to identify open grants, training and technical assistance that may be of particular interest to defender agencies, courts, state, local and tribal jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and non-profit organizations that are working to enhance legal assistance and related services for historically underserved populations. Please contact the issuing entity for more information about listed grants, training and technical assistance.

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#### **Helpful Links**

For a comprehensive listing of all Department of Justice (DOJ) grants, please visit [www.justice.gov/business/Overview\\_of\\_resources\\_for\\_courts\\_and\\_indigent\\_defense\\_providers](http://www.justice.gov/business/Overview_of_resources_for_courts_and_indigent_defense_providers) (PDF)

## Funding for Legal Assistance for Victims

US Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office on Violence Against Women  
OVW FY 2015 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program Grant

## DOJ FY15 Funding For Transitional Housing

US Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office on Violence Against Women  
OVW FY 2015 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant

**Due: February 24, 2015**

## Tribal Court Improvement Program

**HHS-2015-ACF-ACYF-CS-0973**

**Due: April 20, 2015**

## **CRIMINAL**

### **Criminal – Grants**

#### **\*\*NEW\*\* Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Maximizing State Reforms**

The goal of this program is to cement or amplify the goals of states' justice reinvestment reform efforts, deepening their reinvestment in and commitment to use of data-driven decision making and evidence-based practices and programs. The objectives of the program are: 1) increase the corrections costs saved or avoided by reducing unnecessary confinement; 2) increase reinvestment in evidence-based practices that reduce recidivism; 3) support justice reinvestment reform efforts by promoting and increasing collaboration and data sharing among agencies and officials who work in criminal justice, including state and local policymakers, law enforcement, prosecution, defense, pretrial, courts, probation, treatment, corrections, reentry, and parole. and 4) enhance the translation of evidence into practice by supporting the use of data analysis results to inform policy decisions.

**Funding Source:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Eligible Grantees:** Units of state government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments ( as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) that can demonstrate substantial completion of the Justice

Reinvestment Initiative Model. State that underwent a formal justice reinvestment process prior to BJA's launch of the formal Justice Reinvestment Initiative are eligible to apply.

**Deadline: 3/10/2015**

#### **\*\*NEW\*\* Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program**

The goal of this program is to assist state teams in developing statewide recidivism reduction strategic plans. The objectives for the Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program are to: 1) identify drivers of recidivism in the state; 2) identify a target population and recidivism reduction goals for the state; 3) review the alignment of existing corrections programs and practices with evidence-based practices; and 4) develop a strategic plan to meet statewide reduction goals using evidence-based practices. At the state level, effective strategies for reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety incorporate the following principles: 1) focus on the individuals most likely to recidivate; 2) use evidenced-based programs proven to work and ensure the delivery of services is high quality; 3) deploy supervision policies and practices that balance sanctions and treatment; and 4) target places where crime and recidivism rates are the highest. Civil legal services related to the purposes of the grant are an allowable use of Second Chance Act funds.

**Funding Source:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

**Eligible Grantees:** State correctional agencies (state departments of corrections or community corrections) or state Administering Agencies (SAAs). Agencies from states that were awarded Second Chance Act Statewide Recidivism Reduction grants in fiscal year 2013 are not eligible to apply.



Applicants should note that the next potential opportunity to apply for a Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning grant will be fiscal year 2017.

**Deadline: 3/10/2015**

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Research and Evaluation on the Investigation and Adjudication of Campus Sexual Assault**

The goals of the Violence Against Women program of research are to improve knowledge and understanding of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault issues. NIJ strives to provide objective and independent knowledge and validated tools to reduce violence against women and girls, and promote justice for victims. The objectives of this solicitation are to fund high-quality research projects related to college and university investigative and adjudicative practices for incidents of sexual assault. Funded projects should result in guides and tools for implementing similar practices and protocols at other institutes of higher education including replicable methods for continued testing and evaluation.

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Justice

**Eligible Grantees:** States, territories, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**Deadline: 4/6/2015**

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals**

NIJ seeks application for research and evaluation related to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals. As the elderly population grows, crimes against this population are expected to increase. NIJ particularly interested in funding research to: 1) determine an estimate to the financial costs associated with elder abuse; 2) develop a taxonomy of case outcomes that can be used to define success from multiple perspectives; and 3) examine theoretical perspectives on elder abuse that move the field toward a better understanding of why perpetrators abuse, neglect, and/or exploit elderly individuals.

