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FORUM PROPOSALS

Child Support: Proposed New Rule for Title IV-D Case Transfers to Tribal Court will be posted for public comment (April 19, 2013 - June 19, 2013).

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/Tribal-ITC-FLIV-D.pdf>

Psychotropic Medication: Proposed Revised Rules and Forms Relating to Notice of Indian Tribes will be posted for public comment (April 19-June 19).

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/PsychotropicMedsProposal.pdf>

Tribal Access to Confidential Juvenile Court Files: Proposed Amendments to Section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code will be posted for public comment (April 19-June 19).

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/Tribal-ITCWIC827Draft.pdf>

FORUM MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Juvenile and Family Justice TODAY (Winter 2013), a Publication of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/sites/default/files/Winter%202013%20Today%20Magazine.pdf>

Recognition for Judge Abby Abinanti, page 6.

Article by Judge Leonard P. Edwards on *Working with Juvenile Court Judges in Morocco*, page 24.

See also article on *Meaningful and Ongoing Engagement of Tribes and State Courts in Child Protection* by Alicia K. Davis and Gina Jackson, page 18.

FORUM EVENTS

Cross-Court Exchanges

The forum is hosting a series of gatherings that we are calling cross-court educational exchanges. The focus of these exchanges is to discuss and problem-solve together local justice systems' concerns relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, teen dating violence and/or elder abuse. The judges are inviting tribal leadership and local county and tribal professionals who work in the fields of child welfare, juvenile and criminal law, education, mental health, probation, social services, victim and other supportive services.

Thank you, Judge Abinanti and Judge Wilson, for cohosting the next exchange:

Date: May 29, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Klamath Office Administration,
190 Klamath Blvd - Klamath, CA 95548

Forum E-Update

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<http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-tribal.htm>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video: Please check out this video on featuring Native youth talking about culture is prevention. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qW4ipO4ouxM>

Indian Child Welfare Act Conference: 20th Annual Statewide Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference, June 25 - 27, 2013. This year, the conference is hosted by the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians and held at the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula, California. For registration and other conference information, visit the Pechanga Tribe's home page at <http://www.pechanga-nsn.gov/page?pageId=542>. If you have any questions about the conference or workshop schedule, please contact Angela Medrano at amedrano@pechanga-nsn.gov or (951) 770-6177.

Violence Against Women Act Resources:

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was reauthorized for the third time on March 7, 2013. (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, S. 47, 113th Congress, 2013-2015.) VAWA of 2013 includes Title IX—Safety for Indian Women.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute maintains a website with extensive resources on VAWA. http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/vawa_2013.htm

U.S. Attorney General Holder Launches Task Force to Improve Responses to Violence Against Children in Tribal Communities .
<http://blogs.justice.gov/main/archives/2783>

California State Franchise Tax Board Clarification and Recent Decision: Tribal members who live on their reservation and who receive income from reservation sources are not subject to state tax on that income.
https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/Native_Americans/Reservation_Source_Income.shtml

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

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants

Deadline: May 14, 2013

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to make 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 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.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2013-ACF-ACYF-CS-0579>

OJJDP FY 2013 Model Programs Guide

Deadline: May 20, 2013

This solicitation invites eligible applicants to develop and expand content for OJJDP's Model Programs Guide (MPG). MPG provides an online resource for practitioners and policymakers of evidence-based juvenile justice programs and practices. The successful applicant will expand the number of programs reviewed and the types of evidence-based information available in MPG in adherence to the standards, criteria, and processes that have been established for the CrimeSolutions.gov Web site. (An existing Office of Justice Programs contractor will host and maintain the MPG Web site and CrimeSolutions.gov program database.) This program will be authorized by an Act appropriating FY 2013 funds for the Department of Justice.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/MPG.pdf>

Native American Crime, Victimization and Justice Studies: Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline: May 20, 2013

