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FORUM NEWS



It is with heavy heart to announce the passing of Hon. Richard Blake, founder and leader of our Tribal Court-State Court Forum. What began with a simple request by Judge Blake for a meeting with the Chief Justice of the State of California has taken us to where we are today in California, the coming together of tribal court and state court leaders as equal partners to address areas of mutual concern. We extend our condolences to his family, friends, and tribal communities. Judge Blake's life's work in all endeavors leave a legacy of innovation, safety, protection, compassion, and village values. He was a changemaker, leader and he valued the relationships built throughout the nation in his work. We will miss him greatly. His kindness, guidance and friendship will live on with us always.

IN THE NEWS

[INDIGENOUS IDENTITY: The fight to protect Indian Status in Canada inches closer to law](#)

By Miles Morriseau, Indian Country Today, April 1, 2026
Moodie, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, is a man on a mission. He wants the government to pass legislation known as Bill S-2, and he wants them to do it now. The bill would remove a clause enacted in 1985 in the Indian Act that created two kinds of Status Indians. One group 6(1) could pass their status to their children no matter who they had children with, and the other group 6(2) could not pass their status if they had children with a person who did not have status. It's known as the "second-generation cut-off."

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[Life after Nike, Sam McCracken launches Native youth project](#)

By Addison Lenhart, Indian Country Today, April 2, 2026
The former Nike executive and Nike N7 founder announced the launching of the Sam McCracken Youth Project (SMCYP) on March 24 at the NCAIED RES conference in Las Vegas. "Native youth are our foundation," McCracken, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribe, said in a recent press release. "I created SMCYP to build the kinds of experiences that remind young people of the power in positive representation, strength in their culture, and the ability to play." The organization was created to provide resources for Native youth struggling with mental health and societal hardships. It intends to serve over 5,000 native youth in 30 tribal communities during the first five years.

[Gathering of Nations: The end of an era](#)

By Pauly Denetclaw, Indian Country Today, April 6, 2026
One of the largest powwows in North America is set to close this year. For the past 43 years, Indigenous people from all over the world gathered in the high deserts of the Southwest to dance, sing, perform, compete and others were there to just experience the pulsing excitement of more than 2,000 powwow dancers. The event drew 100,000 visitors and attendance throughout the event remained above 20,000 attendees at any one time, according to data from the City of Albuquerque. The final Gathering of Nations Powwow will be held April 24th and 25th at Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. According to their frequently asked questions, the powwow is ending because of long-term planning and coordination challenges that are beyond their control — for this reason they have chosen to "close this chapter."

[United Nations forum on Indigenous peoples impacted by ongoing budget issues](#)

By Pauly Denetclaw, Indian Country Today, April 7, 2026
The forum provides a platform for Indigenous people, communities and nations to amplify the issues they are facing. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is led by a board of mission experts. There are 16 people who are ultimately appointed by the president of the UN Economic and Social Council — eight are nominated by Indigenous people's organizations who represent the seven socio-cultural regions and eight are nominated by countries.

[Plans To Withdraw Protections From Oil And Gas Development Around Chaco Prompt 70,000 Public Comments To Federal Agency In One Week](#)

By Shaun Griswold, Native News Online, April 11, 2026
A proposal that would expand energy development on 336,425 acres around Chaco Culture National Historical Park initiated a sudden 7-day public comment period that prompted "approximately 70,000 comments" on the matter, according to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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.

[What You Need to Know About Tribal Sovereignty and Birthright Citizenship](#)

By Native Online News Staff, Native Online News, April 12, 2026

Tribal Nations have long been recognized as separate, sovereign governments. This has been true since before the United States was created and is still true today. Tribal Nations have their own lands, governments, and citizens.

[California, Native American tribes break ground for California Indian Heritage Center](#)

Newsroom, Governor Gavin Newsom, April 14, 2026

Following the California Tribal Nations Summit, Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom announced the groundbreaking of the first phase of the [California Indian Heritage Center](#) (CIHC). The Governor met with tribal leaders at the Summit, and afterward, the First Partner joined more than 50 tribal, state, and local leaders to mark the groundbreaking.

