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## FORUM NEWS

### IN THE NEWS

[Healing the Children of Horse Nations](#)

Imprint - April 03, 2024

Surrounded by prairie grasses and dogwood trees, a half-dozen young people ages 10 through 16 clasped hands at the Forward Stride ranch on a muggy morning last summer. The tribal youth gathered to recover from harmful experiences with drugs, alcohol and incarceration had some noteworthy guides: Dusty, Dakota, Sunny, Storm and Spirit. The snickers, snorts and stomps of this plucky group of spotted Appaloosas and paint horses echoed across this Beaverton, Oregon expanse like a drum, rhythmic and soothing. These sentiments are the goal, says John Doug Spence, 82. Spence is a member of the Gros Ventre tribe, who leads the treatment program at Forward Stride ranch. Twice a week, Spence shepherds between five and 12 youth participants to his Indigenous-centered equine therapy sessions to experience firsthand what he summarizes as the "healing power of horses." Since 2003, the Forward Stride Horse-Centered Activities and Therapies program has served Indigenous children and teens in foster care, the juvenile justice system or in recovery from substance or alcohol dependency through a method that is closely aligned with their culture and traditional practices. It became a nonprofit in 2015.

[Michigan, Salt River Pima Tribe Approved for Federal Kinship Support](#) (Requires subscription)

Imprint - April 04, 2024

Last year, The Imprint reported on the Biden administration's new rule that permits states to develop an alternative path to approving kinship caregivers with federal funding to support those placements. Renowned child welfare researcher Mark Testa called it "the most important advance the federal government has made in kinship care policy in the last 40 years." Advocates for kinship care quickly developed model standards for states and tribes to use. Late last month the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the first state and tribe have had their alternative path to licensing kin approved: Michigan and the Salt River Pima Tribe of Arizona.

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**FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

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

**Oklahoma court rules 'McGirt' does not apply in Osage Nation**

Public Radio Tulsa – April 5, 2024

Oklahoma's Court of Criminal Appeals [says](#) Congress disestablished the Osage Nation's reservation around the time Oklahoma became a state. Essentially, the appeals court judges are saying *McGirt v. klahoma* doesn't apply to the Osage Nation. The story was [first reported by The Oklahoman](#).

**MMIP cases in South Dakota remain high, new efforts hope to change that**

ICT News – April 5, 2024

Initiatives from the South Dakota Attorney General's Office aim at combating high rates of missing Indigenous people

**A Bill in California Calls for Quicker Action by Caseworkers When Foster Kids Go Missing**

The Imprint – April 9, 2024

Among the most at risk are Indigenous youth, and tribal leaders want an end to complacency for their "stolen relatives." A bill moving through the California Legislature takes aim at the urgent problem of youth who go missing from foster care, a problem particularly devastating for the state's Indigenous populations.

**Native American story shows value of teaching painful history**

(Opinion)

Lancaster Online - April 14, 2024

In the last three years, 44 states - including Pennsylvania - have introduced bills or taken other steps that would restrict or limit how teachers can discuss race, sex or gender in the classroom. According to Education Week, 18 states have imposed bans and restrictions on teaching so-called "divisive concepts," such as unconscious racial bias or the fundamental racism or sexism of the United States. Opponents of attempts to diversify curriculum and instruction have argued that by dwelling on the difficult chapters of American history, schools were causing white children to feel guilty and less patriotic. As an educator who has taught politics for more than 40 years, I would argue that ignorance of the dark side of history increases the chances that such history will be repeated. Furthermore, resilience is an essential characteristic of the American experience, and the concept is hard to understand without knowing the obstacles that oppressed people of all kinds overcame. To illustrate, there is much to learn from how Native American tribes endured unspeakable horrors. Thanks to popular culture and the work of scholars of Indigenous descent, we know more about their story and the lessons it teaches us. State governments assumed jurisdiction over the tribes, incurring substantial social welfare costs for the Native population. To reduce the caseload, states targeted Native American children for adoption and foster care by non-Native caregivers.

