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### FORUM NEWS

California Tribal Court – State Court Forum seeking nominations for Tribal Court Judge vacancies. Visit <https://www.courts.ca.gov/forum.htm> for more information and nomination materials.

### IN THE NEWS

[Native American Communities Have the Highest Suicide Rates, Yet Interventions Are Scarce](#)

KFF Health News - January 25, 2024

Amanda MorningStar has watched her children struggle with mental health issues, including suicidal thoughts. She often wonders why. "We're family-oriented and we do stuff together. I had healthy pregnancies. We're very protective of our kids," said MorningStar, who lives in Heart Butte, Montana, a town of about 600 residents on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Yet despite her best efforts, MorningStar said, her family faces a grim reality that touches Native American communities nationwide. About a year ago, her 15-year-old son, Ben, was so grief-stricken over his cousin's suicide and two classmates' suicides that he tried to kill himself. "Their deaths made me feel like part of me was not here. I was gone. I was lost," said Ben MorningStar.

[New DNA technique could bring closure for families of missing and murdered Indigenous people](#)

High Country News – January 31, 2024

Shirley Soosay became one of the first Indigenous Jane Does in North America to be identified through Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG), a tool used by Canadian and U.S. law enforcement agencies. Her family was one of the few of the thousands of Indigenous families in the U.S. and Canada with missing loved ones who finally achieved any closure.

[Is There Hope For The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women?](#)

The New Yorker – February 1, 2024

A hashtag and a political campaign have brought attention to the epidemic of violence, but a New Mexico woman is fighting case by case. Federal officials estimate there are more than 4,000 cases of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women that have gone unsolved. Families of victims say police officers and journalists don't take their missing person claims seriously. In New Mexico, one lawyer has taken on 20 such cases, negotiating with police investigators and others. For some families, the mystery will end with the discovery of a body. For other families, the mystery surrounding a loved one's disappearance will never be solved.

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**FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**  
Visit forum's home page  
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

**UKB wins grant to study affects of bad childhood experiences on tribal families**

Enid News and Eagle - February 05, 2024

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians received a grant for \$74,079 to determine how adverse childhood experiences affect children and families. During the Feb. 3 meeting of the UKB Tribal Council, members heard from Janelle Adair, with Indian Child Welfare, on how trauma creates pathways in a child's brain that affects them later in life. Funds from the Telligen Community Initiative will be utilized to develop a survey to collect data on the issue.

**Indian Boarding School Bill Seeks to Create Accountability, Healing**

Native News Online – February 6 2024

On Feb. 5, Co-Chairs of the Congressional Native American Caucus—Representatives Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk, D-KS) and Tom Cole (Chickasaw Nation, R-OK)—reintroduced the [Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2024](#). This is the fourth year an iteration of this bill has been brought before lawmakers: A similar bill was first introduced in 2020 by then-Congresswoman Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), now the Secretary of the Interior. It was reintroduced in 2022 and 2023 by Sen. Warren and [supported last year](#) by a bipartisan group of 27 US Senators.

**Public safety commissioner seeks change in Alaska's missing and murdered Indigenous people response**

Alaska Beacon – February 8, 2024

'We've closed our eyes and allowed rural Alaska to be seriously victimized,' Cockrell said

**'I screamed': B.C. Indigenous child welfare advocates celebrate court victory** (Includes video)

Global News - February 09, 2024

Indigenous child welfare advocates in B.C. are celebrating a "huge win" in Ottawa on Friday, where a federal law affirming that First Nations, Métis and Inuit people have sole authority to protect their children was upheld in court. Also: [The Supreme Court of Canada confirms the validity of An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families](#) (Press release)

**House Passes Tribal Education and Health Care Fund Bills**

Santa Fe Reporter - February 09, 2024

House Bill 134, establishing a trust fund for tribal education, unanimously passed the House yesterday, but an amendment stripped its \$100 million appropriation. The initial funding is now \$50 million, but sponsor Rep. Derrick Lente, D-Sandia Pueblo, says he remains hopeful the Senate will allocate another \$50 million. While the bill had called for a tribally-led task force to develop a formula for disbursing the funds across New Mexico's 23 tribes, nations and pueblos, the House-adopted version would instead lean on tribal leaders directly creating the formula together, with the Public Education Department serving as a facilitator.  
Also: [House Bill 134](#)

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.

**Native American Foster Care: South Dakota Lawmakers Establish Advisory Council**

BNN - February 14, 2024

In South Dakota, Native American children are disproportionately represented in the foster care system. With nearly 74% of the system dominated by these children in June 2023, despite making up only 13% of the state's overall child population, the issue is increasingly urgent. The recent joint investigation by South Dakota Searchlight and the Argus Leader has brought this crisis to the forefront. The historical context of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), enacted in 1978, aimed to prevent Native American children from being separated from their families and culture. However, the current state of affairs indicates a need for further action. In a significant move, lawmakers on a House committee in South Dakota have approved a bill to establish an advisory council to oversee communication on the welfare of Native American children in the state's foster care system. The council would consist of stakeholders from tribes, the Department of Social Services, and the legislature, meeting once a year to discuss prevention, data, and innovation in Native foster care. The committee, however, rejected a bill to create a task force to study the problem and expand portions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act into state law.