[Opinion: It’s time for Native judges, including on the California Supreme Court](#)

By James Siva Special to The Sacramento Bee, April 25, 2026

California is home to more Native Americans than any other state in the nation. With that distinction comes a responsibility that has long gone unmet: ensuring Native people have a meaningful voice in the judicial system that so often determines the future of tribal nations, cultures and communities. Yet Native representation on California’s courts — particularly the appellate courts and the state Supreme Court — remains almost nonexistent.

[Culture and Policy Combine at Native American Summit](#)

By Nikoel Hytrek, UIS Public Affairs Reporting, Capitol News Illinois, April 28, 2026

SPRINGFIELD — Drums and bells echoed as people dressed in regalia sang and danced traditional dances at the fourth annual Native American Summit at the Illinois Capitol. The theme for the gathering was community, awareness and connection. People from several Native American tribes gathered in the Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday to raise awareness and share information about important issues for Native communities.

[UC Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation Policy Requirements](#)

By Mary Croughan, UC Davis Leadership, April 30, 2026

UC Davis Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor announced: “I write to raise awareness of the policy’s requirements, to affirm UC Davis’s commitment to these laws and to the guiding principles and procedures of the UC policy, and to enlist your assistance ensuring the campus fully complies with this important human rights and cultural heritage effort. In addition, provided below are procedures to report Native American and Native Hawaiian human remains or cultural items.”

PUBLICATIONS

[The Challenge of Indian Child Welfare Act Enforcement in the Modern Age of Child Dependency](#), Kathryn E. Fort, *The Yale Law Journal*, Volume 135

Nearly fifty years after its passage, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) remains a vital part of the child welfare system to protect Native children and families. Since then, both federal and state law have incorporated provisions of ICWA for the benefit of all families in that system. However, ICWA itself is regularly disregarded and misunderstood by practitioners and judicial officers. This Essay describes the application of ICWA in the current child welfare system, as well as identifies programs designed to improve implementation of the law, all from the perspective of an appellate practitioner with twenty years of ICWA experience. While there is no magic wand to wave that can fix the persistent barriers to ICWA enforcement and implementation, the continued work of those committed to changing the current system creates solutions that can benefit Native families and, if history is any guide, ultimately all families.

[White-Collar Crime in Indian Country: Teaching and Researching Familiar Issues in a Unique Context](#), Jordan Gross, *Spring 2026*, 55 *Stetson L. Rev.* 455

Some locations within Indian Country make up the most dangerous places in the United States. Remoteness, extreme poverty, and complex federal jurisdictional rules, combined with a paucity of law enforcement resources, have given some Indian reservations reputations as safe havens for lawlessness and organized crime. Crime in Indian Country is often associated with violent offenses, drug running, and human trafficking. Indian Country faces a less well known, but equally pernicious threat from white-collar crime. The federal

government directs billions of dollars to Indian Country every year to fund Tribal projects, grants, and contracts. Indian Tribes operate and have interests in many highly profitable gaming operations and resource extraction industries.

[The Intangible NAGPRA](#), Reed, Trevor, 85 Md. L. Rev.

Following a 2023 regulatory update, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act ("NAGPRA") of 1990, which recognizes Tribal Nations' ownership interests in their ancestors and artifacts, now expressly includes a controversial public display right that has shuttered museum displays across the country. Though functionally similar to widely criticized provisions of Italian cultural heritage law, I argue that the new regulations are justifiable given the unique status of Tribal Nations in U.S. constitutional law and Congress's intent to negotiate a remedy for long-standing human rights abuses.

[A Brief History of the Federal Responsibility to the American Indian](#), OE Publication No. 79-02404, Based on the Report "Legislative Analysis of The Federal Role in Indian Education" by Vine Deloria, Jr.

As tribes and individuals, Indians claim dual rights in American society. Granted full citizenship in 1924, Indians are entitled to all protections and benefits enjoyed by other citizens, including free public education for their children.

