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## IN THE NEWS

### [The history of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People crisis](#)

New Mexico Daily Lobo – July 22, 2024

The crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People has gained [attention](#) in recent years. However, it is not new. Violence against Indigenous women dates back 500 years to the start of European colonization, according to a [study](#) by A. Skylar Joseph published in the “Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine.”

### [DOI Releases Final Report on the Traumatic Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools](#)

Native News Online – July 30, 2024

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) today released its second — and final — [report](#) following a three-year investigation into the “traumatic and violent” legacy of Indian Boarding Schools that the U.S. government operated for a century and a half.

### [CYMI: Murkowski Co-Leads Floor Block on Legislation to Help Address Indian Boarding School Era Trauma](#)

(Press release)  
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs - July 30, 2024

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, helped lead a group of senators to speak on her legislation, S.1723, Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act. The legislation, which she co-authored with U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass), would establish a formal commission to investigate, document, and acknowledge past injustices of the federal government's Indian Boarding Schools. This includes attempts to terminate Native cultures, religions, and languages; assimilation practices; human rights violations. The commission would also develop recommendations for Congress to aid in healing of the historical and intergenerational trauma passed down in Native families and communities and provide a forum for victims to speak about personal experiences tied to these human rights violations.

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**Why We Should Pass The Supporting Tribal Families Act** (Opinion)  
Imprint - July 29, 2024

In the intricate world of child welfare, ensuring the emotional connections and stability within families is crucial. It's all about strengthening the bonds between children and their families, creating a sense of belonging and support that's vital for everyone's well-being. But it's tough, especially for Indigenous communities who've faced historical traumas and unfair treatment within the system. But there's hope on the horizon with the Supporting Tribal Families Act. It's a game-changer, focusing on preserving cultural heritage, community ties, and family relationships within the child welfare system. This law isn't just about following the rules out in the Indian Child Welfare Act; it's about really understanding and addressing the deeper issues facing tribal communities. At its core, the Supporting Tribal Families Act respects the rights of Indigenous communities to make their own decisions and keep their cultural identity strong. It gives tribes more say in child welfare matters, aiming to right past wrongs and empower communities to shape their own futures.

**Racial gaps persist for Montana's Indigenous foster care youth**

Public News Service - August 01, 2024

New research shows Indigenous youth comprise more than a third of the children in Montana's foster care system, despite making up a far smaller segment of the state's overall population. Researchers said addressing the problem is challenging. Data from the National Center for Juvenile Justice show the number of Indigenous youth comprise 30% of the children in foster care, despite making up just 10% of the Montana population. Also: [Can Montana mend its racial gap in foster care?](#)

**State should confront Indigenous foster care and prison numbers**

South Dakota Searchlight - August 01, 2024

The Indian Child Welfare Act is a federal policy that seeks to keep Indigenous families and communities intact by regulating the removal of Native American children from their homes and the placement of children in foster care or adoptive homes. The goal of ICWA is the preservation of Indigenous communities and the safety and health of Native children. In 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court reviewed ICWA through the case Haaland Brackeen, which challenged the constitutionality of ICWA based on discrimination. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that ICWA is constitutional.

**Lackluster investigations may perpetuate high Native infant mortality rate**

South Dakota Searchlight - August 02, 2024

When Jessica Whitehawk helped start a women's health support center over a decade ago, her team worked out of a tiny room in the back of a nonprofit office on the Yakama Nation Reservation in Washington state. Pregnant women traveled to that room from the farthest reaches of the 1.3 million-acre reservation because they had nowhere else to go for health care or prenatal advice, Whitehawk said. Many tribal communities have a similar lack of resources, which contributes to American Indian/Alaska Native infants being twice as likely as non-Hispanic white babies to die before their first birthday. A recent study suggests another reason for the high infant mortality rate among Native babies: the way that law enforcement authorities investigate possible cases of sudden unexpected deaths, known as SUIDs, in tribal communities.

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.

