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IN THE NEWS

[Canada: From foster care to missing or murdered: Canada's other tragic pipeline \(Opinion\)](#)

MaClean's - April 12, 2017

The increasing number of First Nations children being placed into foster care in Canada is nothing short of a crisis. Although Indigenous children make up only seven per cent of the population in Canada, they represent 48 per cent of all children in foster care. It is an astounding number until one examines these rates on a province-by-province basis.

[Harvard Law Review Indian Law Commentary Series by Kevin Washburn and Angela Riley](#)

Turtle Talk - April 14, 2017

by Matthew L.M. Fletcher

[What the Future Holds: The Changing Landscape of Federal Indian Policy](#)

Indian Law Commentary Series

Turtle Talk - April 14, 2017

Essay by [Kevin K. Washburn](#)

[Adoption Fairness Bill: Bipartisan Legislation for Tribal Special Needs Children](#)

Indian Country Today - April 16, 2017

By Vincent Schilling

Bill would give parents adopting tribal special needs children an adoption tax credit available to states.

[AZ: Indian community attorneys argue before AZ Supreme Court to protect Indian children](#)

Sonoran News - April 17, 2017

Attorneys for the Gila River Indian Community this morning made oral arguments before the Arizona Supreme Court in a controversial case involving which court - Arizona state Court or the Community's Tribal Court - will be the ultimate decision-maker regarding the future of a Native American child at risk of being permanently removed from her Community.

[Cherokee Nation Sues Drug Makers in Tribal Court over Opioid Additional Epidemic](#)

Turtle Talk - April 20, 2017

by Matthew L.M. Fletcher

Here is the complaint in [Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma v. McKessor Corp.](#) (Cherokee Nation Dist. Ct.):

[Petition 4-20-17](#). News coverage in WaPo: "[Cherokee Nation sues c firms, retailers for flooding communities with opioids.](#)"

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

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

[US: Hoeven Examines Implementation of the Native American Children's Safety Act of 2016 \(Press release\)](#)

United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs - April 21, 2017
"Today we have an opportunity to forge a path forward for the young people in this community," Hoeven said. "Native youth are 2.5 times more likely to experience incidents involving child abuse or neglect than children of any other race or ethnicity. It is also deeply troubling that a child's placement in foster care can lead to further involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems later in life. We need to break this vicious cycle for Native youth."

[Notice of Appeal in Goldwater ICWA Litigation](#)

Turtle Talk - April 24, 2017

By Kate Fort

As they promised they would, Goldwater filed their notice of appeal to 9th Circuit in the Arizona ICWA class action case.

[US: Indian Child Welfare Act: One Family's Journey Along the Adoption Trail](#)

Indian Country Today - April 24, 2017

The Indian Child Welfare Act has taken a beating in the mainstream press lately. It is often portrayed as an obscure, frivolous law of ill-service to the many mixed race Indian children living off the reservation. Like many things in our world, Indian culture and families have changed. They no longer resemble (not that they ever did) the television fueled mainstream vision of Indian life. In fact, 60 percent of Native families are like ours, they live off the reservation.

[US: Cardinal Health: CN opioid suit will test reach of tribal court](#)

4-Traders - April 27, 2017

There are questions now that a lawsuit has been filed by the Cherokee Nation in tribal court, accusing six drug distributors and pharmacies of failing to prevent the flow of illegally prescribed opioids.

[US: Providers Hope Trauma Legislation Will Help Native Children in Foster Care](#)

Chronicle of Social Change - April 28, 2017

The Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act would gather federal officials and members of tribal agencies to create a set of best practices and training to help create a better way to identify and support children and families that have experienced trauma.

[Escaping the ICWA penalty box: In defense of equal protection for Indian children.](#)

Sandefur, Timothy

Source: [37 Child. Legal Rts. J. 1](#) (2017)

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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[Indians, Race, and Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country](#)

Albany Law Review - 10 Alb. Govt. L. Rev. 49 (2017)

By Alex Tallchief Skibine

This article argues that the classification of "Indian" for the purposes of the ICCA and the Duro fix is not "racial" even if it includes non-enrolled people of Indian ancestry. Furthermore, this article discusses the Zepeda court and how it conflicts with the first prong of the Rogers test regarding what type of blood qualifies Indian blood.

[Native Nations and the Constitution: An Inquiry into "Extra-Constitutionality"](#)

Indian Law Commentary Series

Essay by [Angela R. Riley](#)

[Recognition of tribal court orders and judgments.](#)

Minnesota State Bar Association

Source: [74-APR Bench & B. Minn. 9](#) (2017)

[\[Dis\]respecting the role of tribal courts.](#)

Leeds, Stacy L.

Source: [42 Hum. Rts. 20](#) (2017)

[Predicate offenses, foreign convictions, and trusting tribal courts.](#)

Birkhold, Alexander S.

Source: [114 Mich. L. Rev. Online 155](#) (2016)

Publications

[Human Trafficking: Action Needed to Identify the Number of Native American Victims Receiving Federally-funded Services. Highlights of GAO-17-325, a Report to Congressional Requesters](#)

Highlights of GAO-17-325, a Report to Congressional Requesters

U.S. Government Accountability Office. 2017

[2016 Tribal-State Opioid Summit \[October 2016, Morton, Minnesota\]. Final Report](#)

March 9, 2017

At the Annual Summit of State and Tribal Leaders in July 2016, leaders of Minnesota's Tribal Nations highlighted for Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith the devastating impact of opioids on tribal communities throughout Minnesota. In response, the Dayton-Smith Administration and Minnesota's Tribal Leaders agreed to partner on a summit focused on developing strategies and solutions to address the opioid crisis in Indian Country. The Tribal-State Opioid Summit took place on Tuesday, October 18 at Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, Minnesota.

