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FORUM MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Judge Juan Ulloa is this year's recipient of San Diego State University's Cesar E. Chavez Lifetime Service Award.

Judge Suzanne Kingsbury and Judge Christine Williams take to the bench together to hear the first cases before the Family Wellness Court, the first joint-jurisdictional court in California.

Judge Leonard Edwards publishes an article on [Family Drug Courts: A Best Practice That Works](#).

IN THE NEWS- California

[COPS Office Grant Funds Historical Tribal, Local, and State Information Sharing Project in California](#)
Community Policing Dispatch | April 2015

[Complaint filed by California Indian Legal Services- Bishop Paiute Tribe v. Inyo County \(E.D. Cal.\)](#)
Indianz.com | March 11, 2015

[Bishop Paiute Tribe sues county for interfering with sovereignty](#)
Indianz.com | March 11, 2015

[Tension Between Tribe and California Sheriff](#)
Courthouse News Service | March 11, 2015

[Bishop Tribe supports officer; Inyo County has response](#)
Sierra Wave Media | February 17, 2015

[Tribal Cop Facing Charges](#)
The Inyo Register | January 28, 2015

IN THE NEWS- by topic

Child Welfare

[Fact Sheet for Tribal Child Welfare Officials](#)
Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau

[Report from HHS on Tribal Title IV-E Programs: HHS Needs to Improve the Consistency and Timeliness of Assistance to Tribes](#)

[Child Welfare Systems Are Innovating Ways to Eradicate Racial Patterns of Experience by Families of Color](#)
Center for the Study of Social Policy | March 26, 2015

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Tribal/State Programs Link:
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-tribal.htm>

FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

[Indian Child Welfare Act Measuring Compliance](#)

Casey Family Programs, Center for Regional Tribal Child Welfare Studies, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and Minneapolis American Indian Center | March 2015

Criminal

[Tribal Legal Code Resource: Tribal Laws Implementing TLOA Enhanced Sentencing and VAWA Enhanced Jurisdiction](#)

[U.S. Attorneys Michael Cotter and Damon P. Martinez to Lead Attorney General's Native American Issues Subcommittee](#)

Department of Justice | Office of Public Affairs | March 30, 2015

Domestic Violence

[Indian Tribes are Retaking Jurisdiction Over Domestic Violence on Their Own Land](#)

ABA Journal, April 1, 2015

[VAWA: A Call to Action](#)

National Congress of American Indians | March 10, 2015

Health

[National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Media Tools](#)

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center | March 20, 2015

CALIFORNIA STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Court Extranet and 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.

California Dependency Online Guide (CalDOG)

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

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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[Wellbriety Journey to Forgiveness](#)

Documentary on the Abuses of the Indian Boarding Schools. Discusses the intergenerational trauma in native communities.

[Namelehuapono: Culture and Place-Based Healing for Violence Against Native Hawaiian Women](#)

April 15, 2015 | 1PM MST

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

April 19-22, 2015 | Portland, Oregon

[Women are Sacred](#)

June 1-3, 2015 | Rapid City, South Dakota

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[California Wellness Foundation](#)

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.

[Foundation Funding for Native American Issues and Peoples Report](#)

[Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

The Indigenous Communities Program (ICP) supports the resolve of Native Americans to renew their communities through their own institutions and traditions. Funding priority is given to rural indigenous projects that are consistent with traditional values in the areas of education, Native cultures, the revival and preservation of languages, legal rights, and environmental protection.

At this time the foundation only accepts new grant requests from United States federally recognized tribes or Native controlled 501(c)(3) organizations whose work is solely focused in the United States.

[Tribal Justice Support Directorate](#)

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.

[U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Grant Information](#)

The purpose of this resource page is to identify open grants, training and technical assistance that may be of particular interest to defender agencies, courts, state, local and tribal jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and non-profit organizations that are working to enhance legal assistance and related services for historically underserved populations. Please contact the issuing entity for more information about listed grants, training and technical assistance. For a comprehensive listing of all Department of Justice (DOJ) grants, please visit www.justice.gov/business/.

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Victims of Crime - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
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National Congress of American Indians

Deadline: April 15, 2015.

NCAI has limited funds available to support tribal projects seeking to implement the criminal jurisdiction provision of VAWA 2013. We anticipate funding 2 or 3 tribal projects, ranging from \$20,000-\$30,000. If your tribe is interested in applying for funds from NCAI, please submit a letter of interest that includes the information requested below.