**How the case of a missing Indigenous teen fell through the cracks**

Crosscut - February 14, 2024

Kit, Mexican on their dad's side and Indigenous on their mom's side, with ancestral ties to the Penticton Indian Band in present-day British Columbia, is one of 58 missing children and 128 missing Indigenous people in Washington, which has among the most cases of any state in the country. Kit's disappearance is part of a much larger crisis, one that's increasingly on the radar of state and federal officials. It has sparked bipartisan congressional legislation, executive orders from Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden, and state task forces promising to solve the problem. In Washington, state lawmakers created the nation's first missing Indigenous persons alert system, which launched in July 2022, similar to Amber alerts for missing children. So far, it's directly helped locate at least 13 people, according to the Washington State Patrol. Yet despite the attention on the issue, kids like Kit still vanish. To family, friends and child advocates, Kit's disappearance reveals a lack of urgency seeping into the public entities that are supposed to protect kids like them, a child born into an abusive home who'd just begun to find their identity before going missing.

**Murdered and missing women is the top issue facing Native American communities heading into the 2024 elections** (Commentary)

Brookings Institute, February 15, 2024

First Nations Development Institute's (FNDI) National Survey of Native Americans reported that 37 percent of respondents say that "The high rate of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW)" is the most salient issue.

**Reunifying Native families after foster care**

Montana Free Press - February 16, 2024

Native American children make up more than a third of the foster care caseload in Montana, despite representing less than 10% of the state's child population. While there's a broad consensus among child welfare experts that this outsized representation is a problem, there exists no collective strategy to address it. The Montana Free Press series Keeping the Kids, supported by a data fellowship through the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism, explores the available data and highlights examples of local solutions around the state. This article focuses on one specialized recovery court working with families in Billings.

**California Assemblyman Ramos Announces 2024 Bill Package with Strong Tribal Emphasis**

Native News Online – February 17, 2024

Assemblymember James C. Ramos, the first and only California Native American serving in the state's legislature, on Friday announced his 2024 bill package that deals with issues ranging from public safety to youth homelessness to education to mental health services. Ramos' bill package contains a strong emphasis on inclusion of Native American issues, including the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People issue.

**Increasing tribal judicial transparency** (Podcast)

Native America Calling – February 19, 2024

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is making kiosks available in key locations so tribal members can access important information for their judicial and law enforcement systems. It's part of a multi-phase effort to make their official procedures more transparent and accessible. They plan on ultimately providing digital access to their entire law library, court decisions and other documents that improve citizens' understanding and engagement with government functions. We'll talk with tribal representatives from Saint Regis and other tribes putting a priority on transparency and openness.

**Tribal courts can't prosecute non-Native drug suspects. Tribes say it's a problem**

NPR Morning Edition – February 20, 2024

As fentanyl addiction and overdose deaths [ravage Native American communities](#), some tribal leaders want Native law enforcement to take drug enforcement more into their own hands.

"We can't wait anymore," Jamie Azure, chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, [told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee](#) in November. "We are very close to losing a generation to an opioid, to a synthetic drug."

**Removing Burdens to Support Growth of Tribal Child Support Program**

Office of Child Support Services Commissioner's Voice Blog – February 21, 2024

Participating in tribal site visits and conferences are among my favorite activities as commissioner. It's such an honor to witness the rich array of tribal cultures and how each tribal child support program is helping families in their community. At OCSS, we work every day to support these vibrant programs. That's why I'm excited to highlight a new rule that supports the growth of the tribal child support program by eliminating burdensome costs. This will make it easier for existing and new tribal child support programs to access the funding they need to operate.

**HHS Announces Proposed Rule Requiring States to Collect Additional Information on American Indian/Alaska Native Youth Entering the Foster Care System or Adoption Process** (Includes audio) (Press release)

U.S. Administration for Children and Families - February 22, 2024

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), proposed a rule to increase data collection on American Indian/Alaska Native children's status and experiences. This proposed rule aims to augment information submitted by states to ACF's Children's Bureau for inclusion in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS) report. ACF uses the AFCARS data submitted by states and tribal title IV-E agencies to provide national statistics on the child welfare population, budgeting, providing reports to Congress and monitoring compliance with the title IV-B and IV-E requirements. Currently, ACF's Children's Bureau receives a limited amount of information through AFCARS for determining what children should be afforded the protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) - which was established to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families through the placement of their children in foster or adoptive homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture.

Also: [Feds push for expanded data collection on Indian Child Welfare Act cases](#)

**State Senate committee OK's creating new Indian Child Advisory Council**

South Dakota Searchlight - February 23, 2024

An effort to establish an advisory council to host formal conversations and gather data on the high number of Native American children in South Dakota's foster care system was approved by a Senate committee Friday morning, Feb. 23. The bill now heads to the Senate floor. HB 1232 creates an Indian Child Advisory Council made up of representatives from the Legislature, South Dakota's nine tribes, the state Department of Social Services and other child welfare experts. Rep. Tamara St. John, R-Sisseton, explained the council would bring those key stakeholders together to have formal conversations and find possible solutions.