[Strategies for Successfully Recruiting and Retaining Preferred- Placement Foster Homes for American Indian Children: Maintaining culture and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.](#)

Killos, Lydia. Lucero, Nancy. Kauffmann, Megan. Brammer, Misty J. Freemont, Sheri. Maher, Erin. 2017

Announcements

[My Tribal Area-Data Tool](#)

The Census Bureau collects data for the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population and publishes specific counts, estimates, and statistics. My Tribal Area gives you quick and easy access to selected statistics from the [American Community Survey](#) (ACS). The ACS provides detailed demographic, social, economic, and housing statistics every year for the nation's communities. My Tribal Area is powered by the [Census Application Programming Interface](#) (API). - See more at: <https://www.census.gov/tribal/application/#sthash.fit39aAO.dpuf>

[RESOURCE: New Vicarious Trauma Toolkit for First Responders and Victim Service Providers](#)

With the recent launch of the [Vicarious Trauma Toolkit](#) (VTT), victim service organizations now have evidence-informed tools to address the impact of vicarious trauma on their staff and volunteers.

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Webinars

[Webinar To Discuss Mentoring for Sexually Exploited Youth](#)

May 18, 2017 – 10:00-11:15am PT

This webinar will explore program considerations and strategies for mentoring youth victims/survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. This webinar is part of the [Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series](#), which is supported by OJJDP's [National Mentoring Resource Center](#).

[AI/AN NPA Webinar Series: The Hope Squad Program – Addressing Suicide Prevention and Untreated Mental Illness](#)

May 18, 2017 – 12:00-1:00pm PT

The American Indian and Alaska Native National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA) Caucus provides a forum for members to increase dialogue across the country and to coordinate and enhance tribal, state and local efforts to address health disparities and the social determinants of health for AI/ANs.

[Webinar: Working in Tribal Communities to Protect Victims and Communities from Firearms in DV Cases](#)

May 22, 2017 - 11:00am-12:00pm PT

Tribal communities face a variety of unique obstacles to removing firearms from individuals who are prohibited from having them due to civil protection orders (CPOs) or criminal convictions for domestic violence. Yet the CPO and criminal processes provide many opportunities for professionals to learn about and respond effectively to abusers' access to firearms using existing laws. The NCJFCJ and our partners have gathered examples of strategies from around the country to help Tribal and other communities take full advantage of these intervention opportunities so that they can better protect victims and others from firearms violence.

Presented by:

Carolina LaPorte, Senior Native Affairs Advisor, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
Nancy Hart, JD, Senior Program Attorney, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Darren Mitchell, JD, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Consultant

[Domestic Violence Safety Issues When Meth is Present](#)

May 17, 2017, 12:00-1:30 PM PDT

Please join this important webinar panel presentation to learn more about meth; its' impact on domestic violence programs and shelters; what larger environmental and public safety concerns come into play; and what tribes are doing to meet this challenge. Facilitated by Gwendolyn Packard, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, NIWRC; Walter Lamar, President, Lamar Associates; and Lorene Thomas, DV/SA Director, Otokahe Teca Tipi.

[Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Key Components & Standards](#)

May 25, 2017, 12:00-1:30 PM PDT

Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts have experienced great success, even serving as models for other types of drug courts. Tribal Values and the Tribal Key Components are instrumental in their success.

State Judicial Branch Online Resources

Newslinks

This is a service that the Judicial Council's Communications 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 contact Carolynn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov.

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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.](#)

Upcoming Conferences

[Courses for Tribal Judges 2017](#)

The National Tribal Judicial Center
At The National Judicial College

[Drug Identification and Recognition to Support Tribal Justice](#)

May 16-17, 2017

Neah Bay, WA

Recognize signs and symptoms of stimulants, hallucinogens, opiates, marijuana, alcohol, depressants, inhalants, dissociative anesthetics, and various drug combinations. Examine current drug trends and the legal considerations related to drug investigations.

[“Strengthening Indigenous Advocacy by Honoring Our Sacred Connections to Earth Mother”](#)

May 31-June 2, 2017

Bloomington, MN

You are invited to participate in this unique NIWRC Specialty Institute that will focus on the connections between violence against Earth Mother and violence against Indigenous peoples.

[Amber Alert in Indian Country: Child Protection Symposium](#)

June 1-2, 2017

Bismarck, ND

[24th Annual ICWA Statewide Conference](#)

June 5-6, 2017

Loleta, CA

Bear River Casino Hotel

11 Bear Paws Way

Loleta, CA 95551

Block rooms available under code: ICWA CONFERENCE; Tel: (800) 761-2327 (*block rooms must be reserved by phone*).

Attendance at this event is free of charge, but reservations are required. Click here to see the [\[DRAFT\] AGENDA](#)

TRIBAL MEETING: June 5, 2017 - 5:00-8:00pm - Tribal meeting (Dinner will be provided). Pre-registration will take place from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. This meeting is for Tribal Representatives ONLY.

ICWA CONFERENCE: June 6, 2017 - 8:00am-5:30pm (Lunch will be provided.) Everyone welcome.

CDSS UPDATES: June 6, 2017 - 5:30-6:30pm (Dinner will be provided.)