NCAI is principally interested in funding projects that will result in models that can be shared with other tribes. In particular, we are interested in investing in tribal projects aimed at developing codes, policies, procedures, manuals, or training curricula for a tribe seeking to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians pursuant to VAWA 2013.

Application Process

Interested tribes should send a letter via email to tribal-vawa@ncai.org. The letter should:

- Be no longer than 5 pages, not including the budget requested below;
- Be submitted by the official tribal leader (Chief, Chairperson, Governor, President, etc);
- Include a detailed description of the proposed project including:
 - o A brief description of what will be done;
 - o The overall budget for the project;
 - o The amount of the investment sought from NCAI, not to exceed \$30,000;
 - o The timeline for completion of the project (priority will be given to projects that can be completed in 6 months-1 year); and
 - o An explanation of how your project would be useful for other tribes who are implementing VAWA.

Tribes that receive funding will be asked to work with NCAI to document tribal efforts in order to share information with other interested tribes. For questions, contact vdavis@ncai.org, or 202-321-6515.

Funding Opportunity: Research and Evaluation Examining Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women

Deadline: April 15, 2015

NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation that will examine violence and victimization experienced by American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) women living in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages to produce a deeper understanding of the issues faced by Native American women and help formulate public policies and prevention strategies to decrease the incidence of violent crimes committed against AI and AN women. NIJ is especially interested in research and evaluation related to violence against AI and AN women in the areas of domestic violence, homicide, intimate partner violence, sex trafficking, sexual violence, stalking, and teen dating violence.

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program FY 2015 Grant Announced

Deadline: April 20, 2015

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) invites eligible entities to apply for the [Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program \(BCJI\) FY 2015 competitive grant](#), a program to plan and implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to address targeted crime issues within a neighborhood as a part of a broader neighborhood revitalization initiative. BCJI builds the capacity of local and tribal communities to identify and address significant crime issues through collaborative cross-sector approaches that help advance broader neighborhood development goals.

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

Deadline: April 20, 2015

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

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

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

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

Deadline: April 20, 2015

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

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

[NIJ FY 15 Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism](#)

Deadline: April 21, 2015

NIJ is seeking proposals for research targeted toward developing a better understanding of the domestic radicalization phenomenon, and advancing evidence-based strategies for effective intervention and prevention. The goal of this solicitation is to aid federal, State, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies and their attendant communities in implementing programs that prevent or counter radicalization to violent extremism. The solicitation focuses on all forms of radicalization that lead to violent extremism in the United States, but NIJ is particularly interested in responses to one or more of the following areas of focus: (1) radicalization to indigenous violent extremism; (2) NIJ partnership to translate findings for practitioners; (3) contemporary radicalization and (4) evaluation studies.

[Funding for Tribal Courts](#)

Deadline: April 22, 2015

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
Tribal Court Improvement Program Grant

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

Deadline: April 24, 2015

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit proposals for 36-month demonstration projects which will: 1. Conduct a Family Group Decision-Making (FGDM) program which effectively supports family connections and engages family members in ways that achieve positive outcomes for the target population of children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care and their families; and 2. Analyze the implementation, impact and cost of the FGDM program, through a rigorous local evaluation and cross-site evaluation participation, and produce high level evidence of what worked and why, in order to contribute to the evidence base for FGDM practice. Grant projects will implement and evaluate a FGDM program, which includes essential elements required under this FOA. Grant projects will be designed to support families in making decisions and developing plans that nurture children in the target population, protect them from abuse and neglect, and, when appropriate, address domestic violence issues in a safe manner. Throughout the project period, grantees will devote a substantial amount of resources to the effective collection and analysis of data for evaluation purposes, and to the dissemination of evaluation findings regarding the impact of the FGDM process on safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for the target population of children and their families.

[NIJ FY 15 Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence Reduction](#)

Deadline: April 27, 2015

NIJ seeks proposals for research and evaluation of programs, practices, and policies designed to reduce firearms violence. This solicitation aims to strengthen our knowledge base and improve public safety by supporting projects with a high potential for accurately measuring the effects of efforts to reduce firearms violence. Such firearms violence reduction efforts may take any of a variety of forms, including but not limited to, those that emphasize law enforcement, prosecution, prevention, public health, or public policy.

[AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants FY 2015](#)

Deadline: April 29, 2015

CNCS may award an AmeriCorps planning grant or an AmeriCorps program grant under this announcement. A planning grant provides support to a grant recipient for the development of an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to solve community problems. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$75,000 for a 12-month planning period and are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle. A planning grant may not be used to support AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps program grants are awarded to eligible applicants proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

[NIJ FY15 Evaluation of the Office on Violence Against Women's Sexual Assault Justice Initiative](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2015

NIJ seeks proposals to evaluate the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Sexual Assault Justice Initiative. The OVW Sexual Assault Justice Initiative will fund up to eight sites to implement performance measures intended to gauge prosecution efforts in cases of sexual assault. The performance measures are intended to improve prosecutorial practices by targeting accountability-related outputs and outcomes rather than determining success by conviction rates.

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

Deadline: April 30, 2015

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to solicit applications for one-time grants to tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop, and within 24 months of grant receipt, submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this funding opportunity announcement may be used for the cost of developing a title IV-E plan under Section 471 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to carry out a program under Section 479B of the Act. The grant may be used for costs relating to the development of data collection systems, a cost

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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.

[Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities: Model Demonstration Projects to Improve Adolescent Literacy for Students with Disabilities in Middle and High Schools, Grades 6-12 CFDA Number 84326M](#)

Deadline: May 4, 2015

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: 84.326M. Applications for grants under the Model Demonstration Projects on the Improvement of Adolescent Literacy for Students with Disabilities in Middle and High Schools in Grades 6-12 competition, CFDA number 84.326M, must be submitted electronically using the Government-wide 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 Model Demonstration Projects to Improve Adolescent Literacy for Students with Disabilities in Middle and High Schools, Grades 6-12 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 84.326M).

[Grants for Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse or Neglect](#)

Deadline: May 5, 2015

The purpose of these grants, as prescribed by the statute (section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, as amended), is "to fund demonstration projects designed to test the effectiveness of tribal governments or tribal consortia in coordinating the provision to tribal families at risk of child abuse and neglect of child welfare services and services under tribal programs funded under this part." These grants offer opportunities for Indian tribes and tribal consortia that administer Tribal TANF programs to develop more effective and efficient strategies to meet the unique needs of at-risk tribal service populations. These grants must be used for one or more of the following statutorily-prescribed uses: 1. To improve case management for families eligible for assistance from a Tribal TANF program; 2. For supportive services and assistance to tribal children in out-of-home placements and the tribal families caring for such children, including families who adopt such children; 3. For prevention services and assistance to tribal families at risk of child abuse and neglect. ACF is interested in programs with strong collaborations between Child Welfare and Tribal TANF departments working together to meet the needs of their clients with a strong focus on prevention of child abuse and neglect. Grantees must be able to evaluate their progress in meeting stated goals.

[Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

Deadline: May 11, 2015

The national domestic violence hotline (hotline) serves as a critical partner in the intervention, prevention and resource assistance efforts of the network of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence service providers. It provides assistance in the following areas: (1) crisis intervention and counseling by helping the caller identify problems and possible solutions, including making plans for safety in an emergency; (2) education and information about resources on domestic violence and dating violence, children exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault, intervention programs for batterers, working

through the criminal and civil justice systems; and (3) nationwide referrals to domestic violence shelters and programs, social service agencies, programs addressing the needs of children exposed to domestic violence, legal assistance agencies, economic self-sufficiency programs, and other related services. The entity chosen as the hotline grant recipient must be able to: (1) operate a 24-hour, national, toll-free telephone hotline to provide information and assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, family and household members of such victims, and persons affected by the victimization; (2) provide assistance and referrals for youth victims of domestic violence and for victims of dating violence who are minors, which may be carried out through a national teen dating violence hotline; (3) provide digital services including chatting and texting as needed to fill the needs of certain users; (4) commit to diversity and ensure the provision of services to underserved populations, including to ethnic, racial, and non-English speaking minorities, in addition to older individuals and individuals with disabilities including those with hearing impairments; (5) provide services that include crisis intervention, safety planning, counseling, information and referral (including direct connection to service providers); (6) utilize skilled and knowledgeable staff and show a commitment to diversity; and (7) demonstrate that it has a record of high quality service to victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, including a demonstration of support from advocacy groups and State Domestic Violence Coalitions. The Secretary shall give priority to applicants with experience in operating a hotline that provides assistance to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Tribal Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance](#)

Deadline: May 12, 2015

OJJDP is seeking a Tribal Youth Program training and technical assistance provider to provide culturally, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate training; support, resources; information; and other related technical assistance to all OJJDP tribal program grantees and federally recognized tribes across the nation. When allocating resources, OJJDP-funded tribal program grantees would receive priority. The successful applicant will develop culturally specific training and technical assistance for tribes seeking to build capacity to develop, expand, improve and/or maintain their juvenile justice systems. Priority areas include juvenile healing-to-wellness courts, tribal youth-specific prevention, intervention, and treatment programming and tribal-state collaborations to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native children exposed to violence. The successful applicant will collaborate closely with OJJDP's other training and technical assistance efforts and providers. This program is authorized pursuant to paragraph (3)(A) under the Juvenile Justice Programs heading in the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub.L. No.113235: 128 Stat. 2130, 2195.