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.

### **[Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe purchases foster village](#)**

South Dakota Searchlight - April 16, 2024

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe purchased the Simply Smiles Children's Village last month, allowing the tribe to reopen one of the few foster care villages in the state meant to serve Indigenous children. Some Cheyenne River tribally enrolled children are placed in foster homes outside of the reservation, which can make it more difficult for the children to stay in touch with their cultural heritage and retain familial and community relationships. About 40% of state licensed foster homes in South Dakota are located in the Sioux Falls area. As of September 2023, 165 Cheyenne River-enrolled children were in state custody. That's a form of "cultural genocide," said Colt Combellick, who served as clinical coordinator for the village and is discussing returning to the village when it reopens under tribal ownership. "If 11% of foster homes in South Dakota are Native American and there are 800 Native American children who need placement, that need isn't being met," Combellick told South Dakota Searchlight. "So why not the tribe run that and try to meet that need?"

### **[LAO Releases Report on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in California Child Welfare System](#)**

Post News Group - April 17, 2024

Racial inequalities in California's child welfare system disproportionately impact poor Black and Native American children, according to a report released April 3 by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO). The report, which was presented to the Assembly Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services - chaired by Assemblymember Corey Jackson (D-Moreno Valley) - states that the proportion of low-income Black and Native American children in foster care is four times larger than other racial and ethnic groups in the state.

### **[California Moves Forward with Pilot MMIP Program](#)**

Native News Online – April 17, 2024

California lawmakers on April 16 unanimously approved a [bill](#) to create a pilot program for three tribal nations that will allow them to investigate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) in their communities. The bill, introduced by Assembly member and tribal citizen James Ramos earlier this year, sets up a pilot program for Blue Lake Rancheria, Yurok tribe, and Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, that allows tribal police officers in California to become peace officers in the state under certain conditions.

### **[Illinois now home to federally recognized tribal nation in historic Department of Interior decision](#)**

Chicago Tribune – April 19, 2024

Illinois is now home to a federally recognized tribal nation after the U.S. Department of the Interior placed portions of the Shab-eh-nay Reservation into trust, according to a statement Friday from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The federal government illegally auctioned off 1,280 acres of the Prairie Band's reservation land 175 years ago, the Nation said.

### **[Maine tribal leaders applaud new tribal court law, vow to continue work toward sovereignty](#)**

Spectrum News – April 24, 2024

Tribal leaders say a bill signed by Gov. Janet Mills this week will strengthen their ability to prosecute crimes on tribal lands and that they are hopeful additional work will lead to more rights in the future.

### **[Excelsior proposes comprehensive wellness village at Indian Trail campus](#)**

Journal of Business - April 25, 2024

Finishing touches are underway for the summer opening of Excelsior Wellness' revamped \$8 million health clinic. The project is serving as a precursor of sorts to a new wave of development activity for an envisioned wellness campus at the 32-acre property in northwest Spokane's Indian Trail neighborhood. About 25 acres of undeveloped land is available for future development and preservation at the property, where the nonprofit is planning the Excelsior Wellness Village, says CEO Andrew Hill. Also, the site will include an Indigenous heritage site, interpretive trail, and preservation area, along with an expanded arboretum, walking trails, and healing gardens. Recreation and leisure activities, including a pool, gym, game fields, and a challenge course, are also planned, in addition to an early learning center and senior, multigenerational, and foster care housing.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **[The Oklahoma Bar Journal Volume 95 – No. 4 – April 2024](#)** (Special Indian Law Issue).