For questions about registration or MCLE, contact: Laura Svoboda/California Indian Legal Services at (707) 443-8397 or lsvoboda@calindian.org

[National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking](#)

June 5-7, 2017

San Diego, CA

This interactive training will provide judges and judicial officers with tools to better work with youth who are victims or are at risk of becoming victims of child sex trafficking.

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The [National Center for School Engagement](#) is offering “[Developing a Problem-Solving Truancy Court](#)”

June 16, 2017

Colorado Springs, CO

This training will focus on how problem-solving courts can engage family and community partners to help youth overcome truancy. This training is designed for judges, magistrates, school district personnel, juvenile parole officers, and others engaged in helping students and families improve school attendance in conjunction with courts.

[NCJFCJ 80th Annual Conference](#)

July 16-19, 2017

Washington, DC

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) is pleased to inform you that the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has approved the use of OVW grant funds to attend NCJFCJ's [80th Annual Conference](#) taking place on July 16-19, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

The following OVW programs have conditionally approved their grantees to attend this conference. Grantees are required to contact their OVW program specialist to get approval specific to their award and to ensure that a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) is issued. A GAN must be completed before grantees commit or expend any funds related to attending this conference.

- Abuse Later in Life
- ICJR (formerly Arrest)
- Justice for Families
- Rural
- Tribal Government
- Tribal Jurisdiction
- LAV

[The National Forum on Criminal Justice](#)

July 30-August 1, 2017

Long Beach, CA

Workshops will feature promising and innovative programs and strategies to address crime around the country; explore how technology can improve the administration of justice; examine research and evaluation; and highlight priority issues within the Department of Justice and available resources. Workshop sessions will showcase innovative programs and highlight how research and technology help drive good policy.

[23rd National Symposium on Juvenile Services](#)

“[Improving Juvenile Services: Identifying and Promoting Quality Practice](#)”

October 8-12, 2017

Rosen Plaza Hotel

9700 International Drive

Orlando, FL 32819

The National Symposium on Juvenile Services is a unique forum that brings together the leadership and direct care professionals from juvenile services and other human services professionals for training and the opportunity to network and share innovative program service approaches being implemented within the juvenile justice system throughout the country. We hope you will have a participatory role in shaping the agenda and future direction of our juvenile justice system. For more information or to download a [Call for Presentations](#) visit [here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

[Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans provides funds for community-based projects for the Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program. The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing,

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restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals.

State and Tribal Grant Programs

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

BJA FY 17 National Initiatives Adjudications: Training and Technical Assistance to Support Protection of Constitutional Rights Under the Sixth Amendment

Deadline: May 16, 2017

Funding to support several projects to support training and technical assistance to state and local governments, including any agent with responsibility thereof, to meet the obligations established by the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, including the rights to a speedy public trial; impartial jury; effective assistance of Defense counsel; defendant notice of nature and cause of accusation; and to compel and cross examine witnesses. TTA activities will include dissemination of model information, best practices and research; support for defense systems strategic planning; and assistance with adopting and implementing a system and/or strategies for the administration of justice consistent with the Sixth Amendment, including the effective assistance of defense counsel.

Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program Pre and Full Application

Deadline: May 16, 2017

To fund technical studies to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling key housing-related health and safety hazards, including lead-based paint hazards; to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards; and to improve our knowledge of these key housing-related health and safety hazards.

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Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

Deadline: May 18, 2017

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

Deadline: May 19, 2017

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas.

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[Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program](#)

Deadline: May 23, 2017

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and/or enhancing programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). SORNA (42 U.S.C. § 16901, Title I) was enacted to protect the public by establishing a comprehensive national system of standards for the registration and notification of convicted sex offenders.

[Tax Counseling for the Elderly](#)

Deadline: May 31, 2017

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offers FREE tax help to individuals who are age 60 or older. Section 163 of the Revenue Act of 1978, Public Law No. 95-600, 92 Stat. 2810, November 6, 1978, authorizes this cooperative agreement. The Act authorizes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to enter into agreements with private or public nonprofit agencies and organizations, which will provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who provide FREE tax counseling and assistance to elderly individuals in the preparation of their federal income tax returns. This Act authorizes an appropriation of special funds, in the form of grants, to provide tax assistance to persons age 60 years of age or older. The IRS receives the funds as a line item in the appropriation. The total funds are distributed to the grant recipients for their expenses. Eligible agencies and organizations compete for acceptance as a TCE grant recipient in compliance with the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, Public Law No. 95-224, 92 Stat. 3, February 3, 1978, codified at 31 USC Chapter 63. Applicants must be experienced in coordinating volunteer programs, with experience in income tax return preparation. Eligible agencies and organizations receive grants to conduct local TCE Programs. Tax return preparation assistance is provided to elderly taxpayers during the usual period for filing federal income tax returns, which is from January 1 to April 15 each year. However, the program activities required to ensure that elderly taxpayers receive efficient and quality tax assistance can be conducted year-round.