[OJJDP Announces New Funding Opportunity: Tribal Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance](#)

Due May 12, 2015.

OJJDP is seeking a Tribal Youth Program training and technical assistance provider to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate training, support, resources, information, and other related technical assistance to all OJJDP tribal program grantees and federally recognized tribes nationwide.

[FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-Tribal Historic Preservation Offices](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2015

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

[Working with Publicly Funded Health Centers to Reduce Teen Pregnancy among Youth from Vulnerable Populations](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2015

CDC announces the availability of fiscal year 2015 (FY15) funds to implement FOA DP15-1508: Working with Publicly Funded Health Centers to Reduce Teen Pregnancy Among Youth from Vulnerable Populations. This program is a new five-year initiative to 1) enhance publicly funded health centers' capacity to provide youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services and 2) increase the number of

youth accessing sexual and reproductive health services by (a) working with youth-serving systems to develop strategies to refer and link vulnerable youth to care and (b) increasing awareness of the health centers’ services in the local community through communication efforts. For questions, Trisha Mueller czi5@cdc.gov

SMART FY 15 Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Applying Circles of Support of Accountability in Indian Country Training and Technical Assistance

Deadline: May 18, 2015

The Circles of Support and Accountability initiative emerged in Canada in the 1990s as a community-based, restorative justice movement that “focuses on the need to engage the community in the reintegration process.” In FY 2012, the SMART Office selected two project sites, Durham, North Carolina and Multnomah County, Oregon, and a training and technical assistance provider to support its Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA) program. COSA projects are now underway or in progress in California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Vermont. The COSA model fills a gap in services for some offenders left by criminal justice policy; essentially, those at highest risk of re-offense who are being released at the end of their sentences without a formal process of aftercare. COSA programs were created, in part, to address the threat perceived by communities that sex offenders pose when they return from prison. At its core, COSA enlists volunteers from the community to aid in the management of sex offenders. COSA typically targets male offenders who have a long history of offending, failure in treatment, antisocial values and attitudes, are at high-risk for reoffending (for new sex or other offenses), and who are likely held until the end of their prison sentence and released with no probation or parole supervision. Each Circle consists of a Core Member (the sex offender) and four to six community volunteers. A COSA volunteer meets with the Core Member daily and the Circle meets once a week. The key to the program is “a relationship scheme based on friendship and accountability for behavior.” COSA programs have been initiated and implemented by faith-based organizations, community volunteer groups, and as an adjunct to criminal justice community corrections programs. Faith Baker Associate Director Phone 202-305-2586 faith.baker@usdoj.gov

BJA FY 15 Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles

Deadline: May 19, 2015

The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.2 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all people incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. Programs funded under the Second Chance Act help ensure that the transition individuals make from prison and jail to the community is successful and promotes public safety. Securing employment can facilitate successful reentry for people leaving correctional facilities. However, there are many barriers people with criminal records encounter as they attempt to re-enter both the community and the workforce. Improving employment outcomes for this population can contribute to recidivism reduction and increased public safety. Section 115 of the Second Chance Act authorizes federal awards to states, units of local government, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes to provide technology-based career training to persons confined in state prisons, local jails, tribal jails, and juvenile residential facilities. This program supports training for technology-related jobs and the continuum of reentry transition planning including education, training, support services, and building connections to local employers that will enable participants to secure employment pre-release.

Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps FY 2015

Deadline: May 20, 2015

This funding opportunity is a program jointly sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to create a Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps. This program is consistent with the missions of OJJDP and CNCS, and within the objectives of the My Brother’s Keeper initiative. CNCS defines Opportunity Youth as economically disadvantaged¹ individuals age 16-24 who are disconnected from school or work at least six months prior to service. CNCS defines “disconnected from school or work” as

unemployed, underemployed, and not in school for at least six months prior to service. This program is specifically targeting Opportunity Youth that have been adjudicated in the juvenile justice system. This program will provide Disconnected Youth with the opportunity to participate in a national service program and provide them with meaningful mentoring while they are serving. Disconnected Youth is defined as individuals at least 17 but under 25 years old who have been adjudicated in the juvenile justice system, convicted in the criminal justice system, or have been identified as at risk of incarceration. Grant funding and member slots will be awarded to successful applicants to enroll Disconnected Youth, specifically individuals who are at least 17 but under 25 years old who have been adjudicated in the juvenile justice system, convicted in the criminal justice system, or identified as at-risk of incarceration, to serve as AmeriCorps members. Recipients will also need to enroll additional members to provide mentoring and coaching to the Disconnected Youth members throughout their service. Programs should target recruitment of two distinct types of AmeriCorps members: 1. Disconnected Youth who will be engaged in direct service to address a compelling community need. Disconnected Youth may serve as full-time or less than full-time members. 2. Individuals who will have mentoring experience and/or applicable life experience to serve as mentors for Disconnected Youth. In addition to providing direct service that addresses the community need, these AmeriCorps members will provide direct service as coaches and mentors to guide and to support the successful participation of the Disconnected Youth members in the program and position them for success after their service ends. The program may enroll individuals over age 25 in this capacity, and members may be full-time or less than full-time. Program objectives will include:

- Engaging AmeriCorps members in an evidence-based or evidence-informed approach to provide a service intervention that will result in intended solutions to community problems.
- Matching Disconnected Youth AmeriCorps members with the one-on-one mentoring and support services needed to establish a self-sustaining, law abiding life and successfully reintegrate into the community.
- Developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative member development strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry, recidivism reduction, and youth at risk of incarceration.
- Stabilizing communities by reducing recidivism and reintegrating offenders into the community.

Proposed programs should:

- Establish and maintain a mentoring relationship between the experienced member(s) and the Disconnected Youth AmeriCorps members.
- Be cognizant of and collaborate with other entities that also provide reentry or reentry-related activities. This includes engagement with probation and parole offices for partnerships, collaboration, and sharing of data and information if the members are court involved.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Design Study of Dual System Youth](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2015

The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) of 2002 directs OJJDP to pursue research that enhances the field's understanding of "juveniles who, prior to placement in the Juvenile Justice system, were under the care or custody of the State Child Welfare system, and juveniles who are unable to return to their family after completing their disposition in the Juvenile Justice system and who remain wards of the State." The intent is to generate information on the prevalence and incidence of youth fitting these criteria (i.e., dual system youth) and strategies to improve coordination between the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and improve outcomes for these youth. OJJDP is seeking applications for funding under its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Design Study of Dual System Youth. This design study (and related case studies) will identify effective and efficient strategies to measure the prevalence of dual system youth; identify the status of coordination and data sharing between the juvenile and criminal justice and child welfare systems (including expanding beyond delinquency or dependency court involvement to potentially include youth contact with law enforcement [e.g., arrests] and child protection agencies [e.g., child welfare cases]); and identify avenues for improved coordination and data sharing across systems.

[Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2015

Program Description A. Purpose: The Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) Program's purpose is to provide grants to eligible adaptive sports entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. Adaptive sports activities means: (1) instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports; (2) training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA

employees, and other appropriate individuals; and (3) coordination, Paralympic classification of athletes, athlete assessment, sport-specific training techniques, program development (including programs at the local level), sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation, and other activities related to the implementation and operation of the program. Full information on the FY2015 Adaptive Sports Grant Program including the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), additional forms, and guidance are located at the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Web site at

[OJJDP FY2015 Bridging Research and Practice Project To Advance Juvenile Justice and Safety](#)

Deadline: May 28, 2015

This project will develop research-to-practice resources to advance the understanding, translation, and application of research and research-based strategies across four primary components of the juvenile justice system: (1) prevention and diversion, (2) community-based alternatives to placement, (3) detention and secure confinement, and (4) reentry. The intent of this project is to assist OJJDP, practitioners, and researchers with the translation and dissemination of research findings to be more understandable, useful, and strategically targeted. This project will collect and analyze current research findings on effective juvenile justice practices and develop innovative and easily accessible, consumable resources and tools for juvenile justice practitioners, administrators, and policymakers. The project will assist OJJDP in identifying and synthesizing relevant research into actionable, evidence-based practice tools to improve public safety and the effectiveness of the juvenile justice system.