Also: [House Bill 1232](#)

**Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System** (Press release)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families - February 23, 2024  
ACF proposes to amend the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) regulations that require title IV-E agencies to collect and report data to ACF on children who enter out-of-home care, their providers, and children who have a title IV-E adoption or guardianship assistance agreement to collect additional data related to Indian children.

**Biden Proposes New Federal Data on ICWA Compliance** (Requires subscription)

Imprint - February 23, 2024

The Biden administration announced plans to add new requirements for states to report on their compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), a decades-old law designed to maintain the bonds between Native children and their families and tribes. "This proposed change goes beyond just collecting data. It will also move us a step closer to valuing the experiences of Native families and furthering our goals of keeping children in their homes and communities," said Xavier Becerra, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

[How Ute tribes in Colorado resisted U.S. boarding schools](#)

Colorado Sun and Colorado Trust - February 27, 2024

In August 1883, 27 Ute children and young people arrived at the Albuquerque Indian Boarding School, hundreds of miles from their families in Colorado.

[Kansas lawmaker urges more protections for Native American children in state welfare system](#) (Includes audio)

Hiawatha World Online - February 27, 2024

Rep. Christina Haswood, a Lawrence Democrat and member of the Navajo Nation, wants to solidify indigenous rights in the state's child welfare system, attempting to reduce inequality in a system long beset by racial and cultural disparities. Her attempt would implement a state version of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The federal law, passed in 1978, is meant to keep Native American children with Native American families. Haswood is asking for requirements for custody proceedings involving Native American children. House Bill 2772 would give a child's Indian tribe jurisdiction over proceedings and require courts to seek placement of a Native American child with the tribe.

**PUBLICATIONS**[2023 Progress Report For Tribal Nations](#), The White House (December, 2023) Prepared by the Domestic Policy Council

This report documents progress the Biden-Harris Administration has made in 2023—including following through on commitments and developing new policies and initiatives that support Tribal Nations and Native communities. President Biden's relationship with Tribal Nations and their citizens is built on respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, honoring federal trust and treaty responsibilities, protecting Tribal homelands, and conducting regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal Nations.

[Shielding Tribal Nations: How a Prejudicial Narrative and Harmful Rhetoric Culminated Into Challenges to ICWA and What May Loom Ahead](#) (Hannah M. Peterson) Washburn Law Journal, Vol. 63 (2023-2024) p. 93-124[You May Think You Know What Is Going on with Circle Peacemaking, but Alaska Natives have Other Ideas](#), Pat Sekaquaptewa and Grace Carson, ABA Dispute Resolution Magazine – February 2024.

Restorative practices have been practiced by Native communities since time immemorial. It is these restorative practices that Western systems have looked to when attempting to implement their own restorative justice systems. But Indigenous restorative practices are not only a process that Native communities engage in after harm has taken place, they are the application of the restorative values that are deeply embedded in Indigenous knowledge and being.

[Nevada Lawyer Magazine](#), February 2024 Special Issue on Tribal Law**Featured Stories:**

- [Nevada Legal Services's Indian Law Project: Serving Nevada's Tribal Communities](#)
- [Nevada's Tribal Courts: Applicable Laws, Court Rules, and Contact Information](#)
- [Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, and Lands Matter](#)
- [Indian Child Welfare Act: Upheld by U.S. Supreme Court and Enacted into State Law](#)
- [The New Law that Nobody is Talking About](#)
- [President's Message: An Introduction to Nevada's Tribes and the Dynamics of Tribal Law](#)

[Confronting Legacies of Indigenous Injustice: Lessons from Sweden](#), Sara L. Ochs, Seton Hall Law

Review, Vol. 54, Forthcoming

The past decade has brought global efforts by settler colonial states to provide healing and justice for past and ongoing harms against indigenous communities. Many of these efforts have manifested in the creation of truth commissions, nonjudicial entities which seek to establish a reliable historical record of harm; promote reconciliation; and foster healing by providing harmed parties the opportunities to share their stories and—in some cases—to confront their perpetrators. To date, these commissions have been established by various settler colonial states, including Canada and Greenland. Most recently, however, Scandinavian countries have turned to truth commissions to provide redress for past harms against their indigenous peoples, the Sami.

[The law-of-nations origins of the Marshall Trilogy](#), Eric Eisner, Yale Law Journal, Vol. 133, No. 3 (2024)

Federal Indian law is sometimes seen as a purely domestic part of American law, but its origins are in the law of nations. The Marshall Trilogy—Johnson v. M'Intosh, Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, and Worcester v. Georgia,

three Supreme Court decisions authored by Chief Justice Marshall that are foundational for American federal Indian law—relied on law-of-nations sources. In particular, *The Law of Nations*, an eighteenth-century treatise by Emer de Vattel, provided a central influence on Marshall's opinion in *Worcester*. In early national American legal thought, Vattel was a leading authority on the law governing the rights and obligations subsisting among nations. Recognizing the important role that the law of nations played in the foundations of federal Indian law under-scores the deep roots of tribal sovereignty in American law and clarifies current doctrinal disputes.