[Common Heritage](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2017

America's cultural heritage is preserved not only in libraries, museums, archives, and other community organizations, but also in all of our homes, family histories, and life stories. The Common Heritage program aims to capture this vitally important part of our country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Common Heritage will support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of outreach through community events that explore and interpret these materials as a window on the community's history and culture. The Common Heritage program recognizes that members of the public—in partnership with libraries, museums, archives, and historical organizations—have much to contribute to the understanding of our cultural mosaic. Together, such institutions and the public can be effective partners in the appreciation and stewardship of our common heritage. The program supports events organized by community cultural institutions, which members of the public will be invited to attend. At these events experienced staff will digitize the community historical materials brought in by the public. Project staff will also record descriptive information—provided by community attendees—about the historical materials. Contributors will be given a free digital copy of their items to take home, along with the original materials. With the owner's permission, digital copies of these materials would be included in the institutions' collections. Historical photographs, artifacts, documents, family letters, art works, and audiovisual recordings are among the many items eligible for digitization and public commemoration. Projects must also provide community outreach via public events that would expand understanding of the community's heritage. Public programs could include lectures, panels, reading and discussion groups, special gallery tours, screening and discussion of relevant films, presentations by a historian, special initiatives for families and children, interpretation by curators about items brought in by the public, workshops on preserving heritage materials, or other activities that bring humanities perspectives on heritage materials to community audiences. These activities should provide a framework for a deeper understanding of the community members' shared or divergent heritage. The programs may take place before, during, and/or after the day of the digitization event. Applicants may but need not include in their proposals a topic around which the event and the programs would be organized. Topics proposed for programs may also be proposed for the digitization event. The applicant institution must plan, promote, and organize the event and ensure that a wide range of historical materials can be digitized and also contextualized through public programming. Since the help of additional institutions and organizations in the community may be needed to accomplish this work, the applicant must take responsibility for enlisting appropriate organizations or institutions, such as local libraries and museums, to contribute to the project, as needed.

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[NAGPRA Repatriation Grants](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2017

Awards to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial and/or storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and/or cultural items.

[Tribal Management Grant Program](#)

Deadline: June 4, 2017

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant announcement is to announce the availability of the TMG Program to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (T/TO) in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services and activities (PSFAs) through a Title I contract and assist established Title I contractors and Title V compactors to further develop and improve their management capability. In addition, TMGs are available to T/TO under the authority of 25 U.S.C. section 5322(e) for (1) obtaining technical assistance from providers designated by the T/TO (including T/TO that operate mature contracts) for the purposes of program planning and evaluation, including the development of any management systems necessary for contract management and the development of cost allocation plans for indirect cost rates; and (2) planning, designing, monitoring, and evaluating Federal programs serving the T/TO, including Federal administrative functions.

[Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse](#)

Deadline: June 6, 2017

The purpose of this forecasted funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide competitive grant funds for up to 5 years for projects authorized by the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Pub. L. 112-34). This Act includes a targeted grants program (section 437(f)) that directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reserve funds for regional partnership grants (RPGs) to improve the well-being of children affected by substance abuse. These targeted grants will be awarded to regional partnerships that provide, through interagency collaboration and integration of programs and services, activities and services that are designed to increase the well-being of, improve permanency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children who are in out-of-home placements or are at risk of entering out-of-home placements as a result of a parent's or caretaker's substance abuse. Applicants will be expected to have a collaborative structure in place that is capable of building the region's capacity to meet a broad range of needs for families involved with both substance abuse treatment and the child welfare system. Per the legislative requirements, RPGs are required to select and report on performance indicators and evaluation measures to increase the knowledge that can be gained from the program. Partnerships will: Use specific, well-defined, and evidence-based programs that are also trauma-informed and targeted to the identified population; Conduct an evaluation that is sufficiently rigorous to contribute to the evidence base on service delivery, outcomes and costs associated with the project's chosen interventions; Participate in the national cross-site evaluation, which includes an implementation and partnership study, an outcomes study, and an impact study.

To apply, please contact:

[Jean Blankenship](#)

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[California Conservation Innovation Grants](#)

Deadline: June 7, 2017

Overview: The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies, while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals and guides or to the private sector. CIG is used to apply or demonstrate previously proven technology in order to increase adoption with an emphasis on opportunities to scale proven, emerging conservation strategies. CIG promotes sharing of skills, knowledge, technologies, and facilities among communities, governments, and other institutions to ensure that scientific and technological developments are accessible to a wider range of users. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. CIG does not fund research projects, with the exception of on-farm conservation research. On-farm conservation research is defined as an investigation conducted to answer a specified

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conservation-related question using a statistically valid design, while employing farm-scale equipment on farm fields. Specifically, a valid study design will use an appropriate number of replications and statistical analysis of results. To the extent NRCS funds research projects through CIG, the Agency will only fund research projects that stimulate innovative approaches to natural resource management in conjunction with agricultural production. NRCS will accept proposals under this notice for single or multiyear projects, not to exceed three years, submitted by eligible entities from California. Eligible entities include Indian Tribes, State and local units of government, non-governmental organizations, and individuals. Proposals will be screened for completeness and compliance with the provisions of this notice. Incomplete and/or noncompliant proposals will be eliminated from competition, and notification of elimination will be sent to the applicant. Complete proposals received by applicable deadlines will be evaluated by a technical peer review panel based on the Proposal Evaluation Criteria identified in the instructions in section V.B. Proposals, along with their associated technical peer review, will then be forwarded to the California Review Board. The California Review Board will make its recommendations for project approval to the NRCS State Conservationist who will make the final selections.