Articles include:

[The Last True People's Court: Oklahoma's Tribal Courts as an Access to Justice](#), By Robert Don Gifford

[The Unfortunate Path: The History Leading to the Indian Child Welfare Act](#), By J. Renley Dennis

[\*\*Tribal Courts Are Courts of General Jurisdiction\*\*](#), Grant Christensen, Florida Law Review, Forthcoming  
Twenty years ago the Supreme Court misread its precedents and took a short cut to do what was “simpler” instead of what was right. It determined that tribal courts are not courts of general jurisdiction without examining the origins of tribal judicial power. Writing for the majority in Nevada v. Hicks, Justice Scalia concluded that in order to find that tribal courts were able to interpret federal law the Court would have to “attribute to tribal courts jurisdiction that is not apparent.” But power often exists even if it is not apparent at first glance.

[\*\*Revising the Indian Plenary Power Doctrine\*\*](#), M. Henry Ishtani & Alexandra Fay, Michigan Journal of Race & Law Volume 29 (2024)

The federal Indian law doctrine of Congressional plenary power is long overdue for an overhaul. Since its troubling nineteenth-century origins in Kagame v. United States (1886), plenary power has justified invasive Congressional interventions and undermined Tribal sovereignty. The doctrine’s legal basis remains a constitutional conundrum. This Article considers the Court’s recent engagement with plenary power in Haaland v. Brackeen (2023). It argues that the Brackeen opinions may signal judicial readiness to reevaluate the doctrine. The Article takes hold of Justice Gorsuch’s critical assessment and runs with it, ultimately proposing a method for cleaning up this destructive and constitutionally dubious line of case law.

[\*\*Native Child Advocacy Resource Center Year 1 Needs Assessment Summary\*\*](#)

The Native Child Advocacy Resource Center (NCARC) is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to Tribes that are engaged in developing multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) and child advocacy Centers.

[\*\*Article IV and Indian Tribes\*\*](#), Grant Christenson, *Iowa Law Review*, Forthcoming

Unlike the first three articles of the Constitution which create the three branches of the federal government, Article IV establishes a set of rules to police the actions of states and knit them together into a single union. Notably absent from Article IV is any mention of the tribal sovereign. Concomitantly, there has been no comprehensive academic discussion thinking about how the tribal sovereign complicates the purposes of Article IV. This piece advances a completely new understanding of Article IV and its implications in federal Indian law.

[\*\*A blueprint for restorative criminal justice in the United States : Three non-traditional systems coming together\*\*](#), Katelyn De La Cruz, Idaho Law Review, Vol. 60, No. 2 (2024).

The state and federal criminal justice systems in the United States aim to achieve two main goals: retribution and deterrence. However, neither of those goals are being effectively achieved. Retribution is lacking as victims are not able to seek justice on their own terms, offenders are never forced to take accountability for their actions, and society continues to pay the price for the harm done. Criminals are also not being effectively deterred, as recidivism rates are high, and incarceration is not an effective punishment. Three non-traditional justice systems: tribal courts, the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and Rwandan Gacaca courts, have been practicing principles of restorative justice that would be more successful in providing retribution and deterrence than the current United States systems. This paper examines the infrastructure and principles behind the three systems and creates a modified restorative justice system to replace the current retributive system in the United States.

[\*\*Equity for American Indian families\*\*](#), Neoshia Roemer, Seton Hall University School of Law, February 2024  
Recently, the Supreme Court opined on the Indian Child Welfare Act’s (“ICWA”) constitutionality in Haaland v. Brackeen. Despite its opponents’ penchant for creating well curated and financially resourced cases before the Roberts court, which has shown its hand at being the “post-racial” court and friend of the conservative legal movement, ICWA survived.

[\*\*American Indian Law Review, Volume 48, Number 1 \(2024\)\*\*](#)

Articles include:

[\*\*The Split from Precedent: An Analysis of the Negative Impact Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta Will Have in Indian Country\*\*](#), Meg A. Bloom

[\*\*The Indian Child Welfare Act, Political Classification of “Indians,” and Preservation of Tribal Sovereignty: Children, the Most Precious Resource\*\*](#), Rachel Yost

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[\*\*April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month\*\*](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Child abuse can have lifelong consequences that last well into adulthood. However, the psychological toll on victims and families can be mitigated with evidence-based, trauma-informed care from experienced multidisciplinary teams. OJJDP funds projects, programs and training that are critical to the intervention and investigation of child abuse and neglect cases.

