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FORUM NEWS

[OBITUARY: Richard Carl Blake Jr., 1956-2026](#)

Lost Coast Outpost, May 2, 2026

Richard Carl Blake Jr., a beloved Hoopa Valley Tribal member and the Chief Judge of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court, unexpectedly passed into the spirit world on April 27, 2026. He spent his last days surrounded by his loving family and treasured lifelong friends.

IN THE NEWS

[Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous People commemoration draws largest gathering so far](#)

By Elizabeth Larson, Lake County News, May 2, 2026

This year's MMIP event, titled, "Community Transcendence: Bringing Awareness to the Plight of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People," featured 100 vendors from local tribes and associated organizations, as well as area law enforcement, educational, transportation and community agencies. It was a day not just of education about the impact of MMIP on native peoples, but also a celebration of tribal cultures and resilience.

[Tribes, sheriff, DA sign memorandum of understanding around missing, murdered Indigenous people](#)

By Brooke Binkowski, Times of San Diego, May 7, 2026

In California, murder rates for Indigenous women and girls is seven times higher than the national average, according to [Missing and Murdered Indigenous People San Diego](#), a resource founded by four Kumeyaay tribes and maintained by a network of partners. Human trafficking is also a major concern, particularly in San Diego County and other regions near the border. Law enforcement, tribal leaders, and representatives signed an historic agreement Wednesday in order to call attention to the issue and strengthen tribal and law enforcement responses to better respond to and prevent violence, murders, and disappearances.

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[Native kids with disabilities were held in wooden boxes. Sweeping reforms are coming](#)

By Brian Mann, NPR, May 14, 2026
FORT COVINGTON, N.Y. — Rumors spread on social media over the winter: School kids with disabilities in the Salmon River Central School District, including Akwesasne Mohawk children, were being confined by special education teachers in wooden boxes. Sarah Konwahahawi Herne was devastated.

[NAGPRA ruling 'brings joy to the tribe'](#)

By Stewart Huntington, Indian Country Today, May 15, 2026
On Thursday, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed an earlier ruling from Claude S. Hilton, a judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The federal court found that the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA, applies in the case and that the tribe is entitled to retrieve the boys' remains and honor them according to its customs and practices.

[Ramos Bills on Native Rights, Public Safety and Youth Advance in California Legislature](#)

By Levi Rickert, Native News Online, May 15, 2026
A package of bills authored by James C. Ramos, the first and only California Native American serving in the state's legislature, focused on Native American rights, public safety, children and youth services, and mental health access cleared the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file this week, allowing the measures to continue moving through the California legislative process.

['Feels like erasure': Why Native American students may be undercounted by 90% in California schools](#)

By Carolyn Jones, Cal Matters, May 21, 2026
According to the arcane way California counts its 5.8 million students, students who say they are Hispanic and Native American get counted as solely Hispanic. Native American students who also identify as another race, such as Black, white or Asian, are counted as "two or more races," not Native American. The problem affects all multiracial students, but it's especially pronounced among Native Americans because the majority are multiracial. It's resulted in an undercount of Native American students by as much as 90%, advocates said.

[On Memorial Day, Remember Native Warriors and Honor a Greater Truth](#)

By Levi Rickert, Native News Online, May 25, 2026
For Native Americans, Memorial Day carries a weight beyond patriotic tradition. It is a moment to reflect not only on the sacrifice of our warriors, but on the complicated legacy of service in a country that has not always honored us in return.

Native Americans serve in the U.S. military at [higher rates per capita](#) than any other ethnic group. This is not a new development. From the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts abroad, Native people have stood on the front lines of American wars, often fighting for a country that has repeatedly broken its promises to our people.

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.

[This former Utah tribal chairman believes Native American burial sites are near the MIDA data center project](#)

By Courtney Tanner, The Salt Lake Tribune, May 27, 2026

Those mounds, Parry believes, mark the graves of his Native American ancestors who died in this place some 500 years ago. Now, Parry, a former chairman of [the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation](#) who spoke on his own behalf, said he is worried that what he considers potential sacred burial sites could be trampled and paved over with [the hyperscale data center](#) proposed near this area of Box Elder County.