Digital Projects for the Public

Deadline: June 7, 2017

Digital Projects for the Public grants support projects that cogently interpret and analyze humanities content in formats that will attract broad public audiences. Digital platforms—such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks, games, and virtual environments—can reach diverse audiences and bring the humanities to life for the American people. The program offers three levels of support for digital projects: grants for Discovery projects (early-stage planning work), Prototyping projects (proof-of-concept development work), and Production projects (end-stage production and distribution work). While projects can take many forms, shapes, and sizes, your request should be for an exclusively digital project or for a digital component of a larger project. All Digital Projects for the Public projects should • present analysis that deepens public understanding of significant humanities stories and ideas; • incorporate sound humanities scholarship; • involve humanities scholars in all phases of development and production; • include appropriate digital media professionals; • reach a broad public through a realistic plan for development, marketing, and distribution; • create appealing digital formats for the general public; and • demonstrate the capacity to sustain themselves. All projects should demonstrate the potential to attract a broad, general, nonspecialist audience, either online or in person at venues such as museums, libraries, or other cultural institutions. Applicants may also choose to identify particular communities and groups, including students, to whom a project may have particular appeal. NEH also welcomes applications for non-promotional digital components of a larger project. For these projects, you should explain how the digital platform will enrich the users' learning experience and engagement. For instance, if your request is for a mobile experience that would operate within a museum or would work in conjunction with a film, you should explain how this project element will substantially add to the audience's learning experience.

2017 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Technical Assistance (TA) Center Grant

Deadline: June 7, 2017

The mission of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is to empower, educate and assist Medicare-eligible individuals, their families and caregivers through objective outreach, counseling and training to make informed health insurance decisions that optimize their access to care and benefits. There are currently 54 active SHIP grants: one in every state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The SHIP National Technical Assistance Center serves as a centralized and significant source of information, expertise, and technical assistance for the SHIP grantee projects. With this funding opportunity, ACL is seeking applicants for a single cooperative agreement to operate the SHIP National Technical Assistance Center (The SHIP TA Center).

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Research and Development

Deadline: June 8, 2017

The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find

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better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage—from fragile artifacts and manuscripts to analog recordings and digital assets subject to technological obsolescence—and to develop advanced modes of organizing, searching, discovering, and using such materials. This program recognizes that finding solutions to complex problems often requires forming interdisciplinary project teams, bringing together participants with expertise in the humanities; in preservation; and in information, computer, and natural science. All projects must demonstrate how advances in preservation and access would benefit the cultural heritage community in supporting humanities research, teaching, or public programming.

[Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants](#)

Deadline: June 13, 2017

NOTE: THIS STANDING FOA HAS BEEN MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: In Section IV.2. The Project Description, Approach, the following text has been added to the end of the paragraph about approaches to data collection: Applicants may want to review the final rule published December 14, 2016 in the Federal Register regarding changes to data collection for AFCARS. The link follows:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/14/2016-29366/adoption-and-foster-care-analysis-and-reporting-system> Useful Information Memoranda (IMs) and Program Instructions (PIs) on technology are listed at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/state-tribal-info-systems> The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit proposals 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 a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance, and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this FOA 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 case planning and case review systems, foster care licensing and standards for tribal foster homes and child care facilities, quality assurance systems, court structure and procedures, data collection systems, cost allocation methodology development, financial controls and financial management processes, or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a title IV-E plan.

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

Deadline: June 14, 2017

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 free access to these materials in an open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with the best practices recommended by the Association for Documentary Editing or the Modern Language Association Committee on Scholarly Editions. Projects may also prepare print editions as part of their overall publishing plan. However, projects that do not have definitive plans for digital dissemination and preservation in place at the time of application will not be considered. It is also expected that the contents of any print volumes produced will be made available online within a reasonable period of time following print publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, transcribing, annotating, editing, encoding, and publishing documentary source materials online and in print. 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. A grant is for one year and for up to \$200,000. The Commission expects to make up to 25 grants in this category for a total of up to \$2,500,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2018.

AdoptUSKids

Deadline: June 16, 2017

The purpose of this forecasted Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to establish, by awarding a cooperative agreement, a multi-faceted national AdoptUSKids project designed to assist States, Tribes, and Territories in the recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive parents for children in public foster care. The AdoptUSKids project will encompass the following components: (1) National Adoption Internet Photolisting Service: Maintain and manage the National Adoption Internet Photolisting Website (www.AdoptUSKids.org);

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coordinate with all States, Tribes, and Territories for the listing of their eligible children/youth while incorporating best practices and quality improvement standards in photolisting; (2) National Adoption Recruitment Campaign: Plan, develop, implement and evaluate multimedia National Adoption Recruitment Campaign and a corresponding Recruitment Response Support Initiative intended to reach and inspire adult Americans to adopt by offering important, accurate information about the foster care system and the adoption process. Develop a donated public service campaign strategy and annually create and produce multi-media products including PSAs for television, radio, print and social media, building on the body of work of the National Adoption Campaign launched in 2004. This project will also provide support to States, Tribes and Territories to provide increased access to new recruitment media and their ability to respond in a timely and customer-friendly manner; (3) National Adoption and Foster Care Information Exchange System: Maintain a National Adoption and Foster Care Information Exchange System that raises public awareness and assists States, Tribes, and Territories in recruiting foster and adoptive parents for children in foster care. This will include conducting National Adoption Month activities to raise public awareness and coordinating with organizations sponsoring National Foster Care Month activities. The design of this system will incorporate the provision of a 24-hour, nationwide, toll-free communications network designed to respond to the inquiries from prospective foster and adoptive parents as well as the general public regarding the foster and adoption process. These services will be provided in English and Spanish and will be accessible to other limited English speaking and non-English speaking callers and those who may require other communication accommodations; (4) Adoptive and Foster Family Support Activities: Develop and disseminate information, strategies, and effective or evidence-based models for the implementation of adoptive and foster family support activities for States, Tribes, and Territories. Develop and disseminate information on innovative approaches for creating communities of practice, peer-to-peer technical assistance, and leadership training to enhance and support adoptive and foster family support groups; (5) Capacity Building Services for Diligent Recruitment and Retention of Foster/Adoptive Families: Provide limited constituency services and universal product development and dissemination to States, Tribes, and Territories across the nation to assist in building agency capacity for the diligent recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families, including models of best practices related to photolisting, recruitment media, customer service and adoptive and foster family support activities. The project period of this award will be up to 5 years.