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Justice

**Eligible Grantees:** States, territories, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**Deadline: 4/7/2015**

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Postdoctoral Fellowship on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, Teen Dating Violence, and Stalking**

NIJ seeks applications to support the scholarship of up to three promising postdoctoral researchers to conduct original data collection and/or secondary data analyses on violence against women (intimate partner violence, sexual violence, teen dating violence, stalking) under the supervision of a mentor. The goals of the Violence Against Women program of research are to improve knowledge and understanding of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual assault issues. NIJ strives to provide objective and independent knowledge and validated tools to reduce violence against women and girls, and promote justice for victims. The objectives of this solicitation are to support the development of promising new scholars in violence against women research and to fund high-quality research projects in the areas of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, stalking, and/or teen dating violence. Postdoctoral fellows funded under this solicitation are expected to publish one or more peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, but may include law review journals, academic press books or book chapters.

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Justice

**Eligible Grantees:** States, territories, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**Deadline: 4/7/2015**

## **\*\*NEW\*\* Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence**

NIJ seeks multidisciplinary research and evaluation proposals related to childhood exposure to violence. This solicitation defines "Children Exposed to Violence (CEV)" as including children that are direct victims and/or bystanders or observers of various forms of violence in the home, school, or community, including but not limited to peer victimization, bullying, harassment, child maltreatment, domestic violence, and community violence. This solicitation may be used to address other types of violence to which children are exposed, with the exception of media violence (e.g., television and movie violence, music advocating aggression, and violent video games). In particular, NIJ seeks applications that address justice system responses to children identified as being exposed to violence; polyvictimization and multisystem involvement; and resilience and help-seeking.

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Justice

**Eligible Grantees:** States, territories, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**Deadline:** 4/8/2015

## **\*\*NEW\*\* Social Science Research on Implementation, Dissemination, and Translation**

This solicitation seeks proposals for funding for projects to study how criminal justice practitioners use research in their decision-making processes and how they implement evidence-based programs and practices. NIJ is also interested in implementation studies of other programs, policies, and practices. NIJ is particularly interested in understanding the implementation of evidence-based practices and programs in policing, courts, corrections, victim services, and crime/violence prevention. Studies may propose to use any evidence-based intervention, tool, policy or guideline, but are encouraged to consider [www.crimesolutions.gov](http://www.crimesolutions.gov). Although studies of any aspect of the implementation process will be considered, NIJ is particularly interested in those that do one or more of the following: 1) Seek to describe and understand the multi-level context and environment in which the proposed research will be conducted and investigate the relationship of context to adoption, implementation, and sustainability; 2) seek to incorporate stakeholder input and relevant outcomes (e.g., for offenders, victims, families, practitioners, administrators, or policymakers); 3) focus on the fidelity/adaptation of implementation efforts, including the identification of components of implementation that will enable fidelity to be assessed meaningfully; 4) assess the capacity of specific settings to incorporate implementation efforts within current organizational forms.

**Funding Source:** National Institute of Justice

**Eligible Grantees:** States (including territories), units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals.

**Deadline:** 4/9/2015

## **JUVENILE Juvenile – Grants**

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Second Chance Act Strengthening Relationships Between Young Fathers and Their Children: A Reentry Mentoring Project**

This initiative will support the successful and safe transition of young fathers from secure confinement back to their families and communities. To this end, OJP will provide grants to support mentoring and transitional services to offenders who are young fathers reintegrating into their communities. Mentoring and transition services should start during secure confinement and continue through the transition back to the community and post-release. The goals of this solicitation are to reduce recidivism among young fathers; improve outcomes for young fathers, their children, and family members; and promote responsible fatherhood. The objectives of this project are to provide young fathers with mentoring and transitional services in both confinement and in the community-based on and matched to their assessed risks and parenting needs that support their successful reentry. Programs should target services to increase positive parenting behaviors, which include but are not limited to homework assistance, words of encouragement/support, limit setting, affection/ hugging/praise, family/child activities, and other behaviors

that the applicant identifies. Transitional services should include a broad range of activities, such as providing case management, that target offender needs affecting recidivism and support comprehensive services and implementation of strategies to promote responsible fatherhood.