**[The Heart of the Matter: ICWA and the Future of Native American Child Welfare.](#)** (Article in Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary). Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary vol. 42, no. 2 Tidwell, Amelia. 2023

**[Importance of culture in measuring tribal crime seriousness: scoping review of crime seriousness indices.](#)** Lorinda Riley and Cassandra Park, Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice (2024)

Understanding crime trends provides policymakers with needed information to effectively use scarce resources to keep communities safe. Native nations in the US, who retain criminal and civil jurisdiction on their lands, rely on national data collected by the federal government with little tribal input. These data may not accurately reflect the community's situation or the values they hold. Developing a tribal crime seriousness index may provide an elegant way to bridge this gap. This paper catalogs and identifies the methods for developing crime seriousness indices and provides a critical discussion of the role culture plays in the conceptualization of crime.

**[Separate, sovereign, and subjugated : Native citizenship and the 1790 Trade and Intercourse Act.](#)**

Bethany R. Berger, William & Mary Law Review (forthcoming)

Indigenous people were ever present as Congress debated the 1790 Naturalization Act. They were physically present, as they toured and were feted in American cities, and psychologically present, as their claims against encroaching settlers and states were central political questions. This presence led both to the 1790 Trade and Intercourse Act, many of whose provisions still exist in federal Indian law, and important treaties with the Muscogee (Creek) and Cherokee Nations, the first negotiated under the new U.S. Constitution. These laws and treaties reflect and protect tribal separateness and sovereignty, even as they were believed to facilitate ultimate subjugation.

**[A tangled web of jurisdiction : Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta and the future of justice on the reservation,](#)**

Kiera Irwin, Suffolk University Law Review, vol. 56, No. 4 (2023)

In 2020, the Supreme Court's *McGirt v. Oklahoma* decision created a jurisdictional complication unique to Oklahoma by holding that Congress had never "disestablished" the Creek Reservation, which was approximately nineteen million acres and encompassed the eastern half of the state. In the wake of *McGirt*, the Supreme Court considered the conviction of Victor Manuel Castro-Huerta in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*. Because Castro-Huerta committed this crime in what *McGirt* recognized as Indian Country, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals vacated his state conviction, and Castro-Huerta accepted a more lenient plea agreement from the federal government of seven years in prison followed by removal from the United States. The Supreme Court disagreed, holding that the federal government and the state have concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute crimes committed by non-Indians against Indians in Indian Country.

**[The Outcomes of Indigenous Youth Aging Out of Care and Exiting Care in Canada: Environmental Scan.](#)**

Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal.,Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto.,Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario.,Making the Shift. 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

New List of **[Indian Child Welfare Act: Designated Tribal Agendas for Service of Notice](#)** published in the Federal Register February 28, 2024.

**[Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\) on Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System \(AFCARS\)](#)**

A NPRM was published proposing to amend the AFCARS regulations to require state title IV-E agencies to collect and report data elements related to the procedural protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA). This NPRM was published in the Federal Register on February 23, 2024. The deadline for submitting comments is April 23, 2024.

**[Honorable Yvette Ayala Henderson Named Chief Judge for San Manuel Band of Mission Indians](#)** (Press Release) February 1, 2024

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has appointed the Honorable Judge Yvette Ayala Henderson as Chief Judge for the San Manuel Tribal Court. She was sworn in on January 29, 2024. She will serve as the chief administrator of both the trial and appellate courts of the San Manuel Tribal Court system, along with sitting as a trial court judge and carrying out other duties set out in the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Constitution and San Manuel Judicial Code. The San Manuel Tribal Court system exercises civil jurisdiction over San Manuel Tribal Citizens and others who have consented to the Court's jurisdiction, whether by contract, presence on the Tribe's Reservation, or otherwise. Judge Henderson brings close to 20 years of jurisprudence to this role. Before joining San Manuel, she served as Chief Judge of the Fort Mojave Tribal Court for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California, and Nevada, where she presided over civil and criminal proceedings for both adults and juveniles. She also served as Magistrate (16th Judicial District) and Chief Magistrate (13th, 14th, and 16th Judicial Districts) in the Office of the Executive Secretary for the Supreme Court of Virginia.

**Prepare for Law School Success with the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives (PLSI)**

PLSI is an intensive two-month program designed to prepare you for the rigors of law school by replicating the first semester. Often referred to as a “boot camp,” PLSI will challenge you to develop legal analysis and writing skills needed for law school success. **There is still time to apply for PLSI 2024! Deadline: March 15, 2024.** **Application and Important Dates.** If you have questions regarding PLSI or the AILC, please contact Rodina Cave Parnall at [caveparnell@law.unm.edu](mailto:caveparnell@law.unm.edu) or [AILCinfo@law.unm.edu](mailto:AILCinfo@law.unm.edu).

