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## FORUM NEWS



Devon L. Lomayesva, of San Diego County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Diego County Superior Court. Lomayesva has been Chief Judge at the Intertribal Court of Southern California since 2016. She has been a Sole Practitioner since 2014. Lomayesva was a Pro Tem Judge at the Intertribal Court of Southern California from 2015 to 2016 and Tribal Attorney for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians from 2013 to 2014. She was Executive Director at California Indian Legal Services from 2007 to 2012 and In-House Counsel for the Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel from 2004 to 2007. She was Directing Attorney at California Indian Legal Services from 2003 to 2004 and a Staff Attorney there from 1999 to 2002. Lomayesva was a Staff Attorney at the California Indian Lands Office from 2002 to 2003. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the California Western School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Harry Powazek. Lomayesva is a Democrat

## IN THE NEWS

[Parents, courts other appropriate adults to get notification immediately when foster kids missing. Governor signs Ramos bill on California Native American Day](#) (Press release)

Office of James C. Ramos, California Assemblymember for District 45 - September 27, 2024

Gov. Gavin Newsom today signed a bill requiring county social workers and probation officers to immediately notify appropriate adults when foster children and youth are missing. It was one of seven tribal-related bills approved on California Native American Day. Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-San Bernardino) authored the measure, AB 2108, titled the Luke Madrigal Act, named after Cahuilla Band of Indians tribal member who served on his tribe's council, and generously gave his time to the National Indian Child Welfare Association, Riverside County Tribal Alliance for American Indian Children and Families, and the American Indian Community Foundation.

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**New California law bans Native American mascots at K-12 schools, strengthens Feather Alerts** (May require subscription)

Sacramento Bee - October 02, 2024

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed bills focused on issues ranging from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People crisis to banning the use of Native American slurs in athletic teams and mascots at K-12 schools. Newsom also signed the following bills related to Indian Country. The following legislation was written by Ramos, who is Serrano/Cahuilla and the first and only Native lawmaker in the California legislature: AB 81, The California Indian Child Welfare Act: County welfare department or county probation department will have to inquire if a child is Native American when first contacted. This law seems to safeguard the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, which protects Native American from being removed from the custody of their parents or guardians; AB 2108, The Luke Madrigal Act: Will require county social works and probation officers to notify local law enforcement and parents or guardians of a foster child's disappearance. This report must be made no later than 24 hours of receiving information that they're missing. This law will apply to all children in foster care, but will specifically address missing Native foster children. Native American children enter foster care at a rate 2.7 times higher than the general population. This rate is highest out of any ethnic group.

**Partnership to bridge gap between child welfare workforce, Nebraska tribes**

Nebraska Today - October 11, 2024

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center on Children, Families and the Law are partnering to provide culturally informed training to Child and Family Services specialists serving Native American children and families. The project, "Bridging the Gap for Native American Children," received seed funding from the university's Engagement Collaborative, part of the N2025 Strategic Plan, to support university-community engagement that contributes to the public good. Also: [N2025 Strategic Plan](#)

**Minnesota group spearheads national oral history project of Indian boarding school survivors**

Sahan Journal and Imprint - October 12, 2024

They've come from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. From the Ojibwe and Inupiaq. Smoke rises from bundles of sweetgrass, cedar and sage as they tell their stories of surviving Indian boarding schools. For some, the recounting is not new. They bring weathered black-and-white family photos to honor relatives lost. Others, until now, have never disclosed their still-raw childhood trauma.

**Oklahoma Congressman Kevin Hern Sponsors Bill That Aims To Empower Tribes In Child Support Enforcement** (Includes video)

KWTV - October 11, 2024

A bill that would give Tribes the same authority that states have in collecting past-due child support payments is making its way through Congress. The lead sponsor of the bipartisan Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act is Oklahoma Congressman Kevin Hern, who says, sadly, he understands this issue all too well.

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.

**Indigenous Sovereignty Is Under Attack as Supreme Court Bends Rules for Settlers**

Truthout – October 14, 2024

In the past 30 years, Indigenous tribes and tribal interests have lost two-thirds of all Supreme Court cases.