**Eligible Grantees:** Nonprofit organizations (including faith-based, tribal, and community nonprofit organizations) and federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Deadline: 3/2/2015**

## **Juvenile - Training and Technical Assistance**

For information on other Juvenile training and technical assistance opportunities, please visit [www.ojdp.gov/funding](http://www.ojdp.gov/funding).

## **CIVIL**

### **Civil - Grants**

For information on other Civil grant opportunities, please visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov).

### **Civil - Training and Technical Assistance**

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW)- Grants

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program**

This program creates an opportunity for culturally specific community-based organizations to address the critical needs of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in a manner that affirms a victim's culture and effectively addresses language and communication barriers. Examples of allowable activities under this program include but are not limited to: 1) crisis intervention; 2) advocacy; 3) individual and group counseling (including culturally specific groups incorporating crafts for example) for both victims as well as their children who are exposed to the violence; 4) community education and outreach efforts; 5) training for service providers, law enforcement, etc.; 6) emergency assistance for victims (food, clothing, rent, utilities and other approved necessities); 7) job training; 8) financial counseling; and 9) paying for interpreters and translators and legal assistance with protection orders and/or immigration remedies related to their victimization (U Visas, VAWA self-petitions, etc.).

**Eligible Grantees:** Private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organizations as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Black or Hispanics.

**Deadline: 2/19/2015**

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities**

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: 1) establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; 2) 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 3) 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. For the purposes of this program, the terms "victim services" and "services" include legal advocacy.

**Eligible Grantees:** States, unites of local governments, Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations, and victim service providers such as state or tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities.

**Deadline: 2/19/2015**



## **\*\*NEW\*\* Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program**

The Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program (SASP) encompasses four different grant programs for the following entities: 1) states and territories; 2) tribes; 3) culturally specific organizations; and 4) state, territorial, and tribal sexual assault coalitions. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.) support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. For purposes of this program "Advocacy" includes legal accompaniment and advocacy during reporting and through prosecution, and legal accompaniment and advocacy provided for securing orders of protection.

**Eligible Grantees:** Private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organizations as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Black or Hispanics.

**Deadline: 2/24/2015**

## **\*\*NEW\*\* Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (Tribal SAS Program)**

The Tribal SAS Program encompasses four different grant programs for the following entities: 1) states and territories; 2) tribes; 3) culturally specific organizations; and 4) state, territorial, and tribal sexual assault coalitions. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. This program provides funding directly to tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services. Tribal agencies, organizations, and nonprofits provide critical and culturally relevant services that are specifically responsive to the needs of sexual assault victims within tribal communities. For purposes of this program "Advocacy" includes legal accompaniment and advocacy during reporting and through prosecution, and legal accompaniment and advocacy provided for securing orders of protection.

**Eligible Grantees:** Federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations.

**Deadline: 2/24/2015**

## **OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **US Department of Justice, Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

**Deadline: February 24, 2015**

Applicants must register with GMS prior to submitting an application. An applicant will not be able to submit an application without registering in GMS before the application deadline of 9:00p.m.

Eastern Time (ET) on February 24, 2015. Applicants should begin the registration process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time using the system. It is strongly recommended that applicants register early, but no later than Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in order to resolve difficulties well in advance of the application deadline.

### **OVW FY 2015 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking**

**Deadline: February 24, 2015**

The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move survivors into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program supports projects that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related supportive services. Successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allow victims to choose the course of action that is best for them. Transitional housing programs may offer services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care,

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employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff and case managers may also be available to work with survivors to help them determine and reach their goals of permanent housing.