**Public Comments Requested on the Proposed Extension of a Currently Approved Collection, Survey of Sexual Victimization**

BJS encourages comments for 60 days on the extension, with change, of the Survey of Sexual Victimization, a currently approved data collection. This survey collects annual administrative data on allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization from adult correctional and juvenile justice authorities. **Submit your comments to the Office of Management and Budget through the *Federal Register* by April 12, 2024.**

**BJS Hosts Listening Sessions on Tribal Justice Data with Tribal Communities**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is seeking input from tribal leaders, tribal law enforcement and court administrators, justice practitioners working in Indian country, and other interested parties on the development and implementation of the 2024 [Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies \(CTLEA\)](#) and [Census of Tribal Court Systems \(CTCS\)](#). BJS plans to conduct new iterations of the CTLEA and CTCS in 2025, with a data reference year of 2024. BJS will host [three tribal justice data webinars](#) in February 2024 and a two-day in-person meeting in March 2024 to discuss possible updates to the CTLEA and CTCS survey instruments for the 2024 collections. The events will serve as listening sessions and will allow BJS to collect input on potential survey topics from people working in the tribal community and affiliated with the tribal justice systems.

**ACF Releases New Resources on Behavioral Health for Young Adults, Families, and Professionals**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is excited to announce an improved [behavioral health webpage](#), [a tip sheet for parents and caregivers](#) (PDF), and a series of short videos about mental health. These videos, which were developed in partnership with [Youth.gov](#) and [SAMHSA](#), feature parents, caregivers, and young adults who share their expertise and personal experiences.

**Department of Justice Releases Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has [announced](#) the release of the [Fiscal Year 2024 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#) (CTAS), which allows Tribes to submit a single application for DOJ's Tribal grant programs. Funding will be used to improve public safety, victim services, and criminal and juvenile justice in Tribal communities.

**SAMHSA and ONC Launch the Behavioral Health Information Technology Initiative**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) will work together to invest more than \$20 million of SAMHSA funds over the next three years in an initiative to advance health information technology (IT) in behavioral health care and practice settings. The project supports the [HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration](#) and is consistent with the [President's call to action](#) to prevent, treat, and provide long-term recovery supports for mental illness and substance use disorders.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### [Webinar Recording Available: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Resources for Tribal Child Welfare Programs](#)

#### **Capacity Building Center for Tribes**

Watch our most recent webinar recording featuring Melissa McGee, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Tribal Fellow, to learn about resources available to tribal child welfare professionals for missing and exploited children.

### [Tribal Child Welfare Policy and Procedure Resources](#)

#### **Capacity Building Center for Tribes**

The Capacity Building Center for Tribes offers resources to support the development of culturally responsive policies and procedures for tribal child welfare programs. View examples of Children's Codes from other tribal communities on the [Tools from Tribes Policies and Procedures page](#).

### [Data Analysis Tools \(DAS\)](#)

#### **Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration**

SAMHSA's [Data Analysis Tools \(DAS\)](#), a consolidated and modernized data system, has replaced the Public-Use and Restricted-Use Data Analysis Systems since late October. DAS allows users to access the same data previously housed in those systems (such as NSDUH and MH-CLD) in a way that's more intuitive and user-friendly. [Step-by-step guides](#) and [FAQs](#) are available to help navigate the new pages and screens in the application.

### [Teen Dating Violence Resources](#)

#### **Office of Justice Programs**

February marks National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about teen dating violence and connect young people with needed resources.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

**March 6, 2024 – 1:30pm-4:30pm**

### [CSEC Action Team Meeting \(Virtual\)](#)

**March 14, 2024 – 8:00am-12:00pm (Virtual)**

### [Lessons Learned: Healing to Wellness](#)

**March 17-20, 2024 (Cleveland, OH)**

### [2024 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

**April 4-5, 2024 (Albuquerque, NM)**

### [Indian Law Conference – Federal Bar Association](#)

**April 5-7, 2024 (New York, NY)**

### [American Judges Association 2024 Midyear Conference](#)

**April 7-10, 2024 (Seattle, WA)**

### [43rd Annual National Indian Child Welfare Association Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

**April 7-10, 2024 (Tysons, Virginia)**

### [Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases Workshop](#)

**April 12-13, 2024 (UW Law School, Madison, WI and virtual online)**

### [38<sup>th</sup> Coming Together of Peoples Conference](#)

We will cover many Indigenous Law topics, including Tribal data sovereignty, publication of Tribal codes and cases, interdisciplinary research in Federal Indian Law, and much more! Be on the lookout for more information about the panels and our program release!

### [Judicial Connections Series Peer-to-Peer Conversations \(Virtual\)](#)

**May 15, 2024: Creating Specialized Domestic Violence Criminal Dockets-11:00am-12:00pm**

**August 14, 2024: Civil Protection Order Dockets-10:00-11:00am**

October 16, 2024: Enhancing Compliance for Court Orders Involving Child Related Relief and Access Provisions-9:00-10:00am

May 22-25, 2024 (Anaheim, CA)

[National Association of Drug Court Professionals RISE 24 Conference](#)

June 16-20, 2024 (Cherokee, NC)

[23rd Annual National Tribal Child Support Association Conference](#)

July 21-24, 2024 (Phoenix, AZ)

[The NCJFCJ's 87th Annual Conference](#)

July 21-25, 2024 (New Orleans, LA)

[National Association for Court Management 2024 Annual Conference](#)

August 18-21, 2024 (Denver, CO)

[National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers 2024 NAPCO Conference](#)

September 18-20, 2024 (Phoenix, Arizona)