### [Invitation for Tribal Leaders: HHS Announces 2024 Annual Regional Tribal Consultations](#)

#### **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**

The Regional Consultations provide regional forums for Tribes to share their views, concerns, and recommendations with HHS officials on health and human services priorities. We hope the consultations will provide a venue for two-way conversations between Tribal leaders and HHS officials.

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

### [Navigating Public Law 280 and Policing on Sovereign Lands](#) (Video)

#### **California Assembly Democrats – March 20, 2024**

Joint Informational Roundtable on Public Law 280: Policing on Tribal Lands in California.

### [Harm Reduction in the Context of Child Well-Being](#)

#### **National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, 2024**

This series provides an overview of a harm reduction approach that meets the needs of children, parents, and family members affected by substance use disorders. This 3-part tip series highlights policy and practice considerations to improve recovery, safety, and well-being outcomes.

- [Tip Sheet 1: An Overview for Serving Families Affected by Substance Use Disorders](#): Defines harm reduction while also framing the discussion within a child and family perspective to ensure child safety and well-being.
- [Tip Sheet 2: Key Considerations for Policymakers](#): Offers system-level policy examples necessary to implement practice changes that improve outcomes for children, parents, and family members.
- [Tip Sheet 3: Practice Recommendations for Child Welfare Workers](#): Provides practice-level strategies to improve recovery, safety, stability, and well-being outcomes.

### [2024 National Crime Victims' Rights Week \(NCVRW\) Resource Guide](#)

#### **Office for Victims of Crime**

Resource Guide highlights include suggestions for raising awareness in your community, sample materials for traditional and social media, a history of the crime victims' rights movement, and original artwork to unite this national effort.

#### **Capacity Building Center for Tribes Prevention Resources:**

- [Capacity Building Center for Tribes Prevention Brief](#) describes family strengthening prevention practices, definitions, and key strategies for tribal communities to consider when developing and implementing prevention programming.
- [Capacity Building Center for Tribes Pathway to Prevention](#) outlines Center for Tribes training and technical assistance available for tribal child welfare programs in developing and implementing prevention programs and practice.
- [Cultural Guide for the Development of Tribal Child Welfare Products](#)
- The document provides guidance on developing and implementing tribal child welfare products in ways that reflect and embrace tribal culture and values. The Cultural Guide can be used to guide development of tools such as implementation guides, program manuals, quick facts, FAQs, forms, activities, or other products which reflect and embrace tribal culture and values.
- [ICWA Co-Case Management Resource List](#)  
The linked programs and resources in this resource guide offer examples of ways that states and tribes are providing ICWA co-case management.
- [Capacity Building Center for Tribes Podcast](#)  
The Capacity Building Center for Tribes Podcast connects with child welfare experts across Indian Country to address the importance of building tribal child welfare programs that are reflective of their community values and culture – reclaiming the narrative from a dominant system to one that reflects Indigenous worldviews and emphasizes responsibilities to children.



- **[Tribal Boarding School Toolkit for Healing](#)**

This toolkit provides guidance and resources for those working in Tribal communities on talking about and helping to heal the generational trauma of boarding schools.

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

**May 2-3, 2024 (Hybrid)**

**[Southern California ICWA Symposium](#)**

**Time:** May 2, 2024 5pm-9pm; May 3, 2024 8am-8:30pm

**Location:** Viejas 5000 Willows Rd. Alpine, CA 91901 & Livestream

For further inquiries or [to RSVP](#)

**May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024 – all from 10am to 12pm (Virtual)**

**[Raising Youth Voices: Fostering Collaboration in our Anti-trafficking Communities](#)**

**May 9, 2024 (Virtual)**

**[Building Bright Futures: Helping Youth in Foster Care Successfully Transition to College](#)**

**[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 21, 2024 (Virtual)**

**[Native American Awareness Subcommittee MMIP Virtual Event](#)**

**May 22-23, 2024 (Virtual)**

**[Child Welfare Virtual Expo](#)**

**May 22-25, 2024 (Anaheim, CA)**

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

**May 30-21, 2024 (Judicial Council Offices in Sacramento)**

ICWA Dependency Trial Skills Training: Enhancing ICWA dependency cases through effective courtroom advocacy and collaborative skill building.

