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FORUM NEWS

[Tribal Cour –State Court Forum Annual Agenda](#) approved December 5, 2024. The Annual Agenda sets out the projects the Forum will work on in the coming year.

IN THE NEWS

[How a County Superior Court Partnered With a Tribal Court to Create First Joint-Jurisdiction Court in California](#) (Press release)

California Courts Newsroom - December 04, 2024

A joint-jurisdiction court in El Dorado County continues to break the school-to-prison cycle for Native American youth. Using restorative justice practices to provide children and parents with achievable goals, the court helps to improve youths' self-confidence, results in positive life choices, and gives children and families a true connection to tribal history and culture.

[Tribal representatives advocate for federal truth, healing boarding school commission](#)

KGOU – December 4, 2024

An Indigenous organization is calling for legislators to pass [Senate Bill 1723](#) and [House Resolution 7227](#) to establish a Truth and Healing Commission to address the lasting impacts of Indian Boarding Schools in the U.S.

[Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System](#) (Press release)

US Administration for Children and Families - December 05, 2024

This rule finalizes revisions to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) regulations proposed on February 23, 2024. This final rule requires state title IV-E agencies to collect and report to ACF additional data related to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) for children in the AFCARS Out-of-Home Care Reporting Population.

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New rule for data collection on Indigenous foster children will start next year (Includes audio)

KJZZ - December 05, 2024

A new rule will require states to collect and report more detailed data on how the Indian Child Welfare Act is being applied in foster care cases. The move builds on years' worth of updates to foster care reporting regulations. The rule's goals center on responding to concerns about the overrepresentation of American Indian and Alaska Native children in foster care. Officials say they want to achieve a better understanding of those kids' experiences and ensure culturally appropriate care. To do that, the federal Department of Health and Human Services says it'll leverage the more detailed data it's asking state child welfare agencies to report.

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

Native kids remain overrepresented in foster system; SD plans to invest in prevention, kinship care

South Dakota Searchlight - December 09, 2024

Native American children remain overrepresented in the South Dakota foster care system, accounting for 72.5% of the foster care population at the end of fiscal year 2024, according to new data. That's down slightly from 74% at the end of the 2023 fiscal year. The state's fiscal years run from July to June. The percentage is still about seven times greater than Indigenous children's representation in the state's general population.

Also: [Child Protection Services by the #'s](#)

Biden creates Native American boarding school national monument to mark era of forced assimilation

Associated Press - December 09, 2024

President Joe Biden designated a national monument at a former Native American boarding school in Pennsylvania on Monday to honor the resilience of Indigenous tribes whose children were forced to attend the school and hundreds of similar abusive institutions. The creation of the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School National Monument - announced during a tribal leaders summit at the White House - is intended to confront what Biden referred to as a "dark chapter" in the nation's history. Thousands of Native children passed through the notorious Carlisle Indian Industrial School between 1879 and 1918, including Olympian Jim Thorpe. They came from dozens of tribes under forced assimilation policies that were meant to erase Native American traditions and "civilize" the children so they would better fit into white society.

Justice Department plans tribal consultations after Castro-Huerta ruling

Legal Newsline – December 9, 2024

The Justice Department has announced plans to hold Tribal consultations regarding legislative proposals aimed at addressing jurisdictional issues in Indian country, following the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*. This decision altered the previous understanding of jurisdiction over crimes committed by non-Indians against Indians on Tribal lands.

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.

Alaska tribe, WA agency sign child and family services agreement

Cascade PBS - December 10, 2024

The Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) and Washington's Department of Children, Youth and Families have signed an agreement on how to provide support services to the Tribe's enrolled members - the first formal partnership between that department and an out-of-state Native nation. Around 23%, or 1,600, Tlingit & Haida tribal children and youth under 18 live in Washington. This agreement specifies roles and responsibilities shared by the tribes and the Department of Children, Youth and Families to administer services under the Indian Child Welfare Act, including child protective services, foster care, dependency guardianship, termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings for those children. The department has similar agreements with a number of tribes based in Washington.