[2024 Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Implementation and Enhancement Training](#)

October 22-24, 2024 – (Las Vegas, Nevada)

[55<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference](#)

### **COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

[STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center \(STTARS\)](#)

[ARP Housing 90EV0537 25](#)

*Increase the availability of COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and other COVID-19 mitigation strategies for survivors. NIWRC will allocate pass through funds to tribal organizations addressing housing and domestic violence that we have previously connected with through our National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. These funds will be utilized for COVID-19 mitigation activities (such as testing, PPE, staff related needs, health and wellness supplies for advocates and survivors, and additional resources to specifically address COVID-19 impacts and ongoing advocate pandemic fatigue). Applications will be reviewed in a timely fashion and on an on-going/rolling basis.*

### **GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM**

Attention CalWORKs families with an approved case status as of March 27 will receive a one-time Golden State Grant payment of \$600. The payment is to help families who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This payment is not a CalWORKs grant payment and not subject to hearing rights.

### **FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE**

If you've have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses starting in April 2021.

### **NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

[FY24 U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

O-BJA-2024-171911

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: March 5, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: March 12, 2024**

DOJ is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety. Many of DOJ's existing tribal government-specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS).

[Peer Learning Court Program](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

**Application Due Date: March 25, 2024**

CCFF launched the PLC Program in 2012 to highlight national best practice models for family treatment courts (FTCs), while increasing knowledge and innovative practice through peer-to-peer learning and technical assistance (TA). PLCs are collaboratives that operate in alignment with the FTC Best Practice Standards (2019) — using sound, evidence-supported practices and policies to improve child welfare and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment outcomes for families. PLCs feature strong cross-system collaborative leadership teams that include champions among Tribes, courts, child welfare, SUD treatment, and other family-serving agencies.

**Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**TI-24-004**

**Deadline: April 1, 2024**

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program recognizes the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with SUDs. Recipients are expected to provide prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with SUD involved with the courts. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve abstinence from substance use, housing stability, employment status, social connectedness, health/behavioral/social consequences, and reduce criminal justice involvement.

**Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

**O-OVW-2024-171936**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 2, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 4, 2024**

The goal of the Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program (Disability Grant Program) (CFDA# 16.529) is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that improves the response to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and caregiver abuse, and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.

**Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

**O-OVW-2024-171994**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 4, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 9, 2024**

The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is to establish, maintain, and expand sustainable, culturally appropriate services that address the unique needs and challenges of victims of sexual assault from culturally specific communities.

**Crossover Youth Practice Model**

**Center for Juvenile Justice Reform**

**Georgetown University**

**Deadline: April 5, 2024**

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy is delighted to invite tribes, counties, territories, or states (supporting a select number counties) across the country to apply to receive training and technical assistance to implement the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM). Implementation of the Model offers participating jurisdictions a groundbreaking opportunity to employ proven strategies that operate to improve outcomes for youth and their families, as well as to improve the functions of the systems that serve them.

**Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office for Victims of Crime**

**O-OVC-2024-171985**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 8, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: April 22, 2024**

OVC seeks applications for funding from states or Tribes to develop, enhance, and coordinate programs and activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking.

**Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Assistance**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2024-171987

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 8, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: April 22, 2024**

OVC seeks to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist minor victims of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended, by providing services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored to the individual needs of young trafficking victims.

**Services for Victims of Human Trafficking**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2024-171988

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 8, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: April 22, 2024**

OVC seeks applications for funding for services for victims of all forms of human trafficking throughout the United States

**Research and Evaluation Initiative Solicitation**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

O-OVW-2024-171921

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 9, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 11, 2024**

The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to research and evaluate approaches to preventing and addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

O-OVW-2024-171925

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 9, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 11, 2024**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12351. The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program (Transitional Housing Program (CFDA 16.736)) supports programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

**Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

O-OVW-2024-171933

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: Friday, April 12, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 16, 2024**

This program supports projects that implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; provide treatment,

advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, or other victim services to victims in rural communities; or develop or strengthen programs addressing sexual assault.

**Research and Evaluation of Services for Victims of Crime**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171964

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 17, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 01, 2024**

NIJ seeks applications for rigorous research and evaluation projects in three topical areas: (1) evaluation of programs that provide services for victims of crime; (2) research on supporting victims of community violence; and (3) research on the financial costs of crime victimization.

**Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171963

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 17, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 01, 2024**

NIJ seeks applications for funding high-quality, rigorous, and inclusive evaluations focused on assessing programs, practices, models, or interventions aimed at (1) enhancing engagement with the justice system for women and girls who have been victimized and (2) improving accountability within the criminal justice system from individuals who engage in or perpetrate violence against women and girls (VAWGs).

**Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program**

Community Oriented Policing Services  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Grants.gov Application Deadline: April 23, 2024  
JUSTGRANTS Application Deadline: April 30, 2024

The 2024 LEMHWA program will fund projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement, and increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

**Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

O-OVW-2024-171917

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 24, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 25, 2024**

The Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (CFDA # 16.587), referred to as the Tribal Governments Program, was authorized to assist tribal governments, and authorized designees of tribal governments, to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in tribal communities.

**Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program: Strengthening Tribal Advocacy Responses Track (START)**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
O-OVW-2024-171922

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 24, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 25, 2024**

The Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program: Strengthening Tribal Advocacy Responses Track (START), referred to as Tribal Governments START, (CFDA # 16.587) was authorized to assist tribal governments, and authorized designees of tribal governments, to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in tribal communities.

**Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171960

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 24, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 1, 2024**

NIJ, in collaboration with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), seeks to build upon its research and evaluation efforts to better understand, prevent, and respond to trafficking in persons in the United States.

**Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program**

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2024-171997

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 25, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: April 30, 2024**

BJA seeks to support state, local, and tribal governments, as well as community-based nonprofit organizations, to support cross-system collaboration between criminal and juvenile justice agencies, mental health and substance use agencies, and community-based organizations that provide reentry services, and community-based behavioral health providers to improve clinical stabilization pretrial, during confinement, and support continuity of care and recovery during the transition to the community through clinical and other evidence-based activities or services for individuals with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders.

**Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Program**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
O-OVW-2024-171932

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 26, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 30, 2024**

To implement education, training, or other programming that enables men and boys to serve as allies in the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking.

**Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
O-OVW-2024-171939

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 26, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: April 30, 2024**

The CY Program supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking.

**Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
O-OVW-2024-171924

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 29, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: May 1, 2024**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 30107. The Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program (Cybercrimes Enforcement Program) (CFDA # 16.060) supports efforts by States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals.

**Research and Evaluation on Firearm Violence and Mass Shootings**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171966  
**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 29, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 06, 2024**

NIJ seeks applications for funding of research and program evaluation projects specific to the intervention and prevention of intentional, interpersonal firearm violence and mass shootings in the United States.

**Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials**

The Center for Justice Innovation

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

**February 1- April 30, 2024: Application round open for submissions**

**If you are unable to apply now, future application rounds are available. The next application round is tentatively scheduled for August 1- September 30, 2024.**

The Center for Justice Innovation, with support from the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), sought to address these systemic gaps and further the DOJ's mission of enhancing the field's response to young victims of crime. The result, after much national outreach and collaboration, is a series of illustrated booklets and graphic novels aimed at guiding and supporting child victims and witnesses as they navigate the justice system.

**Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (EIP) Initiative**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

O-OVW-2024-171989

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 30, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: May 2, 2024**

The EIP Initiative (CFDA #16.590) encourages law enforcement agencies and/or prosecutors' offices to expand and improve their capacity to effectively investigate and/or prosecute domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and in so doing, support victim safety and autonomy, hold offenders accountable, and promote agency trust within the surrounding community.

**Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Program**

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2024-171991

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: April 30, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: May 2, 2024**

The Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response Program (ICJR Program) (Assistance Listing # 16.590) assists state, local, and tribal governments, and courts to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law, and to seek safety and autonomy for victims.

**Research and Evaluation on 911, Alternative Hotlines, and Alternative Responder Models**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2024-171981

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 30, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 14, 2024**

NIJ seeks research and evaluation proposals on the ability of 911 and alternative, three-digit service numbers (e.g., 311, 211, 988) to assess public service and safety needs and respond to them safely, efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

**Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2024-171967

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 1, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 6, 2024**

BJA seeks applications for the Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program (Connect and Protect). This program supports law enforcement–behavioral health cross-system collaboration to improve public health and public safety by improving responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs).

[\*\*Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime: Money Laundering, Firearms, and Human Trafficking\*\*](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171990

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 01, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 15, 2024**

NIJ seeks applications for funding rigorous applied research on drugs and crime to inform the development of evidence-based tools, practices, and policies for state, tribal, and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies that address drug trafficking, drug markets, and drug-related violence.

[\*\*Adult Treatment Court Program\*\*](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2024-171972

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 2, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 9, 2024**

BJA seeks to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of adult treatment courts including management and service coordination for treatment court participants, fidelity to the adult treatment court model, and recovery support services.

[\*\*Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice: Prosecution Practice, Justice, Case Tracking, and Workforce\*\*](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171995

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 08, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 22, 2024**

NIJ seeks to fund proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects examining the impact of court and other criminal justice tools, practices, and policies on the administration of justice and public safety in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.

[\*\*Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program\*\*](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2024-171978

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 9, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 14, 2024**

BJA seeks applications for funding programs that support cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs). BJA provides grant funding to help organizations prepare, create, or expand comprehensive plans and then implement these collaborative projects to target people who qualify.

[\*\*The Rural eConnectivity Program\*\*](#)

Department of Agriculture  
Rural Utilities Service  
RUS-REC-2024-1  
Deadline: May 21, 2024

The ReConnect Loan and Grant Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. **The application window for the fifth round of funding will open on March 22, 2024.**

#### **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

##### **National Juvenile Court Data Archive**

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2024-171947

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: March 5, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: March 19, 2024**

NIJ, in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Prevention (OJJDP), seeks applications to support the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, which collects, maintains, and makes accessible the nation's primary source of detailed information on juvenile court case processing of delinquency and status offense cases.