To register, click [here](#) or visit – [https://bit.ly/IDTS\\_Reg](https://bit.ly/IDTS_Reg)

**June 6-7, 2024 (Sacramento, CA)**

**[2024 Sexual Assault Prevention 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 1-3, 2024 (Central Valley, CA. Exact Location TBA)**

**[31<sup>st</sup> Annual California State ICWA Conference – Harmony in Culture – Strength in Resilience](#)**

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

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

November 19-21, 2024 (Washington, DC)

[2024 OJJDP National Conference on Youth Justice: Shaping the Next 50 Years](#)

December 10-13, 2024 (Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation, CA)

[18<sup>th</sup> Indian Nations 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.

#### [FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

FEMA will continue to provide funeral assistance until Sept. 30, 2025, to those who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic.

### NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

#### [Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services 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-2024-171965

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

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: May 7, 2024**

The Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (CSSP) (CFDA# 16.016) supports the maintenance and replication of existing successful services in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking community-based programs providing culturally specific services, as well as the development of innovative culturally specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using more traditional services and resources.

#### [Child Care Policy Research Partnerships](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OPRE

HHS-2024-ACF-OPRE-YE-0194

**Deadline: May 6, 2024**

This opportunity will fund up to eight 5-year cooperative agreements to pursue research questions of current relevance to local, state, and national childcare policy. This iteration of the CCPRP awards prioritizes projects implementing rigorous, policy-relevant evaluations of quality improvement initiatives in states, territories, or tribes implemented through CCDF “quality set-aside” funds that aim to increase families’ access to quality childcare, especially access for children in underserved areas, infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children receiving care during nontraditional hours. These projects are expected to add to the knowledge about the efficacy of childcare subsidy policies and quality improvement initiatives in increasing families’ access to quality childcare.

#### [Demonstration Program on Trauma Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking \(Abby Honold\) Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

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

**O-OVW-2024-171907**

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: May 17, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: May 21, 2024**

The Abby Honold Program awards grants to law enforcement agencies to train officers to conduct traumainformed and victim-centered investigations, with the goal of incorporating trauma-informed techniques designed to prevent re-traumatization of the victim and to increase communication between victims and law enforcement as well as stakeholders in a coordinated community response. This program's purpose is also to evaluate the effectiveness of the training.

## **Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2024-172072**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 21, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 4, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to support and strengthen collaborations between artsbased organizations and juvenile justice systems to develop, expand, or enhance promising and effective interventions that provide access to high-quality arts programs with and for current or previous justice-involved youth to reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, and/or other problem and high-risk behaviors.

## **Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation**

**Community Department of Policing Services**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov. Deadline: May 21, 2024**

**Step 2: Submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants. Deadline: MAY 28, 2024**

The Fiscal Year 2024 Community Policing Development (CPD) Accreditation program funds will be used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement effective practices, outcomes, and strategies to prevent crime and promote safe communities.

## **Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Misuse**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2024-172020**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 21, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 3, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to enhance and expand mentoring services for children and youth impacted by opioids and other substance misuse. This program supports mentoring programs to reduce juvenile delinquency, substance misuse, and problem and high-risk behaviors such as truancy.

## **Reducing Risk for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2024-172073**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 28, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 10, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to support communities to assist girls ages 17 and younger who are at risk of involvement and/or involved in the juvenile justice system. Funding will support communities to develop, enhance, or expand early intervention programs and/or treatment services for girls involved in the juvenile justice system.