[OJJDP FY 2015 National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#)

Deadline: May 28, 2015

The National Juvenile Court Data Archive (the Archive) houses the automated records of cases that courts with juvenile jurisdiction have handled. This solicitation will fund the annual collection, verification, and analysis of data that documents the activities of the juvenile court system and its response to law-violating and at-risk youth. The Archive will disseminate information on juvenile court case processing through Juvenile Court Statistics reports and fact sheets and make national and state-level data publicly accessible online. The Archive will also provide technical assistance to state and local data collection agencies to help them expand and improve their information systems and information sharing capabilities. Finally, the Archive will plan and implement further efforts to expand the case estimates to include Hispanic/Latino youth.

[Health Profession Opportunity Grants to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals](#)

Deadline: May 29, 2015

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) is announcing that it anticipates competitively awarding cooperative agreements to support demonstration projects that are designed to provide eligible individuals with the opportunity to obtain education and training for occupations in the health care field that pay well and are expected to either experience labor shortages or be in high demand. In addition to providing education and training services, funds for this project may be used for child care, case management, and other supportive services as appropriate.

[Health Profession Opportunity Grants for Tribes, Tribal Organizations or Tribal College or University](#)

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CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

[BJA FY 15 Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2015

BJA and SAMHSA are accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 for grants to enhance court services, coordination, and evidence-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of adult drug courts. The purpose of this joint initiative is to allow applicants to submit a comprehensive strategy for enhancing drug court services and substance abuse treatment. Through this solicitation, applicants are competing for two grant awards (a grant from SAMHSA and a separate grant from BJA) for both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment funds with one application. In order to fulfill all of the requirements for this grant program, applicants should comply with the requirements outlined in this announcement as well as those incorporated by reference in the Requirements Resource Guide. These grants are authorized under 42 U.S.C. § 3797u, et seq., and section 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020 Substance Abuse Topic Area HP 2020-SA and SAMHSA's Strategic Initiative on Trauma and Justice. Drug courts funded through this grant may use federal funding and matched funding to serve only nonviolent offenders¹ and must operate the adult drug court based on BJA's and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' publication *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components*, which addresses the statutory requirements. This opportunity provides drug court applicants the flexibility to identify the most appropriate evidence-based court (service/docket) model on which to base the drug court, in order to accommodate the needs and available resources of that jurisdiction, so long as the model conforms to the 10 key drug court components (see pages 9-11 of this solicitation), which describe the basic elements that define drug courts. (See page 8 for a definition of "evidence-based.")

[Tribal Management Grant Program](#)

Deadline: June 3, 2015

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant announcement is to announce the availability of the Tribal Management Grant (TMG) Program to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TO) in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services and activities (PSFA) 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. § 450h(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 evaluation of Federal programs serving the T/TO, including Federal administrative functions.

[NIJ FY 15 Comprehensive School Safety Initiative](#)

Deadline: June 12, 2015

NIJ is seeking proposals for funding under the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) to support rigorous research that produces practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students. The initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators and other stakeholders, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. Projects funded under the CSSI are designed to produce knowledge that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come. This solicitation includes the following four funding categories, each with different expectations and requirements, to accomplish the purposes of the CSSI. • Category 1: Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe. • Category 2: Causes and Consequences of School Violence. • Category 3: Shorter Term Studies on School Safety. • Category 4: Developing and Evaluating a Comprehensive School Safety Framework.

[TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY GRANTS](#)

Deadline: June 29, 2015 by 5:00pm Central Daylight savings Time

To conduct studies to assess, develop, and obtain the managerial, organizational and technical capacity needed to develop energy resources on Indian lands and properly accounting for energy resource production and revenues. For questions, Bernie Toyekoyah Grants Management Specialist Phone 405-247-1652

[Access to Historical Records](#)

Deadline: June 17, 2015

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

[Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2015

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

[FY 2015 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land and transfer ownership of their interests to the tribe of jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with eligible tribes to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts on the reservations under their jurisdiction as tribes are considered uniquely qualified to perform the land consolidation activities on their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with eligible tribes to not only capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, if desired, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction.

[The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within

These focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. For more information, contact Gerri Watkins, Management Analyst michael_murray@fws.gov

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

Deadline: October 8, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide access to these materials in a free and open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, editing, and publishing documentary source materials in print and online. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. All applicants should be aware that the application process is highly competitive. Applicants may apply for funding for one year. Award amounts may range from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

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

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

Deadline: Open

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

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

Deadline: Open

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

Surdna Foundation- Teens’ Artistic and Cultural Advancement

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

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

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