**First in Nation Campus for Child Victims of Sex Trafficking Completed** (Press release)

St. Jude's Ranch for Children - October 18, 2024

The unprecedented Healing Center at St. Jude's Ranch for Children, a \$25 million project, has completed construction. The nation's first purpose-built residential campus for child victims of sex trafficking will provide safe therapeutic homes and specialized recovery programs. The 10-acre campus is unique due to its local law enforcement partnerships, on-site public school, ground-up residences, holistic treatment options, survivor advocates, and trauma-sensitive design for youth who have been forced or manipulated into having sex for money. "Building on our 58-year legacy, we're thrilled to have fulfilled our promise," said Dr. Christina Vela, CEO of St. Jude's Ranch for Children. "It will be a historic moment in child advocacy as we open the doors to healing and hope that you need to see to truly experience."

**California Tribal Families Coalition Launches New Online Training Portal**

Native News Online – October 18, 2024

The training portal, accessible at caltribalfoundation.org, features courses covering various topics, including tribal social services practice, collaboration between tribal and county entities, and the latest developments in state and federal laws. Additionally, the portal addresses critical areas such as education, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, and mental health—factors that often intersect with ICWA cases.

**What the Indian Child Welfare Act Means for Tribal Sovereignty**

Loyola University Chicago School of Law Inside Compliance – October 18, 2024

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) has been considered the “gold standard” of child welfare best practice from experts in the field. This is because it requires active efforts to keep children safe in their homes and connected to their families, communities, and culture. For the past 46 years, ICWA has stood as a powerful force in protecting Native American children and preserving Indigenous cultures. Considering that reunification is the most common goal for children in foster care, ICWA is an essential means of reaching this goal in a culturally responsible way for Native American children. Further protections at the state level as well as expanding ICWA are necessary to protect tribal sovereignty in the removal of their children.

**2 years in, Washington's alert system for missing Indigenous people is working**

OPB – October 19, 2024

Washington state was first in the nation to implement alerts specific to Missing Indigenous Persons more than two years ago. By the end of August this year, the State Patrol had issued 114 of those alerts, with the subject being located in all but 13 cases.

**Medicaid will cover traditional healing practices for Native Americans in 4 states**

KQED – October 19, 2024

By Lesley McClurg

In California, two new categories of intervention will be covered by the Medi-Cal expansion. People suffering from a substance use disorder can seek therapy from traditional healers who offer ceremonial rituals, or, they can work with trusted figures within tribal communities such as elected officials or spiritual leaders who offer psychological support, trauma counseling and recovery guidance. California is home to the largest Native American population in the U.S., and Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a press release announcing the expansion that the state is “committed to healing the historical wounds inflicted on tribes, including the health disparities Native communities face.”

**President Biden to apologize for 150-year Indian boarding school policy** (Includes video)

Associated Press - October 24, 2024

President Joe Biden said he will formally apologize on Friday for the country's role in forcing Indigenous children for over 150 years into boarding schools, where many were physically, emotionally and sexually abused, and more than 950 died. "I'm doing something I should have done a long time ago: To make a formal apology to the Indian nations for the way we treated their children for so many years," Biden said Thursday as he left the White House for Arizona. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland launched an investigation into the boarding school system shortly after she became the first Native American to lead the agency, and she will join Biden during his first diplomatic visit to a tribal nation as president as he delivers a speech Friday at the Gila River Indian Community outside Phoenix. "I would never have guessed in a million years that something like this would happen,"

Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico, told The Associated Press. "It's a big deal to me. I'm sure it will be a big deal to all of Indian Country."