PUBLICATIONS

[Access to Home- and Community-Based Services for People with Disabilities Leaving Incarceration: Barriers and Policy Priorities](#) By: **Greg Robinson, Natalie Kean, and Ruby Siegel**

This brief examines barriers people with disabilities, including older adults, face when released from incarceration in accessing LTSS. We discuss current policy initiatives to increase Medicaid access, examine gaps in access to HCBS and other supports, and identify promising practices to address those gaps. Based on our research, we propose policy initiatives aimed at supporting disabled people to successfully reenter through improving access to HCBS.

[Tribal Court Judgments, Ohio St. L.J. \(2027\) \(Forthcoming\), 56 Pages Posted: 5 May 2026 Last revised: 6 May 2026, Grant Christensen, University of Alabama - School of Law, Date Written: May 04, 2026](#)

Does a state court have to enforce a judgment issued by a tribal court? In 1991 the Arizona Supreme Court surveyed the current treatment of tribal court judgments and concluded that a majority of courts “extend [] the application of the full faith and credit clause” to decisions rendered by tribal courts. Just fifteen years later the Southern District of Florida castigated the Miccosukee Tribe for making the same representation; reasoning that “the clear majority of states addressing the issue have concluded that Indian tribes” are outside of the Full Faith and Credit Statute.

This Article corrects the judicial record. First, it actually surveys the split among state laws and concludes that most states that have considered the issue treat tribal court judgments as enforceable beyond the traditional comity extended to judgments from foreign courts, although not all of these states describe this recognition as full faith and credit. Second, it makes a normative argument, suggesting that the Supreme Court’s recent decision in a relatively obscure bankruptcy case, *Lac du Flambeau v. Coughlin*, actually resolves the conflict and mandates that state courts extend full faith and credit to tribal court judgments. Finally, the Article considers the limited enumerated powers of Congress and the federal courts, to suggest that while states must give full faith and credit to tribal court judgments, tribes are free to decide for themselves whether to reciprocally recognize state court judgments.

[Violent Offenses Reported and Cleared by Tribally Operated Law Enforcement Agencies, 2022–2023 NCJ Number 310766, Author\(s\) Lizabeth Remrey, PhD, BJS Statistician, Date Published May 2026, Publication Series **Just the Stats**](#)

The online report, *Violent Offenses Reported and Cleared by Tribally Operated Law Enforcement Agencies, 2022–2023*, details reported and cleared violent crime offenses among tribally operated law enforcement agencies. The data used to produce this report are from the BJS and FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Estimation Program for 2022 and 2023.

[Testing Questions to Measure Cybercrimes on Three Supplements to the National Crime Victimization Survey, NCJ Number 311862, Author\(s\) David Cantor, PhD, Westat; Pamela Giambo, Westat; Sarah Bennett-Harper, Westat; Willow Burns, Westat, Date Published May 2026](#)

This report describes research that considers which types of crimes are feasible to collect on the NCVS, the survey items designed to collect these data and the evaluation of these items using cognitive interviews and a web survey. In addition, in response to a U.S. Government Accountability Office request, the research also explored measuring bias-motivated crimes that occurred on the internet.

[Victimization At and Away From School Among Students Ages 12 to 18, 2013–2023 – Statistical Tables NCJ Number 310702, Author\(s\) Erin Tinney, PhD, BJS Statistician, Date Published May 2026](#)

This report examines rates of theft and nonfatal violent victimization at and away from school for students ages 12 to 18 from 2013 through 2023. It details victimization rates for students by location of victimization, type of crime, age, and sex, among other demographic characteristics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples' Week at the Capitol May 4 - 7, 2026](#)

California ranks among the top five states in Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) cases, underscoring the urgent need for awareness, accountability, and action; the tragic story of Hanna Harris, a 21-year-old member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe whose disappearance and delayed law enforcement response highlighted systemic failures like jurisdictional confusion, lack of urgency, and data gaps, serves as a powerful reminder of the disproportionate violence Indigenous women and girls continue to face, which is why this issue so important: to honor those lost, uplift their stories, stand with impacted families and communities, and reaffirm a collective commitment to justice, visibility, and meaningful change.