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[American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion](#)

Deadline: June 16, 2017

The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that wish to compete for funds that are available to provide American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion services to infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. Funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 will be available to provide American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion program services to eligible infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. Interested applicants may email the OHS Operations Center at OHSTech@reviewops.org for additional information.

[OSERS-OSEP: Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities: National Technical Assistance Center for Inclusive Practices and Policies CFDA Number 84.326Y](#)

Deadline: June 16, 2017

Note: Each funding opportunity description is a synopsis of information in the Federal Register application notice. For specific information about eligibility, please see the official application notice. The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>. Please review the official application notice for pre-application and application requirements, application submission information, performance measures, priorities and program contact information. Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance (TA), supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 84.326Y. Applications

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for grants under the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities competition, CFDA number 84.326Y, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at www.Grants.gov. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not email an electronic copy of a grant application to us. You may access the electronic grant application for the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities competition at www.Grants.gov. You must search for the downloadable application package for this competition by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.326, not 84.326Y).

[Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance](#)

Deadline: June 22, 2017

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

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

Deadline: June 22, 2017

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 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 and Survival Schools 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.

[Social and Economic Development Strategies –SEDS](#)

Deadline: June 22, 2017

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds for new community-based projects under the ANA Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

[Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant Program](#)

Deadline: June 23, 2017

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 CMVOST grant program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit applications from organizations that provide CMV operator training, including accredited public or private colleges, universities, vocational-technical schools, post-secondary educational institutions, truck driver training schools, associations, and State and local governments, including Federally-recognized Native American Tribal governments that support CMVOST activities. The CMVOST grant is a nationwide Federal financial assistance program intended to reduce the severity and number of crashes on U.S. roads involving CMV by training operators and future operators in the safe use of such vehicles.

[National Center for Benefits Outreach & Enrollment](#)

Deadline: June 23, 2017

This competitive funding opportunity will be for one cooperative agreement to fund the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment (NCBOE) which will provide technical assistance to States, AAAs, and other community service providers to provide outreach and benefits enrollment assistance, particularly to older individuals with greatest economic need, for Federal and state programs. The NCBOE was established in 2006 when Congress amended the Older Americans Act with language directing AoA (now part of ACL) to work with

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an experienced entity to: (i) maintain and update web-based decision support and enrollment tools and integrated, person-centered systems designed to inform older individuals about the full range of benefits for which the individuals are eligible; (ii) utilize cost-effective strategies to find older individuals with greatest economic need and enroll the individual in the programs for which they are qualified; (iii) create and support efforts for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), and other public and private state and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations and coalitions, to serve as benefit enrollment centers for the programs; (iv) develop and maintain an information clearinghouse on best practices and cost-effective methods for finding and enrolling older individuals with greatest economic need; and (v) provide training and technical assistance on effective outreach, screening, enrollment and follow-up strategies. In addition, the NCBOE grantee is expected to coordinate efforts to inform older Americans and beneficiaries with disabilities about the benefits available under Federal and state programs, with an emphasis on providing information on the Low-Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program benefits, and to serve as a technical assistance resource center for the MIPPA state grantees involving SHIPs, AAAs, ADRCs, and Benefits Enrollment Centers. The National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment will be awarded as a single cooperative agreement with a federal share of up to \$11,000,000 per year for a total project period of up to three (3) years contingent upon availability of federal funds.

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Regional Innovation Strategies Program

Deadline: June 23, 2017

EDA is committed to fostering connected, innovation-centric economic sectors which support the conversion of research into products and services, businesses, and ultimately jobs through entrepreneurship. See Section 27. Funding is available for capacity-building programs that provide proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to innovators and entrepreneurs and for operational support for organizations that provide essential early-stage funding to startups. Under the RIS Program, EDA is soliciting applications for two separate competitions: the 2017 i6 Challenge; and the 2017 Seed Fund Support (SFS) Grant competition. Applicants may, but are not required to, submit proposals for more than one competition under the RIS Program. Applicants must provide a matching share from non-Federal sources of at least 50 percent of the total project cost. See Section C.2 (p. 7) of this NOFA. **To apply, please contact:** ois@eda.gov

FY 2017 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Low or No Emission Grant

Deadline: June 26, 2017

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Low or No Emission Program (Low-No) Program. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$55 million of Fiscal Year 2017 funds for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles as well as related equipment or facilities. Only \$31.5 million is available under the Continuing Resolution that expires on April 28, 2017. Synopses and full announcement are posted on Grants.gov site as opportunity FTA-2017-003-LowNo. Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov website by midnight EDT on 6/26/2017. Summary: The main purpose of the Low-No Program is to support the transition of the nation's transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles. The Low-No Program provides funding to State and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Historic Preservation Offices

Deadline: June 30, 2017

Program to provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historic preservation of significant resources by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under 54 USC 301 et seq. (commonly known as the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996, as amended through 2006).