Also: [Forced assimilation and abuse: How US boarding schools devastated Native American tribes](#)

**Remarks by President Biden on the Biden-Harris Administration's Record of Delivering for Tribal Communities, Including Keeping His Promise to Make this Historic Visit to Indian Country: Laveen Village, AZ** (Press release)

White House - October 25, 2024

As president, I believe it's imper- -- important that we do know -- know generations of Native children stolen, taken away to places they didn't know with people they never met who spoke a language they had never heard. Native communities silenced. Their children's laughter and play were gone. Children abused -- emotionally, physically, and sexually abused. Forced into hard labor. Some put up for adoption without the consent of their birth parents. Some left for dead in unmarked graves. And for those who did return home, they were wounded in body and in spirit -- trauma and shame passed down through generations. The policy continued even after the Civil Rights Act, which got me involved in politics as a young man. Even after the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, it continued. All told, hundreds and hundreds of Federal Indian Boarding Schools across the country. Tens of thousands of Native children entered the system. Nearly 1,000 documented Native child deaths, though the real number is likely to be much, much higher; lost generations, culture, and language; lost trust. It's horribly, horribly wrong. It's a sin on our soul.

Also: [Former boarding school students, relatives in Montana weigh in on Biden apology](#) (Includes video)

**Sharing traditional games with Dakota youth** (Includes audio)

Public News Service - October 30, 2024

"Traditional games comprise the foundation of who we are as a people," said Jeremy Red Eagle. Red Eagle, 'Mato Zi,' is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, located in North and South Dakota. In 2007, he began studying and working with the International Traditional Games Society. They are dedicated individuals working to recover, restore, and re-introduce games developed by Indigenous nations in North America. "I wanted to work with Native youth because they are the future, and I wanted to do my part," he said. His focus has been the origin and history of Plains Style archery and lacrosse and of the Dakota people, and how he can guide the transference of this knowledge to both young and old. "The best way I could think of 'how' was to meet them (the youth) on their level, by utilizing play-based learning programs or traditional games--the Indigenous form of education," added Red Eagle. However, the lack of information on traditional ways has posed difficulties. Due to the late 1800's assimilation of the Dakota people and the boarding school era, much of the first-hand knowledge has been lost. And documentation is limited. Research has been key in this revitalization process. Various Dakota elders have shared some oral history. Visits to museums have provided a wealth of visual information. These include stylistic, geographical, functionality, and elemental distinctions used by various tribes throughout North America.

**Watch: New law helps California tribes keep kids out of foster care**

Cal Matters -October 30, 2024

Native American children in California's foster care system are frequently placed in non-relative, non-native homes. Although the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, ensuring child welfare agencies investigate ancestry, contested cases still emerge. This story explores the long-standing issues and the ongoing fight to protect Native foster care rights in California.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Exceptionalism and Assimilationism in Federal Indian Law**, Michael Doran, Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, 20:266 (2024)

The exceptionalism and assimilationism paradigms have been in fundamental conflict since the three Supreme Court decisions – written by Chief Justice John Marshall and known as the “Marshall Trilogy” – that mark the judiciary’s first attempt to locate Indians within U.S. public law.

**Implementing Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction: The Who, What, and Why for the Nez Perce Tribe and Its Partners**, The Advocate, V. 67, No. 10, pg. 16 (October 2024)

The Nez Perce Tribe is the first tribe in Idaho to implement the Violence Against Women Act and will begin enforcing Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction this month. This article seeks to introduce readers to VAWA, focusing particularly on Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (“STCJ”) and delving into the potential benefits, foreseeable consequences, and promising partnership opportunities that STCJ presents.

**Removed from the Reservation: Examining Due Process Implications of Tribal Jail Transfers Following McGirt**, Peyton Lepp, Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Vol. 55, No. 2 (2024)

Using the recent Cherokee Nation Prison Agreement as a case study, this Note explores the due process implications of a federally recognized tribe transferring its citizens to serve tribal sentences in out-of-state detention centers. Tribes in Oklahoma have grappled with increased detention needs following *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, a 2020 Supreme Court decision that greatly expanded tribal criminal jurisdiction.