[National Center for Victims of Crime 2025 Impact Report](#), April 2026

NCVC's Center for Victim and Survivor Services promotes safety, healing, and justice for victims and survivors of crime by meeting their individualized needs, upholding victims' rights, and enhancing community and national responses to harm. This team focuses on direct services, consultation, training, collaborative partnerships, and developing innovative solutions to meet the needs of individuals who experience crime. Since 2015, our victim assistance specialists have operated two hotlines, the VictimConnect Resource Center and the DC Victim Hotline. Both programs provide phone, chat, and text-based services to all victims of crime. In 2025, we hired 17 victim assistance specialists to provide hotline support for both our VictimConnect Resource Center and our DC Victim Hotline.

[Indigenous Constitutionalism](#), W. Tanner Allread, Volume 139 Harv. L. Rev. 1257

By standard accounts, there are fifty-four constitutions across the federal, state, and territorial governments of the United States. But in fact, there are 230 other governmental constitutions that currently govern peoples and territories within the United States. These constitutions not only flow from a sovereignty that existed prior to the United States but also came out of a legal movement that asserted its independence from both the U.S. Constitution and state constitutions. This Article tells the story of these constitutions — the constitutions of Native nations. Having existed for over two centuries with an archive of thousands of constitutional documents and amendments, tribal constitutions have been left out of the narratives of American constitutional history while being obscured within the fields of American constitutional law and federal Indian law. This Article corrects these oversights and calls for the recognition of a tradition of "Indigenous constitutionalism" in the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Native American Health Center: Flicker and Flicker Bird Homes Grand Opening Ceremony

May 19, 2026, 10:00am-12:00pm

Flicker Bird Homes Courtyard

1430 Derby Ave, Oakland, CA 94601

Join Native American Health Center (NAHC) and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) for the Grand Opening Ceremony and Site Tours of our new building, Flicker. The new site will feature 76 affordable homes, 19 dental exam rooms, and a large cultural community center. Since breaking ground in early 2024, this project has been rooted in a shared commitment to uplifting and serving the surrounding community. We are proud to celebrate this important milestone with you and would be honored to have you join us for this special occasion. The event will include traditional dancers, guest speakers, VIP site tours, and light refreshments. (Please note that parking may be limited). For any questions, please contact: Jamica Cervantes at JamicaC@nativehealth.org or Carrie Lutjens at CarrieL@nativehealth.org.

[National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#): April 19–25, 2026

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

The U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime's 2026 [NCVROW theme](#) is "Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect victims, serve communities." There's also a field-led effort — we're a partner highlighting [CommUNITY](#). This field-led effort recognizes survivors, advocates, professionals, and neighbors helping make sure victims'

needs are met with quality, teamwork, and complete services. There's a resource toolkit you can access to help participate in NCVRW 2026. You can also access OVC's Resource Guide, published in early April 2026, [here](#). The CommUNITY resource toolkit can be found [here](#). National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time to look back on the advances of the past 45 years, honor the strength and resilience of survivors, and renew our promise to support victims' rights every day.

Tools and Resources for Tribes and Counties

Sylvia Deporto & Child and Family Policy Institute (CFPIC)

Ms. Sylvia Deporto, Apache and former Child Welfare Director, is working with the Child and Family Policy Institute, CFPIC, to develop tools and resources for Tribes and counties to assist in Tribal engagement, development of working agreements, development of support and funding of Tribal resources and services focused on prevention which is the primary focus of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Ms. Deporto will be reaching out to tribes across the state of California to have conversations about what the current challenges and obstacles are in working with counties in child welfare cases; and what is needed in tribal communities to support the development and implementation of prevention services to serve tribal communities. Ms. Deporto will be contacting counties that have demonstrated successful engagement and relationships with tribes and are sharing resources and funding with tribal communities to develop materials that may assist counties that have not yet engaged with their local Tribes or tribal community. For additional questions about this project or to request to participate, please contact Sylvia Deporto at Sylvia.deporto@gmail.com.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Annual Probation Survey and Annual Parole Survey](#)

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Data collected includes the total number of adults on state and federal probation and parole on January 1 and December 31 of each year, the number of adults entering and exiting probation and parole supervision each year, and the characteristics of adults under the supervision of probation and parole agencies. Published data include both national- and state-level data. The surveys cover all 50 states, the federal system, and the District of Columbia. They began in 1980 and are conducted annually. Probation data are available from 1977 through BJS's National Probation Reports. Parole data are available from 1975 through BJS's Uniform Parole Reports.