### [OJJDP FY 2015 Youth Violence Prevention Coordinated Technical Assistance Program](#)

**Deadline: March 2, 2015**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recognizes that preventing and ameliorating youth violence requires a shared framework to address the factors that impact violence and victimization at the individual, peer, family, community, and societal levels and promote child and youth well-being. Jurisdictions that work to address these issues benefit from strategic, coordinated training and technical assistance (TTA) and participation in learning communities to help them reach their short- and long-term goals. To facilitate progress, better support youth violence prevention, and promote well-being in localities nationwide, OJJDP invites proposals to broker, coordinate, and provide relevant TTA to the 39 jurisdictions that OJJDP is funding through its three signature youth violence prevention initiatives—the Defending Childhood, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, and Community-Based Violence Prevention initiatives. OJJDP invites organizations that preferably represent a partnership or consortium of entities as described in the Eligibility section on the title page to submit applications. This program is authorized pursuant to paragraphs (3)(C) and (D) under the Juvenile Justice Programs heading, and paragraph (11) under the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance heading, in the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2015, P.L.113-235: 128 Stat. 2130, 2193, 2195.

### [Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance-Esther Martinez Immersion](#)

**Deadline: March 4, 2015**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 funds for community-based projects for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance - Esther Martinez Immersion. The Esther Martinez Immersion provides funding to support three-year projects being implemented by Native American Language Nests, Survival Schools, and Restoration Programs in accordance with Pub.L. 109-394. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

### [Evaluating Structural, Economic, Environmental, or Policy Primary Prevention Strategies for Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence](#)

**Deadline: March 5, 2015**

The purpose of this announcement, RFA-CE-15-003, is to support research to rigorously evaluate structural, economic, environmental, or policy strategies for the primary prevention of intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence (IPV and/or SV). The proposed research will add to the limited knowledge base on effective strategies for IPV and/or SV prevention by evaluating the use of community-level approaches that change one or more of the social, economic, behavioral, or environmental characteristics of a community in order to prevent and reduce rates of IPV and/or SV perpetration, victimization or both perpetration and victimization.

[SFN8@cdc.gov](mailto:SFN8@cdc.gov) or Susan Neurath Telephone: 770-488-3368

### [OVW FY 2015 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program](#)

**Deadline: March 11, 2015**

The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. LAV Grant Program funds may not be used to provide criminal defense services.

### [FY 2015 NAGPRA Grant Program](#)

**Deadline: March 11, 2015**

The National NAGPRA Program assists the Secretary of the Interior with some responsibilities under NAGPRA. Section 10 of NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation,

documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.

## Native Asset Building Initiative

**Deadline: March 25, 2015**

Asset building is an approach to overcoming poverty that emphasizes the value of sound family budgeting, money management, savings, and investment in long term assets. The Office of Community Services (OCS) and the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) have partnered to increase access to and awareness of asset building opportunities in Native American communities. OCS and ANA are program offices within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). OCS and ANA will accept applications to establish and administer asset building projects with a focus on Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. The AFI focus of each project requires that eligible participants are given access to matched savings accounts, called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees will provide an array of additional supports and services to enable low-income individuals and families to become economically self-sufficient for the long term. Additional services offered to participants may include financial literacy education, credit counseling, coaching on money management and consumer issues, business support, home ownership support services, and other supportive services that enable them to become more financially secure. The IDA portion of the project is funded by OCS. ANA funds may be used to pay for costs associated with project administration and to provide other asset-building strategies. Under the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), applicants will submit 1 application that identifies a single work plan and 2 budgets, that is, a budget for each award. Successful applicants will receive an OCS-AFI award and an ANA-SEDS award.

## Tribal Court Improvement Program

**Deadline: March 30, 2015**

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:

- (1) Conduct assessments of how tribal courts handle child welfare proceedings and to make improvements to court processes;
- (2) Implement improvements to provide for the safety, permanency and well-being of children as set forth in the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-89) and increase and improve engagement of the entire family in court processes relating to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification and adoption;
- (3) Ensure children's safety, permanence, and well-being needs are met in a timely and complete manner (through better collection and analysis of data); and
- (4) Provide for training of judges, attorneys, and other legal personnel in child welfare cases.

## Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence

**Deadline: April 7, 2015**

NIJ has supported research in the area of violence against women for over four decades through annual solicitations, research workshops, and dissemination efforts. A compilation of NIJ's work in this area can be found in the Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women highlighting over 300 projects supported through NIJ's program since 1993.<sup>1</sup> More information about NIJ's support of research in the areas of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual violence can be found on topic-specific webpages<sup>2</sup>, and priority areas are documented in summaries of research meetings and workshops<sup>3</sup>. Applicants should review past violence against women solicitations that document overall areas of recent interest<sup>4</sup> and awards made under this program<sup>5</sup>.