**Quapaw Nation faces foster parent shortage for children in need**

(Includes video)

KOAM - August 05, 2024

Corissa Millard is the Indian Child Welfare Director for the Quapaw Nation, and says there is a shortage of foster homes for Quapaw children. "Our reservation covers about 88 square miles, so it's relatively small. When you consider that we have 7 to 10 children in tribal custody at any given time, that's a lot of work that goes into it for our Indian Child Welfare (ICW) workers." Millard says while there is a shortage of homes for kids of all ages, it can be extra difficult to find a homes for older children and teenagers. Data from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services says that in 2020, Native American children represented more than 35 percent of those in foster care in Oklahoma, while Native Americans made up only about 8 percent of the state's population.

**Nearly 1,000 Native Children Died in Federal Boarding Schools**

74 - August 06, 2024

Nearly 1,000 Native American children died or were killed while forced to attend U.S. government-affiliated boarding schools, according to a report by the Interior Department. The children are buried in 74 unmarked and marked graves, as tribes assess repatriation of remains and protection options more than five decades after U.S. policy shifted away from the practice. Nearly 19,000 children were estimated to be kidnapped from their families, often at gunpoint, and enrolled in government schools with the aim of assimilation, decimating tribal cultures, and reducing land possession. While the department acknowledged the figures are underestimated, the data provide the fullest picture of the system's scale, marking the end of a three-year initiative to unearth the toll and legacies of the nearly two-century long U.S. policy. Research was obscured by inconsistent public record keeping and that many records are held by private religious institutions.

Also: [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report Vol. II](#)**MSU's Indian Law Clinic receives funding to continue its mission of supporting Native families, tribes**

Michigan State University News - August 08, 2024

The Michigan State University College of Law's Indian Law Clinic has received funding to continue its work of assisting tribes with enforcement of the law. The MSU clinic is the only law school clinic in the country that regularly represents tribes in both state and federal courts on Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, cases.

**Top Federal Official Stresses the Importance of Resources for Tribes' Early Childhood Programs**

Imprint - August 08, 2024

In a recent interview, an official with the Biden administration sat down with The Imprint to describe how the federal government is working to repair harm caused over centuries to Native American families - with a focus on the earliest years of a child's life. Katie Hamm, deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Early Childhood Development, acknowledged the "many, many centuries of policies perpetrated by the U.S. government that have been harmful" to tribal families. But she stressed her office's commitment to changing that historical narrative through funding for child care, preschool and home-visiting programs that assist families with newborns.

**New Electronic Evidence Bill Could Help Tribal Courts Bring Justice to MMIP Crisis**

Native News Online – August 8, 2024

The Tribal Access to Electronic Evidence Act aims to give Tribal courts equal access to electronic evidence as non-Tribal courts for criminal investigations. It was introduced last week by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.)

**Larsen Introduces Bipartisan PROTECT Act to Give Tribes More Tools to Combat the Opioid Crisis**

(Press Release) August 8, 2024

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) [introduced the Protection for Reservation Occupants against Trafficking and Evasive Communications Today \(PROTECT\) Act](#), bipartisan legislation to give Tribal courts and law enforcement more tools and resources to combat the opioid epidemic.

**Feds Clarify Rules on Family First Act, Background Checks, Tribal Child Welfare**

Imprint - August 09, 2024

The White House used a four-hour public convening on child welfare last week to announce some clarifications to federal policy for the field. Those were made by updating the Child Welfare Policy Manual (CWPM), an online reference presented in a "Q&A" fashion. Here is a quick explainer of the subjects covered by these updates, with links to where you can go to read the entire update to the CWPM as well (just look for the Q&As that were posted on July 30, they are noted in red). Before we start: Many of these changes relate to the Family First

Prevention Services Act that was passed in 2018; here is a basic explainer we did on this law if you need to read up beforehand.

Also: [White House Child Welfare Convening](#)

Also: [Child Welfare Policy Manual](#)

Also: [A Complete Guide to The Family First Act](#)

### **Expanded tribal authority over prosecuting crimes takes effect**

Maine Morning Star – August 10, 2024

The Wabanaki Nations have expanded authority to prosecute more serious offenses committed on tribal territory by tribal members under a law that took effect Friday. However, the state will still retain those responsibilities for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Mi'kmaq Nation until the tribes have established full court systems.