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding for one or more postdoctoral fellows. As the principal research agency within the Department, NIJ is dedicated to improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science. The program offers scientists an opportunity to participate full-time on research addressing tribal crime, victimization, and justice issues relevant to the work of NIJ and public policy. This solicitation is expected to further the Department's mission by facilitating collaboration between academic scholars and government researchers. For more information see link:

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001068.pdf>

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OJJDP FY 2013 National Intertribal Youth Leadership Development Initiative

Deadline: May 20, 2013

The award recipient will build on the successes of the past OJJDP National Intertribal Youth Leadership Summits and further expand the types of leadership development support that OJJDP offers to tribal youth. This initiative aims to enhance tribal efforts to increase youth engagement, coordination, and action related to juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and public safety in Indian country. The recipient will employ multiple strategies, including national and regional learning events, to strengthen the ability of tribal youth to initiate, contribute to, and participate in culturally relevant efforts that reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors in youth, schools, communities, and families. This program will be authorized by an Act appropriating FY 2013 funds for the Department of Justice.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/TYPLeadership.pdf>

Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence

Deadline: May 20, 2013

NIJ is seeking multidisciplinary research and evaluation proposals related to childhood exposure to violence. In particular, NIJ seeks applications that address polyvictimization, Internet harassment/electronic aggression (e.g., bullying through Facebook, harassing e-mails), resilience, or justice system responses to children identified as being exposed to violence. For the purposes of this solicitation, "Children Exposed to Violence (CEV)" encompasses a broad area that includes children as both direct victims and as 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).

<https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001042.pdf>

OJJDP FY 2013 Community-Based Violence Prevention Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

Deadline: May 28, 2013

OJJDP will fund the Community-Based Violence Prevention (CBVP) Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation (FIRE) Program to support methodologically rigorous research and evaluations that inform policy and practice consistent with the Department of Justice's mission. OJJDP will fund field-initiated studies to inform efforts to prevent and reduce youth violence (including gun violence) and violence exposure at the community level under Part B of Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDP Act), (42 USC 5631 et seq.) and Part R of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 USC 3796ee et seq.).

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/CBVPFIRE.pdf>

OJJDP FY 2013 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force National Training Program

Deadline: May 28, 2013

OJJDP seeks to identify training providers to serve the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force program. The state and regional ICAC task forces work collaboratively as a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that prevent, interdict, and investigate technology-

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facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This program furthers the Department's mission to provide training and support in this area of constantly evolving technology. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/ICACTTA.pdf>

OJJDP FY 2013 Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

Deadline: May 29, 2012

This program will support methodologically rigorous research and evaluations that inform policy and practice consistent with the Department of Justice's mission. OJJDP will fund field-initiated studies that advance the understanding of how the application of a child and adolescent development framework to juvenile justice system approaches, policies, and programs impacts juvenile delinquency, justice system involvement, and recidivism. This solicitation is authorized under Part B of Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDP Act) (42 USC 5631 et seq.) and Part R of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 USC 3796e et seq.).

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/FIRE.pdf>

OJJDP FY 2013 National Girls Institute

Deadline: May 30, 2013

Through this program, OJJDP seeks to support its National Girls Institute (NGI) to advance the understanding and application of promising and evidence-based prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare programs and services for at-risk and juvenile justice- involved girls. NGI accomplishes its mission through a broad range of activities, including training and technical assistance (TTA); information dissemination; collaboration with researchers and program developers; partnership with federal, state, and local agencies; policy development; and other leadership functions. This solicitation is authorized by Sections 221–223 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act), 42 U.S.C. §§ 5631-5633.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/NGI.pdf>

OJJDP FY 2013 National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Custody

Deadline: May 30, 2013

Under this program, the successful applicant will operate the OJJDP National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Custody (the Center) to provide resources, training, and technical assistance for state, local, and tribal departments of juvenile justice and corrections, service providers, and private organizations that operate juvenile facilities. The Center will serve the range of facilities in which juveniles are placed, including detention, corrections and adult facilities, and the unique population of juveniles in these institutions. The Center will emphasize the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile justice system and provide comprehensive training, technical assistance, and resources directly to justice facilities that detain or confine juveniles. The Center will also update and contribute to the knowledge base of best practices in detaining or confining juveniles. Legislative authority for this program can be found under Sections 221–223 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act), 42 U.S.C. §§ 5631–5633.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/TTACenterforYouthinCustody.pdf>

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Diligent Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System

Deadline: May 31, 2013

This Funding Opportunity Announcement solicits applications to fund cooperative agreements, for the purpose of developing programs to recruit resource families for children in foster care.