[2026 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide](#)

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

The 2026 NCVRW Resource Guide contains outreach tools and sample materials to help you develop and carry out your NCVRW awareness campaign and other public awareness campaigns throughout the year. The Guide includes suggestions for raising awareness in your community and original artwork.

New Website: [California Tribal Court Personnel Association](#)

The California Tribal Court Personnel Associations' mission is to empower tribal court personnel through education, resources, and collaborative support that promote justice and sustain cultural integrity within Indigenous communities.

[AFCARS Dashboard Updated FY 2025 Data and New Insights on Pathways to Adoption and Guardianship](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through its Administration for Children and Families (ACF), has released preliminary federal fiscal year (FY) 2025 foster care and adoption data with functional updates to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Dashboard. These updates include new views and displays that allow users to see a child's prior relationship in foster care before adoption or guardianship, as well as the marital status of the adoptive or guardian parent.

[Resources for Students and Schools: Eagle Feathers at Graduation](#)

Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

The resources assist students and families who want to wear eagle feathers at their graduation ceremonies along with federal and state laws and cases that illustrate that the law is on your side. Even if your state has not passed a law about graduation, you still have the right to wear your eagle feather and Tribal regalia.

[Webinars on Tribal Justice Systems](#)

Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI)

National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC)

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

These two pre-recorded 60-minute webinars highlight culturally rooted practices, intergovernmental collaborations, and innovative approaches to justice in Tribal communities. Learn from Tribal judges and legal experts on how to strengthen Tribal sovereignty through culturally relevant justice practices.

- [Promising Strategies in Tribal-State Intergovernmental Collaboration](#)
- [Peacemaking and Indigenous Justice in Tribal Justice Systems](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, AND TRAININGS

May 4, 2026 (Virtual)

[Tribal Customary Adoption](#)

May 5, 2026 (Virtual)

[Indian Country Criminal Jurisdiction](#)

May 5, 2026 (Virtual)

[Promoting Justice: Understanding and Addressing Adulthood of Children in Court](#)

May 5, 2026 (Virtual)

[Education as Prevention: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

May 5-7, 2026 (Las Vegas, NV)

[NADEC 26 The National Conference on Drug-Endangered Children](#)

May 7, 2026 (Virtual)

[Expanding Access to Care for Justice-involved Individuals through the Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative and Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative](#)

May 7, 2026 (Virtual)

[Tribal Youth in State Courts: Impacts, Rights & Considerations for Strengthening Outcomes](#)

May 12, 2026 (Virtual)

[Responding to Child Sexual Exploitation & Children Missing from Care: Navigating NCMEC Resources and Response in Tribal Communities](#)

May 18, 2026 – May 21, 2026 (Dallas, TX)

[21st Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women, National Training Center on Crimes Against Women](#)

May 20, 2026 (Virtual)

[Federal Prosecution of Domestic Violence Crimes in Indian Country](#)

May 20, 2026 (Virtual)

[Investing in the Advancement of Credible Messenger Capacity and Impact: A Relational, Culturally Informed, and Community-Rooted Movement for Youth Justice Transformation](#)

June 3-6, 2026 (Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ)

[12th Annual Pathway to Law for Tribal Citizens Initiative Workshop](#)

June 8, 2026 – June 10, 2026 (Santa Fe, NM)

[National Judicial College Summit](#)

June 10-12, 2026 (Garden Grove, CA)

[Partnerships for Well-Being Institute-Navigating the Tide: Connecting Our Child, Youth & Family-Serving Systems for a Stronger Future](#)

June 15-16, 2026 & June 29-30, 2026 (Virtual)

[Intrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse: Insights, Interventions, Interruption and Next Steps](#)