### **New Federal Report Urges U.S. to Strengthen International Ties for Healing from Indian Boarding School Legacy**, Native News Online, August 12, 2024

Last week, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) released its second and final [report](#) in its three-year investigation into the “traumatic and violent” legacy of Indian Boarding Schools that the U.S. government operated throughout the 1800s and 1900s. The report suggests that international cooperation with countries like Canada, Australia, and New Zealand — nations that also engaged in similar efforts — could help the U.S. develop effective strategies for healing and redress.

### **Youth Justice by the Numbers** (Policy Brief)

The Sentencing Project - August 14, 2024

Between 2000-2022, there has been a 75% decline in youth incarceration. However, racial and ethnic disparities in youth incarceration and sentencing persist despite overall decrease in youth offending.

### **California Governor Signs Measure Bringing Parity to Native American Children & Families in Adoption Process**

Native News Online - August 20, 2024

Children adopted after being transferred from state juvenile court to a tribal court in California will now be included in the state's Adoptions Assistance Program (AAP) with Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature of AB 2948 authored by Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-San Bernardino). "The greatest gift and right that all children need and deserve is a loving family. AB 2948 ensures equity and parity for Native children so they too can be raised in a nurturing and safe home. This bill removes the additional obstacles placed on potential parents seeking to welcome tribal foster children into their families," Ramos said. California Tribal Families Coalition Co-Executive Directors Michelle Castagne and Blair Kreuzer said, "We thank the governor for his approval of this important family bill. AB 2948 will ensure that tribal children are provided the same benefits through the Adoption Assistance Program as non-tribal children and, ultimately, have equal access to support and resources." Also: [AB 2948](#)

### **California law helps tribes keep kids out of foster care. A new court ruling strengthens their hand**

Cal Matters – August 21, 2024

California child welfare agencies must investigate claims of Native American ancestry before separating a family, the California Supreme Court stressed in a new ruling that affects several contested cases.

### **MN cement mason bootcamp pays off for tribal youths** (Includes audio)

Public News Service - August 22, 2024

The next time you drive over a newly built highway in Minnesota, the concrete may have been poured by a Native American trained through a pre-apprenticeship program. The effort is designed to create more career pathways for younger Indigenous adults. Moke Eaglefeathers, apprenticeship coordinator for Cement Masons Plasterers and Shophands Local 633, has helped lead the 10-week training camp in New Brighton for the past several years. This year's session recently wrapped up. Before each summer begins, he travels to Native American reservations around the state to recruit participants. Those who sign up get a rigorous education on what it is like to do the work.

Also: [Cement Masons Team with MnDOT for Outreach to Native Americans](#)

### **Supreme Court: Tribal judge did not have jurisdiction over non-Indian in divorce case**

Dakota Scout – August 26, 2024

A tribal court that attempted to exercise control over a non-Indian in a divorce proceeding did not have the authority to do so, the South Dakota Supreme Court has ruled. In making its determination Thursday, the Court



examined the confluence of state law, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate's Tribal Court codes and the U.S. Supreme Court's 1981 decision in *Montana v. United States*. That decision limited tribal court authority over non-Indians unless certain conditions were met.

### [Secrecy and data issues impede progress on missing and murdered Indigenous people](#)

Oregon Public Broadcasting – August 27, 2024

Oregon grapples with limited transparency and data gaps, as unpublicized guidelines from the federal coordinator in Oregon on missing and murdered Indigenous people and inconsistent reporting from Oregon State Police hinder effective understanding and accountability for MMIP.

### [What a Utah politician's Native child adoption says about the Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Includes audio)

KUER - August 27, 2024

A powerful Utah family is at the center of a new investigative report about a controversial Native American adoption. In 2017, David and Chelom Leavitt adopted a child from the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana. The mother of the adopted child, Tonah Fishinghawk, was struggling with alcohol abuse and taking care of the newborn and a toddler without a job. David Leavitt said they were just trying to help.

### [Measure strengthening Native American children and family rights in Indian Child Welfare cases heads to governor](#)

Lake County News - August 30, 2024

The California Assembly on Wednesday approved a bill safeguarding existing state statutes protecting Indian children, families and the rights of tribes in child welfare cases. Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-San Bernardino) authored the measure, AB 81, that makes changes to placement of children in Indian child welfare cases. "We, as Native Americans, are all too familiar with governmental removal of Indian children from their families. AB 81 is aimed at fortifying the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, established in 1978 because large numbers of children were being removed from tribal families and placed in non-Indian families, away from their relatives and culture," said Ramos. "This bill helps to ensure that every effort is made to keep California Native American children in their communities," Ramos added. "Last year the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the decades-old ICWA law and the rights of Native families and communities. AB 81 adds another layer of protection against the travesties that compelled ICWA's creation and future challenges."