##### **Training and Technical Assistance Initiative**

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2024-171918

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: March 7, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: March 12, 2024**

The primary purpose of the OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (TA Initiative) (CFDA 16.526) is to provide direct training and technical assistance to current and potential OVW recipients and subrecipients to enhance their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. OVW's TA Initiative is designed to strengthen and build the capacity of civil and criminal justice system professionals and victim service providers across the nation to respond effectively to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and foster partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address these crimes.

##### **Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Grant Program, Cohort 2**

Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)

**Deadline: March 15, 2024**

This grant program was developed with input from members of California's tribal community and supports a broad range of activities. Tribes are encouraged to develop programs that address their community's needs.

##### **Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant Program**

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6700-N-48

**Deadline: March 19, 2024**

Grant funds may be used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas and carry out other affordable housing activities.

##### **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Grants**

AmeriCorps

AC-08-19-23

**Deadline: April 5, 2024**

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

[Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-171957

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: April 16, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: April 29, 2024**

NIJ, in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), seeks proposals for funding to conduct an expansion or extension of one, or more ongoing/existing longitudinal research studies that focus on delinquency and crime, throughout the life-course. Longitudinal studies support interdisciplinary research on the emergence, persistence, and desistance of delinquency and criminal offending. This research will inform the design of more effective strategies for prevention and intervention in delinquent, and criminal behavioral trajectories.

[Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Grants](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

HHS-2024-ACF-ECD-TH-0135

**Deadline: April 18, 2024**

Funds will support 5-year cooperative agreements between ACF and federally recognized Indian tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations interested in developing, implementing, sustaining, or expanding an evidence-based home visiting program serving expectant families and families with young children aged birth to kindergarten.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2022-ACF-ACYF-CS-0079

**Deadline: April 19, 2024**

Grant funds under this NOFO may be used for the cost of developing a title IV-E plan under section 471 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to carry out a program under section 479B of the Act. The grant may be used for costs relating to the development of case planning and case review systems, foster care licensing and standards for tribal foster homes and childcare facilities, quality assurance systems, court structure and procedures, data collection systems, cost allocation methodology development, financial controls and financial management processes, or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a title IV-E plan.

[Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program](#)

Department of Veterans Affairs

Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

VA-FOX-SP-FY2024

**Deadline: April 26, 2024**

This grant program assists in further implementing a public health approach that blends community-based prevention with evidence-based clinical strategies through community efforts.

[Maternity Group Home Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB

HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-YZ-0042

**Deadline: May 20, 2024**

The Maternity Group Home (MGH) program provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for pregnant and/or parenting youth and young adults ages 16 to under 22 who have runaway or are experiencing homelessness, and their dependent child(ren), for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months. Service providers must accommodate for the needs and safety of the dependent children to include facility safety standards for infants and children on the premises. MGH services include, but are not limited to, parenting skills, child development, family budgeting, and health and nutrition education, in addition to the required services provided under the Transitional Living Program to help MGH youth and young adults realize improvements in four core outcome areas. The MGH combination of shelter and

services is designed to promote long-term, economic independence to ensure the well-being of the youth and their child(ren).

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

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**PAR-23-094**

**Applications accepted now**

**Deadline: July 5, 2024**

Applicants are required to develop and test the navigator model's ability to promote early access, engagement, coordination and optimization of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Applicants are also required to identify and test components of navigator models that drive improvements in mental health care; detect and interrogate tailoring variables that optimize the 'personalized match' between the unique mental health needs of youth to the appropriate level of intensity and frequency of mental health services; and utilize emerging novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

[\*\*Engaging Survivors of Sexual Violence and Trafficking in HIV and Substance Use Disorder Services\*\*](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**RFA-DA-25-018**

**Deadline: August 5, 2024**

The goal of this concept is to support exploratory research and preliminary interventions to address the interrelated and compounding contextual factors that contribute to substance use and HIV risk among sexual trafficking survivors. This would be accomplished through research that builds new interventions and models of care that can effectively engage ST survivors in care for SUD, HIV, trauma, and other mental health outcomes and addresses key structural and social determinants of health that contribute to risk for ST as well as barriers to and facilitators of escaping continued exploitation.

[\*\*NIDA Research Center of Excellence Grant Program\*\*](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**PAR-23-076**

**Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): August 25, 2023**

**Deadline: November 18, 2025**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for research Centers that (1) conduct substance use and addiction research in any area of NIDA's mission, including the intersection of substance use/addiction and HIV, (2) foster outstanding innovative science, (3) are multidisciplinary, thematically integrated, and synergistic, and (4) serve as national resource(s) to provide educational and outreach activities to relevant research communities, educational organizations, the general public, and policy makers.

[\*\*HEAL Initiative: Research to Increase Implementation of Substance Use Preventive Services\*\*](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**RFA-DA-24-066**

**Earliest Submission Date: December 17, 2023**

**Expiration Date: January 17, 2026**

The goal of this initiative is to support research that can improve public health and respond to the opioid crisis by increasing knowledge pertaining to the delivery and sustainability of prevention services. This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) solicits applications to address understudied areas of opportunity that, if researched, could create the foundation needed to inform a prevention infrastructure for ongoing delivery and sustainment of interventions to prevent opioid and other substance misuse and use disorders.