June 17, 2026 (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

[20th Annual Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference-Keynote: Tribal Adult Protective Services: Voices from the Frontlines](#)

June 23-25, 2026 (Virtual)

[Evolving Strategies in the Fight Against Trafficking](#)

July 10-14, 2026 (Oklahoma City, OK)

[2026 National UNITY Conference](#)

July 12-16, 2026 (Omaha, NE)

[National Association for Court Management 2026 Annual Conference](#)

July 19-22, 2026 (Nashville, TN)

[National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges 89th Annual Conference](#)

July 20-23, 2026, (Nashville, TN)

[RISE26, the Annual Training Conference National Association of Drug Court Professionals](#)

August 16-19, 2026 (Wilmington, DE)

[National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers 2026 NAPCO Leadership Conference](#)

August 18-20, 2026 (Appleton, WI)

[Serving Victims of Crime Conference](#)

September 27, 2026-October 2, 2026 (Nashville, TN)

[American Judges Association 2026 Annual Conference](#)

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

*Please check the direct links to the grants regularly, as the status, closing dates, and availability may change in time. At this time, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has removed previously posted grants and webinars. For a complete list of funding opportunities available at this time, here are links to consult: [Grants.gov](#), [Office of Justice Programs](#), [Bureau of Justice Affairs](#), and [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

[Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

U.S. Department of Justice

O-OJJDP-2025-172518

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 21, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 1, 2026

This funding opportunity supports the implementation of intervention and suppression strategies to reduce youth gang crime and violence and promote public safety. These strategies will help to prevent youth from joining gangs, discontinue involvement in gangs, and prevent and reduce additional youth gang violence.

[De-escalation and Crisis Response Training Program](#)

Bureau of Justice Assistance

U.S. Department of Justice

O-BJA-2025-172498

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 27, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 3, 2026

This funding opportunity supports state, local, and tribal governments, law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, probation and parole departments, and sheriff's departments in developing, implementing, or expanding de-escalation and crisis response training programs that improve law enforcement responses to and outcomes for individuals in crisis who have behavioral health conditions, intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DDs), physical disabilities, and/or traumatic brain injuries. This program will equip law enforcement and correctional officers with tactical skills, strategies, and technology to effectively de-escalate and handle crisis situations, enhance safety, and protect officer wellbeing.

Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Bureau of Justice Assistance

U.S. Department of Justice

O-BJA-2025-172495

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 27, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 3, 2026

This funding opportunity seeks to support local law enforcement in rural jurisdictions to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime. The goal is to equip rural law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices with the resources necessary to implement a violent crime reduction strategy to solve a specific violent crime challenge.

Child Abuse Prevention in Migrant and Tribal Communities

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CA-0018

Deadline: July 6, 2026

The primary purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to support community-based efforts in tribal and migrant communities to strengthen families and protect children by preventing child abuse and neglect before it occurs. Funded projects will develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect, consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

Kinship Navigator Programs: Replication and Tribal Adaptation

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CF-0005

Deadline: July 9, 2026

The goal of this funding opportunity is to increase the number of state and tribal child welfare agencies that replicate and implement an evidence-based Kinship Navigator Program (KNP) rated as promising, supported, or well-supported by the [Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#). Tribal child welfare agencies may replicate one of the approved models and adapt program manuals as needed to align with tribal policies, practices, and culture, while maintaining the model's core components; tribal consortia are encouraged to apply.

Predictive Analytics in Child Welfare Demonstration Grants

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CA-0037

Deadline: July 9, 2026

This funding opportunity supports child welfare jurisdictions in serving as demonstration sites for the effective use and future replication of predictive analytics at the national level.

Regional Partnership Grants

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CU-0021

Deadline: July 9, 2026

The Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) Program supports regional partnerships between child welfare, substance abuse treatment and juvenile or state courts. The goal is to support family-centered treatment programs and services for children who are in an out-of-home placement or are at risk of being placed in an out-of-home placement due to caregiver's substance abuse. Projects will also work to expand the scope of evidence-based services for families impacted by substance-use disorders. Projects are required to have regional partnerships with legislatively required partners, including a planning and implementation phase, to provide a cost-sharing match, and report on performance indicators.