[MMIW/MMIP Awareness Day on May 5 highlights crisis of missing people in Indian Country](#)

CALIFORNIA — May 5 marks Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons (MMIW/MMIP) Awareness Day, a time to draw public attention to missing Indigenous people in Indian Country.

[Pilot Sites Sought for Updated CSE-IT Screening Tool](#)

[WestCoast Children's Clinic](#) (WCC) is developing an updated version of the [Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool](#) (CSE-IT), which will include both a CSEC and labor trafficking score. WCC is currently seeking pilot sites to begin screening with the updated version of the CSE-IT starting at the **end of May to November 2026**. Organizations interested in participating after the initial trial period are also encouraged to reach out. For more information or to schedule a meeting, contact screening@westcoastcc.org.

[Children's Bureau Establishes Tribal Cross-Functional Team to Strengthen Coordination and Tribal Engagement](#)

The Children's Bureau (CB) has established a new Tribal Cross-Functional Team (TCFT) to strengthen coordination, consistency, and alignment across the Bureau's tribal-facing work. The TCFT will serve as the central internal coordination body for tribal-related activities across CB, supporting greater collaboration across policy, funding, technical assistance, fiscal oversight, data, and program implementation efforts affecting Tribes and Tribal organizations. The establishment of the TCFT reflects CB's ongoing commitment to strengthening relationships with Tribal Nations and ensuring that tribal child welfare programs are supported through coordinated, transparent, and responsive federal engagement. The team brings together staff and subject matter experts from across CB divisions to improve information-sharing, reduce duplication of effort, promote consistent policy interpretation, and support alignment across cross-cutting tribal initiatives. The TCFT will also support coordination related to tribal consultations, advisory committees, technical assistance efforts, discretionary grants, interagency collaboration, and emerging tribal child welfare priorities.

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

[Resources for Tribes](#)

Children's Bureau, An Office of the Administration for Children & Families

Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia are eligible for federal funding to administer title IV-B and title IV-E programs. Tribes are also eligible to apply for discretionary grants. Please reach out to your [Children's Bureau Regional Program Contacts for Tribal Grantees](#) for questions.

Tribal programs and resources include the following:

- [Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services: Title IV-B, Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act](#)
- [MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program: Title IV-B, Subpart 2 of the Social Security Act](#)
- [Tribal Title IV-B Supports, Toolkit, and Guide to Navigating Title IV-B](#)
- [The John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood \(Chafee\) and Education and Training Vouchers \(ETV\)](#)
- [State Child Welfare Agency Education Contacts, Independent Living and Education and Training Vouchers \(ETV\) Coordinators](#)
- [Tribal Title IV-E Program Considerations, Technical Assistance Document](#)
- [Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments Program](#)
- [Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program](#)
- [Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program](#)
- [Title IV-E Development Grants](#)
- [Tribes with Approved Title IV-E Plans](#)
- [Tribal Federal Medical Assistance Percentage \(FMAP\)](#)
- [Tribal Court Improvement Project Grants](#)
- [Discretionary Grants](#)
- [ACF Tribal Consultation \(ANA\) and Policy](#)
- [Children's Bureau Tribal Consultation Response: Tribal Consultant for the Title IV-E Prevention Services Program](#)
- [State and Tribal Information Systems](#)
- [Regulatory Actions](#)

CSEC Action Team Quarterly Meeting On-Line Resources: March 25, 2026

The March 25 CSEC Action Team meeting, **Touchpoint with Direct Service Providers**, brought together peers from across the state to discuss emerging trends impacting youth experiencing exploitation and reflect on how needs and experiences may have shifted over the past 6-12 months.