Applications submitted in response to this announcement should propose projects that will:

1. Implement comprehensive, multi-faceted diligent recruitment programs for resource families, including kinship, foster, concurrent, and adoptive families for children and youth served by public child welfare agencies; effectively identify, engage and support resource families as a means of improving permanency outcomes and building lasting connections for children in foster care;
2. Integrate the diligent recruitment programs into the Child and Family Service Plan and with other agency programs, including foster care case planning and permanency planning processes, to facilitate active concurrent planning activities;
3. Demonstrate the capacity to use this project as a transformative platform for improved system response to permanency and building connections, incorporating changes at the policy and practice level and embracing the philosophy of permanency beginning at entry into the child welfare system;
4. Evaluate the implementation of the comprehensive diligent recruitment programs to document processes and potential linkages between diligent recruitment strategies and improved outcomes; and
5. Develop identifiable sites that other States/locales seeking to implement improved diligent recruitment methods can look at for guidance, insight and possible replication.

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/index.cfm?switch=grant.view&gff_grants_forecastInfoID=64695

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Diligent Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System

Deadline: June 10, 2013

The Administration of Children and Families is currently accepting applications to fund cooperative agreements for the purpose of developing programs to recruit resource families for children in foster care. Applications submitted in response to this announcement should propose projects that will implement comprehensive, multi-faceted diligent recruitment programs for resource families, effectively identify, engage and support resource families as a means of improving permanency outcomes, integrate the diligent recruitment programs into the Child and Family Service Plan and with other agency programs, evaluate the implementation of the comprehensive diligent recruitment programs to document processes and potential linkages between diligent recruitment strategies and improved outcomes, and develop identifiable sites that other States/locales seeking to implement improved diligent recruitment methods. The specific requirements for applications for this funding can be found at the following link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2013-ACF-ACYF-CO-0593>

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Youth Service America Seeks Applications for Youth Ambassador Program

Deadline: June 16, 2013

Do you have a passion for community service? Have you worked hard to solve a local problem but want to do more? Then apply for the National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador Program. A project of YSA (Youth Service America) and Festival of Children Foundation, this year-long Ambassadorship will help youth (ages 16-22) combat critical issues facing young people today.

<http://www.ysa.org>

State and Local Justice Agencies Serving Tribal Lands

Deadline June 18, 2013

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is developing a comprehensive program of statistical data collection efforts to document justice system activities on tribal lands. Current collections target the federal justice system, jails in Indian Country, crimes reported by tribal law enforcement agencies, and tribal court systems. The proposed data collections will fill two major information gaps. This effort will conduct two separate, but related, surveys: one of the state and local law enforcement agencies and one of state and local prosecutor offices that provide justice services on tribal lands. These surveys will solicit information on administrative procedures and practices, tribal caseloads and provided services, and the capabilities of the agencies to report detailed data on the tribal matters they handle. For more information, see

http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/sljastl_sol.pdf

Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges

Deadline: August 27, 2013

NEH Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges grants are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at community colleges or community college systems. These projects must be planned and implemented in collaboration with another institution with appropriate resources, such as a college or university, museum, research library, or professional association. Grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future.

<http://www.neh.gov>

Surdna Foundation

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)

The Thriving Cultures Program therefore supports programs that successfully connect teens to artistically rigorous and culturally relevant programs that equip them with practical and life-enhancing skills. We value programs that prepare young, emerging artists to be creative and innovative leaders in their communities.

<http://www.surdna.org>