Technology Enhanced Adoptive Family Recruiting and Matching

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CO-0040

Deadline: July 9, 2026

This program will fund projects focused on technology-enabled strategies that improve adoptive matching, placement, and permanency for children in foster care awaiting adoption. The funds, awarded to four regional

centers, will be used to design, implement and evaluate these strategies. These centers will focus on children with an adoption permanency goal or who are legally free for adoption due to child welfare involvement. Centers will partner with state, territorial, tribal, and local child welfare agencies and courts to develop secure, accessible technology solutions that improve how families are matched with children in need of permanent homes. Proposed solutions must be interoperable with existing systems and may include tools such as data-informed recruitment support, AI-assisted matching, and predictive analytics.

Foster Parents Network Analytics Hub (HUB)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CT-0042
Deadline: July 14, 2026**

To support the Administration for Children and Families' initiative, *A Home for Every Child*, the Children's Bureau will award one grant to establish the Foster Parents Network Analytics Hub (HUB) to achieve a foster home-to-child ratio of more than 1:1 in every state by 2029. The HUB will advance the goal by providing states with advanced analytics tools and intensive technical assistance to optimize their foster parent networks.

Tribal Court Improvement Program

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CS-0020
Deadline: July 24, 2026**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) provides funding to tribal courts to assess the effectiveness of and support improvements to how these courts and/or legal representation handle American Indian and Alaska Native child welfare cases. This includes cases involving family preservation, family reunification, guardianship, and adoption. The Tribal Court Improvement Program (TCIP) supports the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) mission to foster health and well-being by providing partnership and effective delivery of human services. Through this program, ACF partners directly with tribes to strengthen tribal court systems that oversee child welfare matters, helping ensure that children are safe, families are supported, and court proceedings are timely, fair, and legally sound.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Tribal Homekey+ 2024 Notice of Funding Availability

**California Department of Housing and Community Development
Deadline: Application portal opens late January 2025 and open until all funds are awarded**

Tribal Homekey+ is the Permanent Supportive Housing component of the BHIBA. This funding represents the Department's ongoing investment in Tribal housing opportunities and continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand permanent supportive housing for households and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and are living with a behavioral health challenge. Rather than utilizing a set-aside within the standard Homekey+ Program, this NOFA operates independently and is tailored to meet the specific affordable housing needs of California Tribes. Website: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/tribal-homekey-plus> Email: HK Tribal@hcd.ca.gov.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site Based Program

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2025-172485**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026
Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026**

This funding opportunity seeks to develop, implement or expand comprehensive programs in response to overdose deaths, illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances of abuse. Through this program, state, territorial, local, and tribal governments can support law enforcement related activities including efforts to locate and investigate illicit activities related to the unlawful distribution of opioids; increase access to prevention programs and overdose reversal medications; and expand treatment and recovery support services in the community and within correctional facilities.

Expanding Youth Access to Community-Based Treatment

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2025-172517

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity supports community-based treatment programs serving justice-involved youth under the age of 18 with substance use disorder (SUD) and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder (MHSUD) needs. Successful applicants will improve responses to and outcomes for youth with SUDs and MHSUDs through increased access to community-based treatment options, as appropriate, to address their substance use and mental health needs and to prevent further formal justice system involvement.

[Family Based Alternative Justice](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2025-172525

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will support the implementation of new, and enhance existing, family-based alternative sentencing programs for parents/primary caregivers who are involved in or at risk for becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Through pre-arrest and pre-sentencing alternatives, these programs focus on rehabilitation, family unification, and family preservation. They help parents avoid incarceration, when in the best interest of their children and wellbeing, while strengthening their skills and capacity to care for their children long-term, preventing children from entering the foster care system, and reducing the likelihood for children and parents/primary caregivers of future involvement in the juvenile or criminal justice systems.

[Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults in Confinement Facilities Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2025-172506

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity supports state, local, and tribal efforts to enhance their capacity to investigate and prosecute incidents of sexual assault in confinement facilities. State agencies, law enforcement, and prosecutorial agencies may utilize this funding for investigative and prosecutorial activities to decrease incidents of sexual assault in confinement facilities and increase the rate of successful prosecutions of such cases.

[Opioid Affected Youth Initiative](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2025-172510

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will support states, local and Tribal jurisdictions to implement prevention and intervention programs and strategies that identify, respond to, treat, and support children, youth, and families impacted by opioid, stimulant, and other substance use disorders.

[Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program](#)

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O-BJA-2025-172499

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will support community-based organizations and tribal governments to provide mentoring and transitional services for adults returning to communities after a period of incarceration in a prison or a jail and who are assessed as moderate to high risk for recidivism. Services may be provided pre- and/or post-release.

[Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-BJA-2025-172507

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity supports state, local, and tribal governments and community-based organizations to provide education and employment programs for people leaving jail and prison. The goal of the program is to improve academic and vocational/trade programs available to people in prisons and jails and expand workforce development and career pathways that result in improved job readiness, employment attainment, and retention thereby improving employment prospects and reducing recidivism.

[Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

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O-BJA-2025-172493

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity supports conviction integrity units (CIU) and wrongful conviction review (WCR) entities. CIUs enhance criminal justice system integrity. WCR entities represent and review individual cases of post-conviction claims of innocence. The goal of this program is to strengthen the capacity of CIUs and WCR entities and their criminal justice and victims' services partners to more effectively and efficiently identify, assess, and manage post-conviction claims of innocence. Additionally, it aims to prevent future errors, identify and apprehend actual perpetrators of crimes, and deliver justice to victims.

[Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2025-172572

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 11, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 18, 2026

This funding opportunity seeks applications for grant funding to conduct research and evaluation projects examining a broad range of topics to reduce violence against women (VAW), including the crimes of domestic violence (DV) and family violence (FV); intimate partner violence (IPV); rape, sex trafficking, sexual violence (SV); stalking; and teen dating violence (TDV), also known as adolescent relationship abuse (ARA), along with the trauma that results from these crimes and the associated criminal justice system response, procedures, and policies.

[Second Chance Act Family Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2025-172488

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 4, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will provide funding to deliver treatment and recovery support services for parents with substance use disorders (SUD), who have minor children or are pregnant, and are under correctional control in facility or community-based setting. State, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations may apply for funding to provide family-based SUD treatment programs in jail, in prison, or as part of an alternative to incarceration to reduce recidivism and improve reentry and other related outcomes for the parent and their children.

[NAGPRA Repatriation Grants](#)

Department of the Interior

National Park Service

P25AS00474

Deadline: May 8, 2026

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony (25 U.S.C. 3008). NAGPRA Repatriation grants assist museums, Indian Tribes, and NHOs to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and/or storage of NAGPRA human remains or cultural items. Project activities may include, but are not

limited to: travel, transportation, testing or decontamination, building containers for transport, ceremonial materials, or Staff time.

[Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults](#)

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2025-172574

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: May 19, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: May 26, 2026

This funding opportunity seeks to fund applications for rigorous research and evaluation projects in five topical areas: (1) evaluation of programs that seek to prevent, intervene in, or respond to the abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older adults; (2) research on financial fraud against older adults, including knowledge building around scam prevention messaging; (3) research on formal and informal caregivers who abuse (either financially, physically, sexually, and/or emotionally) or neglect older adults, to inform intervention and prevention program development; (4) forensic research involving the development of radiographic evidence and bioinformatic approaches relevant to the physical abuse of older adults; and (5) research examining the role of emerging technologies in fraud and exploitation.

[Mind and Body Interventions to Restore Whole Person Health via Emotional Well-Being Mechanisms](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-25-449

Deadline: June 8, 2028

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) announces this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for research on how mind and body interventions through psychological and/or physical inputs (e.g., mindfulness meditation, yoga, acupuncture, massage, and other brain and/or body based interventions) impact mechanisms of emotional well-being (EWB) and their associations with whole person health (WPH), consistent with the NIH priority to address the health needs of the American people and improve their well-being.