During the session, participants discussed the role of technology, social media, AI, and gaming, reflected on the impact of recent legal changes, and identified community needs, promising practices, and gaps in services. Participants also joined small breakout discussions to exchange insights with peers.

Key Resources

- Meeting Recording - *Passcode: 2026March25!ActionTeam*
 - [Recording 1](#)
 - [Recording 2](#)
- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [Key Takeaways](#)
- [Legislative Matrix](#)

The Impact Documentary Project

Child & Family Policy Institute of California

The documentaries serve as educational tools for child welfare and other child-serving professionals on topics related to child trafficking. The films center the lived experiences of individuals impacted by childhood trafficking, exploring the complexities of abuse, trauma, healing, and pathways toward safety and reclaiming agency, with the goal of deepening understanding and strengthening responses to youth and families.

Produced with public funds, the films are available at no cost for screening; however, completion of a User Agreement is required. To request a screening, [click here](#) to complete the User Agreement.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Resources for Tribes

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has outreach and awareness programming related to Native, Indigenous, and Tribal communities. We continuously work to raise awareness around the missing child data we observe and our resources to support these communities. When a child goes missing, NCMEC has a full range of technical assistance and resources, available at no cost to tribal law enforcement, families, or caregivers.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, AND TRAININGS

June 2, 2026 (Virtual)

[Evaluating Sexual Offending: Evidence-Based Perspectives for Judges](#)

June 3-6, 2026 (Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ)
[12th Annual Pathway to Law for Tribal Citizens Initiative Workshop](#)

June 4, 2026 (Virtual)
[Peacemaking Court](#)

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, 2026 (Virtual)
[Break from the Bench: Recognizing and Addressing Elder Abuse in Cases Before the Court](#)

June 15-16, 2026 & June 29-30, 2026 (Virtual)
[Intrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse: Insights, Interventions, Interruption and Next Steps](#)

June 17, 2026 (Virtual)
[CSEC Action Team: Labor Trafficking: Emerging Responses and System Gaps](#)

June 17, 2026 (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
[20th Annual Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference-Keynote: Tribal Adult Protective Services: Voices from the Frontlines](#)

June 22, 2026 (Virtual)
[Centering Family Engagement in Prevention](#)

June 23-25, 2026 (Virtual)
[Evolving Strategies in the Fight Against Trafficking](#)

June 25, July 9 & July 16, 2026 (Virtual)
[Using Engagement and Data to Provide Appropriate Care for Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Health Challenges](#)

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, 2026 (Virtual)
[Centering Youth Engagement in Prevention](#)

July 20-23, 2026 (Portland, OR)
[Enhancing Judicial Bench Skills](#)

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 22-24, 2026 (Rancho Cordova, CA)
[Impact: Preventing & Addressing Child Trafficking Annual Convening](#)

September 27, 2026-October 2, 2026 (Nashville, TN)
[American Judges Association 2026 Annual Conference](#)

September 28-October 1, 2026 (Reno, NV)
[Guardianship & Probate Matters](#)

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](#).

[Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime: Nexus with Firearms and Violence](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
 Office of Justice Programs
 National Institute of Justice
 O-NIJ-2025-172605

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 08, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 15, 2026

This funding opportunity seeks applications for rigorous applied research on the intersection of drug crimes and firearms to inform the development of evidence-based tools, practices, and policies for state, tribal, and local law enforcement and other criminal justice stakeholders that address drug trafficking, drug markets, and drug-related violence. With this FY25 NOFO, NIJ seeks applications in four topic areas: (1) Pattern Identification; (2) Interdiction & Disruption Strategies; (3) Prosecution; and (4) Drug Market Dynamics.