Biden designates national monument at site of Carlisle Indian school

Voice of American – December 10, 2024

President Joe Biden has created a [new national monument](#) on the grounds of a former Indian boarding school in Pennsylvania, which served as the blueprint for hundreds of similar institutions across the United States.

Warren, Murkowski Call for Study to Support Tribal Child Welfare (Press release)

Office of Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator for Massachusetts - December 16, 2024

U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) called on the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study into child abuse and neglect in indigenous communities to help inform Congress' work to support Tribal child welfare programs. Historically, American Indian (AI) and Alaskan Native (AN) communities have been subjected to trauma by the United States government. In the 19th and 20th centuries, hundreds of thousands of children were displaced into over 500 boarding schools, where they experienced physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. Then between the 1950s and 1970s, an estimated 25 to 35 percent of all AI/AN children were removed from their families and placed by child welfare agencies in foster care far from their tribal communities or were adopted, primarily by non-Indian families. Even today, AI/AN children are over-represented in the foster care system.

Also: [Senators Ask for GAO Study on Tribal Child Welfare Practices, Data and Funding](#)

USM institute gets \$21M, largest grant in its history, to improve Tribal child welfare services

Mainebiz - December 18, 2024

The Catherine Cutler Institute at the University of Southern Maine received a \$21 million grant, the largest in its history, to improve Tribal child welfare services. The five-year award came from the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. The funding will establish the National Tribal Child Welfare Center for Innovation and Advancement, dedicated to fostering systemic, sustainable improvements in Tribal child welfare services across Indian Country, according to a news release.

U.S. Senate Passes Luján-Collins Bill To Protect Native American Children Against Abuse And Neglect

Los Alamos Daily Post - December 19, 2024

Wednesday, the U.S. Senate passed the Native American Child Protection Act (NACPA), legislation introduced by U.S. Senators Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine). The bill reauthorizes and reforms three programs that ensure Tribes have the tools needed to treat, prevent, investigate, and prosecute Native American child abuse and neglect. U.S. Representative Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) introduced the House companion bill. These programs were originally authorized in 1990 as part of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to fill funding gaps in Tribal child welfare services, but the programs were never truly funded and have not been reauthorized by Congress. "I'm proud that Congress has passed the Native American Child Protection Act with bipartisan support and now this legislation will go to President Biden's desk to be signed into law. Given the painful history of Native American children being removed from their families, this legislation will help Tribes provide services that reduce trauma and uncertainty for children," said Sen. Luján, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. "This is an important step toward justice and protecting our most vulnerable of children."

Outgoing Congress moves to protect Indigenous children

ICT - December 20, 2024

New tools and resources could be on the way for tribes and Native organizations to address child abuse and child neglect involving Indigenous children after Congress this week passed the Native American Child Protection Act. The bipartisan bill, which cleared the House last year, passed the Senate Wednesday, Dec. 18, on a voice vote. It now must go to the president for his signature to become law.

Media report: More than 3,100 Native American children died in US boarding schools

Agence France-Presse - December 22, 2024

At least 3,104 Native American children died in boarding schools in the United States, taken from their families to be forcibly assimilated, The Washington Post reported on Sunday, with its estimate three times higher than that of the American government. In these establishments, some of which were religious and which existed from the beginning of the 19th century to the 1970s, many children suffered physical, psychological or sexual violence, according to a recent government report which estimated that at least 973 students died there. In late October, U.S. President Joe Biden apologized to Native American peoples, calling the atrocities "a sin that stains our souls." According to The Washington Post, which conducted a year-long investigation, 3,104 students lost their lives in these schools between 1828 and 1970, in what the newspaper describes as "a dark chapter in American history that has long been ignored and largely covered up."

Also: [More than 3,100 students died at schools built to crush Native American cultures](#) (May require subscription).