Also: [AB 81](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report Vol. II: July 2024](#)

This report identifies potential policy and investment opportunities that will help to inform priorities and the Federal budget development process, but it is not a budget document and does not imply approval of any specific action or investment. All activities and recommendations included in this report are subject to resource constraints and weighing of priorities as part of the annual budget formulation process, as well as the availability of appropriations provided by Congress.

### [Tribal Crime Data Collection Activities, 2024](#)

U.S. Department of Justice, Technical Report, July 2024

BJS used a tribal-centered approach to develop and implement the tribal crime data collection system mandated by TLOA.

### [Tribal Crime Data Collection Activities, 2024](#)

Bureau of Justice Statistics, July 2024

This report summarizes BJS's tribal crime data collection activities from August 2023 to July 2024 and describes BJS's efforts, in consultation with Indian tribes, to develop and implement the Tribal Justice Statistics Program. These efforts include creating a 10-year strategic plan and consulting with tribal nations and federal partners on the implementation of a tribal justice data collection system for the 2024 Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies and 2024 Census of Tribal Court Systems.

### [Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary & Trends Report: 2013–2023](#)

U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, August 2024

The *Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary & Trends Report* provides data on health behaviors and experiences of high school students in the United States. Data highlight students' behaviors and experiences in 2023, changes from 2021 to 2023, and 10-year trends. The report focuses on:

- Sexual behavior

- Substance use
- Experiences of violence
- Mental health
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviors
- Other important issues, like social media use

**Arizona Attorney: July/August 2024 Special Focus Indian Law Articles Include:**

**American Indian Treaty Rights in Arizona:** Once an episodically pertinent subfield of American Indian Law, Treaty Law is regaining prominence in the wake of Supreme Court opinions.

**Promoting Economic Development and Exercising Sovereignty:** As Indigenous communities assert sovereignty and self-governance, adopting legal frameworks to fit their unique needs becomes increasingly imperative.

**Arizona Doubles Down on Double Taxation:** Certain taxes discourage private investments on tribal land by making them more expensive than non-reservation alternatives.

**SCOTUS and Native Student College Admissions:** Colleges and universities remain justified in considering an applicant's status as an Indian in their admissions process.

**New York Tribal Courts of Civil Jurisdiction in Divorce and Family Law Matters**

Joel R. Brandes. New York State Bar Association Family Law Review 2024 Vol. 56, No.2, p. 19

**Sovereignty and Dependence in the American Empire: Native Nations, Territories, and Overseas Colonies**

Alvin Padilla-Babilonia, Duke Law Journal, Vol. 73, No. 5 (2024)

**2024-2025 Teacher's Memorandum to accompany Getches, Wilkinson, Williams, Fletcher, Carpenter & Singel FEDERAL INDIAN LAW, 7th ed**

Mathew Fletcher, University of Michigan School of Law, 2024

**Access to Justice in the Shadow of Colonialism**

Kirsten Matoy Carlson, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, v 59, p. 69 (2024)

The legal needs of most Americans go unmet, but American Indians and Alaska Natives face particular challenges in seeking access to justice. This article describes the complexity of access to justice issues in Native communities. Access to justice in Indian Country exists in the shadow of colonialism. The legacy of settler colonialism, including the imposition of unfamiliar laws and legal processes, has and continues to affect what justice means and how it is experienced by tribal governments, Native communities, and individual Natives. Understanding this unique backdrop encourages access to justice scholars to reconsider the centrality of power dynamics to access to justice.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**57<sup>th</sup> California Native American Day – September 27, 2024**

**State of California Native American Heritage Commission**

The 57th Annual Native American Day is returning to the West Steps of the Capitol on September 27, 2024. This event is hosted by the California Tribal Chairpersons' Association in partnership with the State of California and is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich history and culture of California Tribes. This year's theme is "Recognizing 100 Years of Citizenship and the Fight for the Right to Vote: 1924-2024". This event is free and open to the public.

**Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program**  
**Center for Juvenile Justice Reform**

The Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program is designed to help youth justice, child welfare, and other system partners improve outcomes for at-risk LGBTQ youth. The program focuses on the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth in child-serving systems (including youth justice, child welfare, education, and behavioral health) as well as strengths and protective factors common to this population. The training also highlights effective policy and practice reforms that promote positive youth

development and take a holistic approach to addressing the needs of system-involved LGBTQ youth, ultimately preventing these youth's unnecessary involvement in the youth justice system.

**Apply by September 18, 2024.**

**[ACL 24-39 \(July 26, 2024\)](#)**

Requirements for The Transfer of Indian Children To A Federally Recognized Tribe, Including To A Tribal Title IV-E Agency Or An Indian Tribe With A Title IV-E Agreement With A State, And Superseding All County Letter 14-15.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**[Technology Safety & Privacy: A Toolkit for Survivors](#)**

**National Network to End Domestic Violence**

The toolkit provides an array of resources to assist survivors of abuse in relation to technology safety.

**[Supporting Our Circle: The National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault \(NTCSA\)](#)**

**Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC)**

**International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN)**

Supporting Our Circle is designed and informed by the community and those who work with American Indian and Alaska Native victims of sexual assault. It aims to increase access to resources for issues related to sexual assault in Tribal communities like culturally appropriate training and technical assistance, victim safety, and offender accountability.

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS**

**September 4, 2024 – 1:30pm-4:30pm (Virtual)**

**[CSEC Action Team Meeting](#)**

**September 17, 2024 – 11:00am-12:30pm (Virtual)**

**[ICWA Webinar Series: The Indian Child Welfare Act and Advocates for Native Youth](#)**

**September 17-19, 2024 (Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians/Solvang, CA)**

**[Tribal Court Domestic Violence Advocacy/Implementing VAWA Training](#)**

**September 18-20, 2024 (Phoenix, Arizona)**

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

**October 1-3, 2024 (Friant, CA-Table Mountain Casino Resort)**

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

**October 9, 2024 – 10:00am-11:30am (Virtual)**

**[Behind the Post: Teen Dating Violence and Technology](#)**

**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](#)**

**April 22-24, 2025 (Anaheim, CA)**

**[International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Forging New Pathways](#)**

**COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**[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

### [E-Learning Collaborative for Integrated Violence Prevention](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control – NCIPC

CDC-RFA-CE-25-0039

**Deadline: October 11, 2024**

The purpose of this NOFO is to build on previous work, by sustaining support for an E-Learning community and peer learning platform. The recipient of this NOFO will support multiple communication channels, including interactive web conference series, podcasts, online education resources, translation products, a web platform, as well as planned and strategic social media initiatives, to facilitate knowledge dissemination and exchange.

### [Competitive Funding Opportunity: Tribal Transit Program](#)

Department of Transportation

DOT/Federal Transit Administration

FTA-2024-012-TPM-TRTR

**Deadline: November 13, 2024**

The Tribal Transit Program (TTP) supports FTA's strategic goals and objectives through investments that: enhance safety, renew our transit systems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the public transportation sector, improve equity, and connect communities.

### [AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants](#)

AmeriCorps

AC-08-20-24

**Deadline: January 23, 2025**

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 serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving.

### [Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6800-N-25

**Deadline: August 29, 2025**

The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit organizations, state governments, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103), and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion, to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [YouthBuild](#)

Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration

FOA-ETA-24-53

**Deadline: September 16, 2024**

The Department of Labor (DOL) will award grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to opportunity youth, ages 16 to 24, who are performing meaningful work and service to their communities.

### [Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA

NTIA-DECGP-2024

**Deadline: September 23, 2024**



The Digital Equity Act authorizes funds to be used for the development and implementation of digital inclusion activities that benefit the Covered Populations; programs that facilitate the adoption of broadband by Covered Populations to provide educational and employment opportunities; training programs that cover basic, advanced, and applied skills; workforce development programs; access to equipment, instrumentation, networking capability, hardware and software, or digital network technology for broadband services at low or no cost; and the construction or operation of public access computing centers for Covered Populations.

**[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.