## **Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Site-Based**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2024-172063**

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

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 10, 2024**



OJP seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based community-based violence intervention and prevention programs. These programs include efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

#### [Human Trafficking Fellowship Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2024-172087**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 3, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 17, 2024**

OVC seeks to fund a 1- to 3-year fellowship (in-person or virtual, part-time or full-time—to be proposed by applicants) to assist the anti-trafficking field in identifying and promoting culturally responsive service models and activities.

#### [Pilot Program for Community Based Organizations in Underserved Communities to Build Capacity and Serve Adolescent and Youth Victims of Trafficking](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office for Victims of Crime  
O-OVC-2024-172092**

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

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 20, 2024**

OVC seeks to develop and build the capacity of community-based organizations in underserved communities to provide services to adolescent and youth human trafficking victims through the provision of mentorship and training and technical assistance to these organizations.

#### [Basic Center Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CY-0133  
Deadline: June 7, 2024**

The Basic Center Program (BCP) provides temporary shelter and counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians, have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might otherwise end up in the law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems.

#### [Maternity Group Home Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-YZ-0042  
Deadline: June 7, 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.

#### [Runaway and Homeless Youth Prevention Demonstration Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CY-0058  
Deadline: June 7, 2024**

Through the development and coordination of partnerships with youth and young adult service providers, community organizations, and private and public agencies, the RHY-PDP will 1) identify young people at risk of experiencing homelessness; 2) design and develop a comprehensive community-based prevention plan to prevent youth homelessness; and 3) implement robust, holistic prevention services tailored for youth and young adults to respond to the diverse needs of youth who are at risk of homelessness and their families.

#### [State-Tribal Partnerships to Implement Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CT-0056  
Deadline: June 7, 2024**

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity is to create and implement intergovernmental partnership models to improve implementation of child welfare best practices that are culturally appropriate for federally recognized AI/AN children to prevent maltreatment, removal from families and communities, and improve safety, permanency, and well-being.

**Street Outreach Program**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-YO-0047  
Deadline: June 7, 2024**

The Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons.

**Transitional Living Program**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CX-0192  
Deadline: June 7, 2024**

The Transitional Living Program (TLP) provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for runaway and homeless youth ages 16 to under 22 for up to 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months.

**Mentoring for Children of Incarcerated Parents**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2024-172108**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 10, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 24, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to support services for mentoring organizations that specifically work with the children of incarcerated parents (COIP) population. This program supports the implementation and delivery of mentoring services for COIP.

**COPS Hiring Program**

**Department of Justice  
Community Oriented Policing Services  
O-COPS-2024-172009  
Deadline: June 12, 2024**

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

**Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services to Abused Parents and their Children**

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families – OFVPS  
HHS-2024-ACF-OFVPS-EV-0039  
Deadline: June 12, 2024**

The Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services program (OFVPS) Discretionary Grant Program under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA): Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children (Demonstration Projects) will support fifty (50) demonstration projects. These projects will focus on expanding the capacity (of coalitions, local programs, and community-based programs) to prevent future family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence by appropriately addressing the needs of children exposed to domestic violence, and the potentially co-occurring impacts of child abuse and neglect.

### Field-Initiated Action Research Partnerships

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-172070

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

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

NIJ seeks research partnership proposals that meet the needs and missions of local justice and service provider entities — including police, corrections, courts, victim services, forensic science service providers, and community safety and adult and juvenile justice entities — and the communities they serve.

### Children’s Advocacy Centers National Subgrants Program

Department of Justice  
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2024-172112

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 18, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: July 2, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to provide support to CACs through a variety of subgrant assistance designed to enhance effective interventions in child abuse cases. CACs provide a coordinated response to child abuse victims through multidisciplinary teams composed of representatives from the agencies involved in the intervention, prevention, prosecution, and investigation systems that respond to child abuse.

### Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research and Evaluation

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-172060

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 18, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: July 02, 2024**

NIJ seeks applications for funding of rigorous, independent evaluation projects funded under the OJP Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI). The CVIPI provides resources to support evidence-informed violence intervention and prevention programs in communities across the United States.

### Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program

Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women  
O-OVW-2024-172078

**Deadline to submit SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov: June 18, 2024**

**Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: June 20, 2024**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12421. The Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) (Assistance Listing # 16.528) supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, abandonment, economic abuse, or willful harm committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

### Youth Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
O-OJJDP-2024-172115

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 18, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: July 2, 2024**

OJJDP seeks applications for funding to support cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for youth under the age of 18 or youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system with mental health disorders (MHD) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs) who come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

### Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2024-172098**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: June 20, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline June 27, 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 veterans' treatment court (VTC) including service coordination, participant service and supervision coordination, fidelity to the VTC model, and recovery support services.

**National Community Courts Initiative**

**Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2024-172116**

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

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

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to support efforts by state, local, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments to establish and enhance community courts in their jurisdictions.

**PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

**Family Treatment Court Program**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2024-172051**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 6, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 20, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to build the capacity of state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to establish new family treatment courts, enhance existing family treatment courts, or expand family treatment courts at the larger state and county levels. T

**Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry**

**Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2024-172030**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 6, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 13, 2024**

BJA seeks to support state, local, and tribal governments, as well as community-based nonprofit organizations, to establish, expand, or improve treatment and recovery support services for people with substance use disorders (SUDs) during their incarceration and upon reentry into the community.

**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 8, 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.

#### **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program**

**Department of Justice**

**Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2024-172050**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 14, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: May 28, 2024**

OJJDP seeks to build the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Tribal governments to implement new and innovative approaches to enhance existing juvenile drug treatment courts (JDTC) and improve outcomes for youth with substance use disorder or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, including those with histories of trauma.

#### **Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program**

**Community Oriented Policing Services**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL. Grants.gov Application Deadline: May 14, 2024**

**Step 2: Submit the full application including attachments JustGrants Application Deadline: May 21, 2024**

Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program provides funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to implement demonstration or pilot projects that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes in support of community policing.

#### **Promoting Access to Crisis Teams - Community Policing Development Solicitation**

**Community Oriented Policing Services**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL. Grants.gov Application Deadline: May 14, 2024**

**Step 2: Submit the full application including attachments JustGrants Application Deadline: May 21, 2024**

The goal of FY 2024 Promoting Access to Crisis Teams solicitation is to provide funding to support the implementation of crisis intervention teams, including embedding behavioral or mental health professionals with law enforcement agencies, training for law enforcement officers and embedded behavioral or mental health professionals in crisis intervention response, or a combination of these.

#### **Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2024-172044**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 15, 2024**

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



BJA seeks to support law enforcement, correctional officers, probation and parole, and sheriff's departments in effectively partnering with mental health, substance use, community service professionals and agencies to promote public safety and make sure that appropriate responses are provided to individuals in crisis who have behavioral health conditions, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or physical disabilities, and/or traumatic brain injuries.

#### [Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2024-172045**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 15, 2024**

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

BJA seeks to support small and rural agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy.

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

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2024-172049**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 15, 2024**

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

BJA seeks to support efforts by both wrongful conviction review (WCR) entities, which represent individuals with post-conviction claims of innocence to review individual cases, and conviction integrity or review units (CIUs) to enhance criminal justice system integrity.

#### [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).

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

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2024-172022**

**Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 21, 2024**

**Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 4, 2024**

NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects that inform policy and practice in the field of youth justice and delinquency prevention.

#### [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.

**Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2024-172013

Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline: May 28, 2024

Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline: June 4, 2024

BJA seeks to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies, working with their partners, to investigate and prosecute unsolved cold case homicides suspected to have been racially motivated or otherwise associated with civil rights violations.

**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.

**Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) Grant Program**

Department of Justice  
Office on Violence Against Women  
O-OVW-2024-171919

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

Deadline to submit full application in JustGrants: July 11, 2024

The program supports tribes in preparing to exercise or exercising the jurisdiction to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit covered crimes within their communities are held accountable.

**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.