**Restorative Justice for International Traditional Cultural Expression Ownership Disputes**, Sandra H.

Sulzer, 45 Mich. J. Int'l L 275 (2024)

Traditional cultural expressions (“TCE”), which include dances, songs, and pottery, and traditional knowledge (“TK”), which includes plant properties, agricultural practices, and artistic techniques, are inarguably valuable both to the groups that create them and to outsiders who wish to use or sell them. International law broadly, and intellectual property (“IP”) law more specifically, are not well-suited to protect the interests of creators of TCE and TK. A persistent pattern of exploitation of traditional expressions and knowledge has been well-documented. But responses have been dissatisfying, and sometimes begin from a place of disregarding the value of these contributions.

**Heads Held High and Hands Holding Hope: The Victory and Vulnerabilities of the Indian Child Welfare Act after Haaland v. Brackeen**, Mikayla Jones, Nebraska Law Review vol. 103, no. 1, 5, p. 65-97 (2024)

ICWA has faced numerous legal challenges since its implementation—often on the theory that the law discriminates against Indian children on the basis of race in violation of the Equal Protection Clause. In 2023, the Supreme Court correctly affirmed the general constitutionality of ICWA in *Haaland v. Brackeen*. However, the Court declined to reach the equal protection question, leaving ICWA vulnerable to future constitutional challenges that may jeopardize not only the rights of Indian children and families, but also the foundations of tribal sovereignty.

**Tribal Judicial Leadership in Healing to Wellness Courts**, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, March 2024

This document seeks to provide guidance on the role of judges as leaders in Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts and encourages judicial leaders to discover their own leadership skills in their traditional stories, and is organized into 10 key component sections, plus a chapter on leading with gratitude.

**Models for Integrating Veteran's Services with Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts**, Tribal Law and Policy Institute April 2024

This pamphlet provides information on the integration of Native Veterans Treatment Courts with Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts; it lists the 10 key components of TWHCs and VTCs and proposes models for the integration of the two types of courts.

**Promising Strategies for Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Peer to Peer Learning through Mentor Courts**, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, April 22024

With the goal of advancing the implementation and sustainability of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts, this document provides an overview of the first year of Promising Strategies programming, for training and technical assistance for Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts; and it discusses the challenges, lessons learned, and plans for the Mentor Court program's future.

**Human Trafficking Data Collection Activities, 2024**

NCJ Number 309422, Date Published October 2024

Publication Series Human Trafficking Data Collection Activities

This report details ongoing and completed efforts to measure and analyze the nationwide incidence of human trafficking, to describe characteristics of human trafficking victims and offenders, and to describe criminal justice responses to human trafficking offenses. The report provides information on human trafficking investigated and prosecuted by U.S. attorneys, human trafficking defendants convicted and sentenced to federal prison, and admissions to state prison for human trafficking.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Interviews**  
California Department of Research Services

The California Department of Research Services is conducting research interviews aimed at addressing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons crisis in the state. By sharing experiences, individuals will significantly contribute to developing policies and initiatives tailored to meet the needs of those affected by the MMIP crisis. Interviews typically take 1 hour to complete and are conducted virtually. Please email [MMIPInterviews@doj.ca.gov](mailto:MMIPInterviews@doj.ca.gov) or call (916) 210-2297 if you are interested.

**13th Statewide Judges' Dinner: Setting a Path for Collaborative Success for California Native American Children**

**December 17, 2024**

**Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino**

**711 Lucky Lane**

**Coarsegold, CA 93614**

The Judges' Dinner aims to strengthen a collaborative network of judicial champions and allies for ICWA compliance in California, an authentic resource for Indian children and families in care. When state courts, tribal courts, state/county child welfare, tribal child welfare services, tribes, and other stakeholders align with ICWA, Indian children and families experience better outcomes. To achieve this goal, every event includes the latest legislative updates affecting ICWA, updates in case law, roundtable discussions about promising and best practices for courts, state, and tribal child welfare, and collaboration within these systems. We invite you to participate in this effort and engage in focused conversations that improve practice, collaboration, and communication.