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[Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse in American](#)

Deadline: June 30, 2017

The purpose of this forecasted funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to provide competitive grant funds for projects of up to 5 years, authorized by the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Pub. L. 112-34). This Act includes a targeted grants program (section 437(f)) that directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reserve funds for regional partnership grants (RPGs) to improve the well-being of children affected by substance abuse. These targeted grants will be awarded to regional partnerships that provide, through interagency collaboration and integration of programs and services and activities that are designed to increase the well-being of, improve permanency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children who are in out-of-home placements or are at risk of entering out-of-home placements as a result of a parent's or caretaker's substance abuse. Native communities face service delivery issues that are complicated by several barriers such as, lack of early intervention for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, distances to services, and lack of access to programs and services. The goal of the program, services, and activities supported by these funds is to improve the well-being of children and families affected by parental substance abuse in AI/AN communities. Per the legislative requirements, RPGs are required to select and report on performance indicators and evaluation measures to increase the knowledge that can be gained from the program.

Partnerships will: Use specific, well-defined, and evidence-based programs and/or promising practices that are also trauma-informed and targeted to the identified population; Conduct an evaluation that is sufficiently rigorous to contribute to the evidence base on service delivery, outcomes and costs associated with the project's chosen interventions; Participate in the national cross-site evaluation, which includes an implementation and partnership study, an outcomes study, and an impact study. PLEASE SEE ALSO FORECAST FOR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS TO INCREASE THE WELL-BEING OF, AND TO IMPROVE THE PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR, CHILDREN AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

[National Training and Development Initiative for Foster/Adoptive Parents](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2017

THE PURPOSE of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to an organization to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized free of charge by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research on the common characteristics of foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability. Common characteristics of families that are more likely to foster and/or adopt harder to place children/youth and are successful and remain committed to the relationship will be identified and integrated into the program. The program would be inclusive of developmental, training, and capacity needs of individuals/families that are interested in becoming foster parents, as well as those who would be interested in fostering with the intention to adopt. Many basic concepts would be in common for foster and adoptive parents, however, there would be particular focus for foster parents on working with birth parents around reunification efforts and for adoptive parents there would be particular focus on the common adoption issues pertinent to all types of adoption, i.e., child welfare, private domestic, and international. THE INITIAL YEAR would entail an extensive review of all current training and preparation programs and include new intervention strategies that foster/adoptive parents should be skilled in as they develop as foster and adoptive parents. The initial year would also involve the basic development of the training competencies upon which the training will be based and a preliminary selection of 6-8 pilot sites in which the curriculum will be implemented and tested. YEARS 2-5 would include the development of the curriculum from the basic competencies; implementation and testing of the curriculum in the pilot sites; refining the curriculum based on the pilot site experience; making the curriculum available to all States, Tribes, and Territories; and assisting them with integrating it into their training systems. An evaluation of the impact of the new intensive training curriculum would also be conducted. ADOPTION is most likely to be successful when the adoptive family is properly educated about the background and needs of the child placed in their care, has learned appropriate intervention strategies for the mental health, medical, emotional and behavioral challenges of the child and fully commits to embracing these challenges. Preparation services benefit the adoptive placement by strengthening the caregivers understanding of the unique needs of the child and developing their own capacities in relation to the child's needs and is able to nurture the relational permanency needed. OUTCOMES will include state-of-the-art training curricula that could be consistently applied across the nation for the development of foster and adoptive parents who will be equipped to meet the current needs of children/youth in the foster care system as well as those in private domestic and international adoptive families; and improved outcomes for children/youth in foster/adoptive families with improved capacity to meet their

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needs. It is anticipated that INITIAL YEAR FUNDING CEILING will be \$700,000 and each subsequent year funding ceiling will be \$2,000,000.

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[National Communication System for Runaway and Homeless Youth Program](#)

Deadline: July 10, 2017

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) will award one cooperative agreement on a competitive basis for a period of three years to operate the Runaway and Homeless Youth National Communication System (NCS) Program. The NCS Program is a dedicated toll-free, U.S. national communication system that provides information, referral services, crisis intervention, prevention approaches, and communication services to vulnerable, at-risk, and runaway and homeless youth and their families or legal guardians. The purpose of the NCS is to a) prevent youth from running away and becoming homeless, and b) link youth with a family member or guardian, and/or an available resource that can provide and/or assist the youth in acquiring needed services. To fulfill the objectives of the legislation, the NCS must provide, among other services, a neutral and confidential channel of communication that is available on a 24-hours per day, seven days per week, basis throughout the United States so that youth contemplating running away and runaway and homeless youth may re-establish contact with their parents or legal guardians if possible. The NCS Program is also expected to work closely and collaboratively with FYSB to fulfill its mission as the federally funded communication system for runaway and homeless youth. A full description of services that will be required of the NCS grantee will be provided in the published announcement.

[State Health Insurance Assistance Program \(SHIP\) Technical Assistance \(TA\) Center Grant](#)

Deadline: July 10, 2017

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[Technical Assistance to Tribes for fiscal year \(FY\) 2017](#)

Deadline: August 31, 2017

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program (Technical Assistance Program [TAP]), provides technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. The TAP is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate fully in the Reclamation Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources.

[FY 2017 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2017

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program has announced 105 locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are scheduled to take place through the middle of 2021. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with the eligible tribes that have jurisdiction over these 105 locations, as well as any locations that may be

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added to the implementation schedule, to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts given the tribes' unique qualifications to perform land consolidation activities for their reservations.

Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with these eligible tribes to not only capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, whenever feasible and practical, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction. Tribes are encouraged to contact Program staff for more information on developing the cooperative agreement application prior to submission. Tribes are not required to enter into cooperative agreements to participate in the Program. The Settlement Agreement limits the amount of funding that may be used for implementation costs associated with the Program (e.g., outreach, land research, and appraisals). This is a 10-year program. 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 first review information available from the Program and to work with Program staff in the development of the cooperative agreement application.

[Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents](#)

Deadline: January 7, 2018

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to develop and test the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems. For the purposes of this FOA, NIMH defines a family navigator model as a health care professional or paraprofessional whose role is to deploy a set of strategies designed to rapidly engage youth and families in needed treatment and services, work closely with the family and other involved treatment and service providers to optimize care and monitor the trajectory of mental health symptoms and outcomes over time. Applicants are encouraged to develop and test the navigator models ability to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Of interest are navigator models that coordinate needed care strategies, determine the personalized match to the level of needed service amount, frequency and intensity, and harness novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

[Pilot Studies to Test the Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination](#)

Deadline: January 7, 2018

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to develop and pilot test the effectiveness and implementation of family navigator models designed to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents who are experiencing early symptoms of mental health problems. For the purposes of this FOA, NIMH defines a family navigator model as a health care professional or paraprofessional whose role is to deploy a set of strategies designed to rapidly engage youth and families in needed treatment and services, work closely with the family and other involved treatment and service providers to optimize care and monitor the trajectory of mental health symptoms and outcomes over time. Applicants are encouraged to develop and pilot test the navigator models ability to promote early access, engagement and coordination of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Of interest are navigator models that coordinate needed care strategies, determine the personalized match to the level of needed service amount, frequency and intensity, and harness novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

[Development of Psychosocial Therapeutic and Preventive Interventions for Mental Disorders](#)

Deadline: October 15, 2018

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the efficient pilot testing of novel psychosocial therapeutic and preventive interventions for mental disorders in adults and children, using an experimental therapeutics approach. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support go/no-go

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decisions about further development or testing of the intervention. This FOA supports the development and testing of innovative psychosocial intervention approaches where the target and/or the intervention strategy is novel. Targets might include, but are not limited to, potentially modifiable behavioral, cognitive, affective and/or interpersonal factors or processes, neural circuits or neural activity subserving specific behaviors or cognitive processes, and/or other neurobiological mechanisms associated with risk for, causation of, or maintenance of a mental disorder. Eligible psychosocial interventions strategies might include in-person or technology-assisted delivery, provided the target and/or the intervention strategy is novel. This FOA supports the development and testing of novel psychosocial interventions, as defined above, as monotherapies or as augmentations to standard treatment. Support will be provided for up to two years (R61 phase) for preliminary milestone-driven testing of the interventions impact on a target (a process or mechanism associated with risk for, causation, or maintenance of a clinical condition), that is, its target engagement. Contingent on meeting go/no-go milestones in the R61 phase, up to 3 years of additional support (R33 phase) may be provided for studies to replicate target engagement and relate change in the intervention target/mechanism to clinical benefit. Ultimately, this R61/R33 FOA is intended to speed the translation of emerging basic science findings of mechanisms and processes underlying mental disorders into novel interventions that can be efficiently tested for their promise in restoring function and reducing symptoms for those living with mental disorders, or for preventing mental disorders among those at risk.

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

Deadline: November 1, 2019

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

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

Deadline: January 7, 2020

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

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

Deadline: May 7, 2020

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion prevention and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings.

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

Deadline: May 7, 2020

The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms

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underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups.

[Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative - Generation Indigenous \(Gen-I\) Initiative Support](#)

Deadline: None specified

The primary purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant is to focus on Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) goal #6, "to promote positive American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth development and family engagement through the implementation of early intervention strategies to reduce risk factors for suicidal behavior and substance use." Projects will accomplish this by focusing specifically on MSPI Purpose Area #4: GEN-I Initiative Support. Purpose Area #4: Generation Indigenous Initiative Support The focus of Purpose Area #4 is to: 1. Implement evidence-based and practice-based approaches to build resiliency, promote positive development, and increase self-sufficiency behaviors among Native youth; 2. Promote family engagement; 3. Increase access to prevention activities for youth to prevent methamphetamine use and other substance use disorders that contribute to suicidal behaviors, in culturally appropriate ways; and 4. Hire additional behavioral health staff (i.e., licensed behavioral health providers and paraprofessionals, including but not limited to peer specialists, mental health technicians, and community health aides) specializing in child, adolescent, and family services who will be responsible for implementing the project's activities that address all the broad objectives listed.

To apply, please contact:

Paul Gettys-Grant Systems Coordinator
(301)443-2114
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[Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation](#)

Deadline: Open

Families of a disabled child and organizations helping disabled children, can apply for grants from Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation. At this time, Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation can only consider applicant families in the Southern California area. Grant awards are limited to \$5000. Grant Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

[California Wellness Foundation](#)

Deadline: Open

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. Since its founding in 1992, Cal Wellness has awarded 7,690 grants totaling more than \$912 million.

[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.

[Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

Deadline: Open

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

Surdna Foundation- Teens’ Artistic and Cultural Advancement

Deadline: Open

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.

Tribal Justice Support Directorate

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. The Division also works with tribes to conduct tribal court reviews which are conducted using a modified model of the Tribal Court Performance Standards (TCPS). The TCPS assists tribal courts in identifying existing problems and formulating strategies for improvement of tribal courts and provides an outcome-oriented conceptual framework of tribal court performance areas, standards, and measures.