Under this solicitation, specific areas of interest have been identified; however, other topics that offer important insights into violence against women will also be accepted for review.

### Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence

NIJ seeks applications to examine the effectiveness of specialized police and court-based units, services, and methods related to intimate partner and sexual violence. Of interest are studies on specialized prosecution or law enforcement programs for domestic or sexual violence, sexual assault prosecution units, domestic or intimate partner violence prosecution units, or domestic or intimate partner violence law

enforcement teams or units. The cost-effectiveness and sustainability of such specialized units or programs should be included as a component of a proposal's research design.

### Child Custody

NIJ seeks research on the development, adaptation, and testing of screening tools used for the identification of intimate partner violence in family court proceedings—specifically for cases involving child custody. Studies can involve the testing of new and existing tools, and instruments and proposals should include all relevant instrumentation in the appendices of the proposal.

### [Secondary Analysis of the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey \(NISVS\) Data: General Population and American Indian and Alaska Native Samples](#)

**Deadline: April 9, 2015**

The purpose of this National Institute of Justice (NIJ) solicitation is to encourage and support research using the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) data available from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data 1 (NACJD) to help inform policies and programs aimed at preventing violence, as well as addressing the specific information needs of state and national governmental and nongovernmental organizations. The survey was designed to track trends in intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence (SV), and stalking. NIJ seeks to support the scholarship of promising researchers to conduct secondary data analyses of these existing data.

### [Building the Evidence for Family Group Decision-Making in Child Welfare](#)

**Deadline: April 20, 2015**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit proposals for 36-month demonstration projects which will:

1. Conduct a Family Group Decision-Making (FGDM) program which effectively supports family connections and engages family members in ways that achieve positive outcomes for the target population of children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care and their families; and
2. Analyze the implementation, impact and cost of the FGDM program, through a rigorous local evaluation and cross-site evaluation participation, and produce high level evidence of what worked and why, in order to contribute to the evidence base for FGDM practice.

Grant projects will implement and evaluate a FGDM program, which includes essential elements required under this FOA. Grant projects will be designed to support families in making decisions and developing plans that nurture children in the target population, protect them from abuse and neglect, and, when appropriate, address domestic violence issues in a safe manner. Throughout the project period, grantees will devote a substantial amount of resources to the effective collection and analysis of data for evaluation purposes, and to the dissemination of evaluation findings regarding the impact of the FGDM process on safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for the target population of children and their families.

### [Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships FY15](#)

**Deadline: April 20, 2015**

NIJ is interested in funding multiple criminal justice research projects involving researcher-practitioner partnerships as well as capturing detailed descriptions of these collaborations. Other NIJ solicitations often encourage researcher-practitioner partnerships; however, this solicitation is directly aimed at supporting criminal justice research and evaluation activities that include a researcher-practitioner partnership component. Within the context of the proposed research or evaluation project, the partnerships can be new or ongoing. Results from these projects should lead to better criminal justice policy, practice, and research, including for the participating practitioner partner. For the purpose of this solicitation, practitioner or criminal justice practitioner or practice-based organization refers to public, non-profit, or community-based agencies at federal, State, and local levels directly involved in:

- Law enforcement.
- Corrections, including pretrial, parole, probation, supervised release, and reentry.
- The criminal judicial system.
- The juvenile justice system.
- Forensic sciences for criminal justice purposes.

- Crime victim services and programs.
- Crime and violence prevention programs

## Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants

Deadline: April 30, 2015

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to solicit applications for one-time grants to tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop, and within 24 months of grant receipt, submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this funding opportunity announcement may be used for the cost of developing a title IV-E plan under Section 471 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to carry out a program under Section 479B of the Act. The grant may be used for costs relating to the development of data collection systems, a cost allocation methodology, agency and Tribal court procedures necessary to meet the case review system requirements under Section 475(5) of the Act, or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a title IV-E plan.

## FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-Tribal Historic Preservation Offices

Deadline: May 15, 2015

To provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historical preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning, and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 2006.

## Access to Historical Records

Deadline: June 17, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals that promote the preservation and use of the nation's most valuable archival resources. This grant program is designed to support archival repositories in preserving and processing primary source materials. The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities: Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats• Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats. After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. For a comprehensive list of Commission limitations on funding, please see "What we do and do not fund". Applications that consist entirely of ineligible activities will not be considered. Award Information: A grant normally is for one or two years and for up to \$200,000. The Commission expects to make up to 14 grants in this category for a total of up to \$1,000,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligible applicants include: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

The Commission provides no more than 50 per cent of total direct project costs in the Access to Historical Records category. NHPRC grant recipients are not permitted to use grant funds for indirect costs (as indicated in 2 CFR 2600.101). Cost sharing is required. The applicant's financial contribution may include both direct and indirect expenses, in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions, and any income earned directly by the project. Indirect costs must be listed under the applicant's cost sharing contribution. Other Requirements: Applicant organizations must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to submitting an application, maintain SAM registration throughout the application and award process, and include a valid DUNS number in their application. Details on SAM registration and requesting a DUNS number can be found at the System for Award Management website at <https://sam.gov>. Please refer to the User Guides section and the Grants Registrations PDF. A complete application includes the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), Assurances -- Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424B), a Project Narrative, Summary, Supplementary Materials, and Budget. Applications lacking these items will not be considered. Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.



## Veterans Cemetery Grants

**Deadline: July 1, 2015**

Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39.

## FY 2015 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations

**Deadline: September 30, 2015**

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 and transfer ownership of their interests to the tribe of 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 is interested in partnering with eligible tribes to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts on the reservations under their jurisdiction as tribes are considered uniquely qualified to perform the land consolidation activities on their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with eligible tribes to not only to capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, if desired, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction.

More information is available at: <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/tribes/agreements.cfm>. Tribes are encouraged to contact Program staff for more information on developing the cooperative agreement application prior to submission. 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 sharply limits overall administrative funding for the duration of the Buy-Back Program, cooperative agreement awards are not intended to directly fund long-term, multi-year programs at each location or reservation. Most awards will provide funding for no longer than 1 year, and tribes are encouraged to utilize the award amount to work with existing tribal land offices and programs. Tribes are also encouraged to work with Program staff in the development of the cooperative agreement application. <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram>

## The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

**Deadline: September 30, 2015**

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. For more information, contact Gerri Watkins, Management Analyst [michael\\_murray@fws.gov](mailto:michael_murray@fws.gov)

## Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions

**Deadline: October 8, 2015**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide access to these materials in a free

and open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, editing, and publishing documentary source materials in print and online. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. All applicants should be aware that the application process is highly competitive. Applicants from ongoing project must: demonstrate that they have successfully achieved the performance objectives associated with previous NHPRC awards; provide updated, current information, including a description of the new activities; show progress towards completing the edition; and justify costs in a new budget. If a currently-funded project is preparing only a print edition, it must either complete the project by 2018 or make plans to prepare an online edition by 2018. In the latter instance, projects may also prepare print editions as part of their overall publishing plan. Print-only editions should contact the NHPRC staff for technical assistance in preparing an application. New projects and projects that have never received an NHPRC grant must include plans for an online edition and apply at the second deadline (October 8, 2015). Such projects may also prepare print editions as part of their overall publishing plan. For a comprehensive list of Commission's limitations on funding, please see What We Do and Do Not Fund. Award Information: Applicants may apply for funding for one year. Award amounts may range from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Commission expects to make as many as 25 grants in this category, for a total of up to \$2,500,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligibility: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; and federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

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

#### **Deadline: Open**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage 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 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, 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, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; 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 teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate 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.

### [Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations](#)

#### **Deadline: Open**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Native, American

Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

### **Surdna Foundation- Teens’ Artistic and Cultural Advancement**

**Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)** <http://www.surdna.org>

This foundation seeks organizations that have a proven and longstanding commitment to serving teens and that emphasize skill building. This funding is designed to:

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;
- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;
- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens’ success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.