[Research and Evaluation on Human Trafficking](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
 Office of Justice Programs
 National Institute of Justice
 O-NIJ-2025-172606

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 08, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 15, 2026

The funding opportunity seeks to build upon past research and evaluation efforts by focusing on emerging evidence needs and remaining gaps to combat human trafficking and protect children, with a particular focus on trafficking at the Southern Border.

[Research and Evaluation of Policing Practices](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
 Office of Justice Programs
 National Institute of Justice
 O-NIJ-2025-172603

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 09, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 16, 2026

This funding opportunity seeks rigorous, applied evaluative research on: (1) existing police training; (2) officer safety and health; (3) criminal investigations; and (4) policing strategies and tactics.

[Research and Evaluation on Youth Justice Topics](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
 Office of Justice Programs
 National Institute of Justice
 O-NIJ-2025-172607

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 10, 2026

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 17, 2026

The funding opportunity seeks proposals for evaluation projects to inform policy and practice in the field of youth justice in the following two topics: 1. Evaluations on Juvenile Justice System Prosecution 2. Evaluations of Juvenile Reentry Practices

[Research and Evaluation of Artificial Intelligence for Criminal Justice Purposes](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
National Institute of Justice
O-NIJ-2025-172615**

Deadline to submit SF-424 and concept paper in Grants.gov: June 15, 2026

The funding opportunity seeks to support research and evaluation that advances the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the criminal justice system. The goal is to enhance lawful decision-making and help improve its accuracy and effectiveness through AI applications supporting crime prevention, public safety, and criminal justice systems.

[Historic Preservation Fund - Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program](#)

**Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P25AS00497**

Deadline: June 23, 2026

The goal of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrants Program is to fund subgrant programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development in rural communities. These subgrant programs, managed by States, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, special district governments, and non-profits will select, fund, and manage preservation projects for historic properties to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation.

[Community Connect Grant Program](#)

**Department of Agriculture
Rural Utilities Service
RDRUS-CC-2026**

Deadline: June 29, 2026

The Community Connect Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide service at or above the Broadband Grant Speed (100 Mbps down and 20 Mbps up) to all premises in rural, economically-challenged communities where broadband service (10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up) does not exist. The deployment of broadband services on a “community-oriented connectivity” basis stimulates economic development and provides enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. RUS will give priority to rural areas that demonstrate the greatest need for broadband services, based on the criteria contained in the regulation and Application Guide.

[Historic Preservation Fund- Annual Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grants](#)

**Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P26AS00361**

Deadline: June 30, 2026

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to THPOs for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) by such means as: survey, planning, technical assistance, physical preservation, review of Federal undertakings, education, listing in the National Register of Historic Places and Tribal Registers. These grants assist THPOs in carrying out the NHPA historic preservation activities that a Tribe agreed to assume from the State Historic Preservation Office, on tribal lands, under their Partnership agreement with the National Park Service. Awards under this program must comply with and support 54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.

[Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Heritage Grants](#)

**Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P25AS00501**

Deadline: July 27, 2026

The National Historic Preservation Act authorizes grants to federally recognized Tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. These grants assist Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian

Organizations in protecting and promoting their unique tribal heritage and traditions. The program focuses on what Tribes are most concerned about protecting including but not limited to: Traditional skills, oral history, plant and animal species important in tradition, documentation and preservation of sacred and historic places, and the establishment of tribal historic preservation offices.

Kinship Navigator Programs: Evaluations

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CF-0004**

Deadline: August 7, 2026

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support the implementation and rigorous evaluation of existing Kinship Navigator Programs (KNPs). The goal is to increase the number of programs that qualify for federal Title IV-E Kinship Navigator funding by building strong evidence of improved outcomes for kinship caregivers and the children in their care. Strengthening the evidence base will position more programs for review by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse. This opportunity is intended for states and tribal communities that are not currently operating a Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program.

Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Program

**Department of Transportation
DOT - Federal Transit Administration
FTA-2026-002-TPM-TRTR**

Deadline: August 25, 2026

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$18,954,885 in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) Competitive Program under Assistance Listing Number 20.509.

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.

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.

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.