To register for this event, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/mail.fresnostate.edu/icwa-judges-dinner/home>

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**ICWA Active Efforts Support Toolkit**, National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Active Efforts Support Toolkit (IAST) was developed by the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) with the aim of helping child welfare workers, substance use treatment staff, court personnel, attorneys, and healthcare professionals support American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) families specifically affected by substance use and increase their understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This toolkit includes the IAST Guidance Document, IAST Tool, and IAST Learning Modules. The NCSACW hopes this toolkit offers guidance and learning opportunities to promote the enhancements and innovations necessary to improve outcomes for AI/AN families affected by substance use.

**40th Anniversary of the Victims of Crime Act**

This month, we [commemorate VOCA's 40th anniversary](#) by reflecting on the progress that the field has achieved over the last four decades. Use the sample materials in our VOCA 40th Anniversary toolkit to help us raise awareness about victims' rights and services.

**Safe at Home**

Safe at Home is a confidential address program administered by the California Secretary of State's Office and is most effective when used as a part of an overall safety plan. Safe at Home offers a substitute mailing address to receive first class, certified, and registered mail for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and elder or dependent adult abuse, as well as reproductive health care workers and public entity employees who are in fear for their safety. This address is also accepted by California state, county, and city government agencies in lieu of a residential or other mailing address where a victim can be tracked down, keeping the residence address confidential and out of the hands of someone who might want to harm the victim. Email: [SafeAtHome@sos.ca.gov](mailto:SafeAtHome@sos.ca.gov) or Call toll-free: (877) 322-5227

**HEAR US Video Project**

**Capacity Building Center for Tribes**

**Helping Ensure Acknowledgement of, Respect for, and an Understanding of Sovereignty** The HEAR US video project was envisioned as a resource that could be used to educate people who are working with tribal nations by providing them foundational information on what tribes wish people knew before coming onto tribal lands for any purpose, and the significant cultural connections American Indian and Alaska Native children lose when they are removed from their communities and the impact of these losses and how it may result in lifelong traumatic effects.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

November 4, 2024, 9:00 am (Virtual)

[National Constitution Center: Native Americans and the Supreme Court](#)

November 13, 2024 11:00am-12:30pm (Virtual)

[Preventive Solutions in Head Start: Enhancing Family Support](#)

November 19 - 21, 2024 (Washington, DC)

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

December 5, 2024, 11:00am-12:45pm (Virtual)

[ICWA Webinar Series: The Indian Child Welfare Act and the Role of Tribal and State Court Judges](#)

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

[18<sup>th</sup> Indian Nations Conference](#)

March 16 - 19, 2025 (Boston, Massachusetts)

[2025 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

March 30 - April 5, 2025 (Orlando, Florida & Virtual)

[43rd Annual Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

April 1-3, 2025 (Rockville, Maryland)

[24th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect \(NCCAN\)](#)

April 15 - 17, 2025 (Las Vegas, Nevada)

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

April 22 - 24, 2025 (Anaheim, CA)

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

July 20 - 23, 2025 (Chicago, Illinois)

[NCJFCJ 88th Annual Conference](#)

## 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

### [OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Electronic Service Protection Order Court Pilot Program Call for Concept Papers](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

**Deadline: December 5, 2024**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. §10462a. The Electronic Service Protection Order Court Pilot (ESPOC) (CFDA 16.062) supports efforts to develop and implement programs for properly and legally serving protection orders through electronic communication methods. The program requires the Department of Justice to award grants to state or Tribal courts that are a part of a multidisciplinary partnership, see Post Award Requirements on page 11 for additional information.

**Concept papers must be submitted in PDF or Word format to [OVW.ElectronicService@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.ElectronicService@usdoj.gov).**

Contact: [OVW.ElectronicService@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.ElectronicService@usdoj.gov) or 202-307-6026

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [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.

**Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA**

**Deadline: December 2, 2024**

Applicants must propose a research project that addresses at least one of the research priorities in the interpersonal violence prevention section of the NCIPC Research Priorities ([https://www.cdc.gov/injury-violence-prevention/programs/researchpriorities.html?CDC\\_AAref\\_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/injury/researchpriorities/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/injury-violence-prevention/programs/researchpriorities.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/injury/researchpriorities/index.html)) as they relate to violence impacting children or youth (from birth through age 17).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.