PUBLICATIONS**Tribal Law: It's Not That Scary**, Adam Crepelle, Buffalo Law Review Vol. 72, No. 2 (2024), page 547

Tribal law is often presented in a negative light. Indeed, the Supreme Court's skepticism about tribal law has resulted in severe limitations on tribal jurisdiction. This Article challenges perceptions of tribal law by surveying tribal law. While tribal law does rely on tribal customs, tribal law is largely consistent with mainstream American law.

Justice Beyond the State, Kirsten Matoy Carlson, Alaska Law Review (2024)

For decades the intersectionality of extreme rurality and cultural difference has led scholars and tribal leaders to advocate for recognition of local authority as a solution to the justice gap in rural Alaska. Local control often means developing courts in and extending jurisdiction to Alaska Native villages. This Article evaluates strengthening tribal courts or justice systems through restorations of jurisdiction as a way to address access to justice issues in Alaska Native villages. It argues that restorations of jurisdiction and the development of tribal justice systems must ensure that Alaska Natives define the justice provided in their communities. Restorations of jurisdiction that require Alaska Native villages to replace their traditions and laws with adversarial processes and values threaten to undermine access to justice.

Exercising the Right of Self-Rule: Tribal Constitutions and Tribal Customary Law, Kekek Jason Stark, 51 Mitchell Hamline L. Rev. 94 (2024)

Ninety years after the enactment of the IRA, it is time Tribal Nations become wise and return to traditional constitutional principles based on Tribal customary law and unwritten, ancient Tribal constitutions.

Tribal legal licensing of attorneys, house counsel status, redefining the JD Preferred position and the entire lawyer ecosystem, Nicholas Stamates, Michigan Journal of Race & Law, Vol. 30

The recognized right of Indian Tribes to license has been a known reality dating back to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Worcester v. Georgia*, 31 U.S. 515 (1832) where state law was found inapplicable on the lands of the Cherokee. However, the modern implications of tribal licensing and regulation have only just begun to be explored in the context of the modern American regulatory system. In fact, the ability of Indian Tribes to license attorneys to practice law within their court systems has largely gone unexamined outside of a few exceptions such as the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

List of Indian Boarding Schools in the United States. [Webpage] National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

NABS released its latest research identifying 523 Indian boarding schools in the United States. This three-year project resulted in the largest known list of U.S. Indian boarding schools ever compiled to date.

Improving Outcomes for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims: A Phased Evaluation of the LOVE146 Victim Services Program, Connecticut, 2016-2021 (ICPSR 39100)

Version Date: Nov 7, 2024

This study analyzed client data from a non-profit organization that serves youth known or suspected of experiencing commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) victimization.

Breaking the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Implications of Removing Police from Schools for Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Justice System, United States, 2003-2018 (ICPSR 39189)

November 20, 2024

Momentum toward removing school-based law enforcement (SBLE) has increased since the summer of 2020. This change has occurred due to issues of equity with the hope that removing SBLE will reduce existing racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system.

Where are our Children? A Data Scan of Native Youth Incarceration in Minnesota

Tribal Youth Resource Center & Tribal Law and Policy Institute, December 2024

This publication examines the current state of data collection and reporting related to Tribal youth involvement in Minnesota's juvenile justice system. Despite the growing recognition of the need for targeted interventions, there is a significant gap in the availability of comprehensive, accurate, and consistent data on Native youth in the justice system. The absence of this data impedes effective policymaking, program design, and the ability to track the outcomes and needs of this vulnerable population.

Partnering With Youth and Families: A Best Practices Guide for Youth Justice Stakeholders

NCJ Number 309508, Author(s) Sue Badeau; Tymber Hudson

Date Published November 2024

This best practices guide by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) reviews the most current literature about youth and family engagement and conducted in-depth interviews with dozens of system-involved young adults and their families.

Brookings Report: “The impact of fentanyl on American Indian and Alaskan Native communities”

Foreign Policy at The Brookings Institution, Philomena Kebec, December 2024

Within the United States, fentanyl has disproportionately impacted American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals and communities. There is no evidence of genetic predisposition to opioid use disorder. Instead, the AI/AN populations' vulnerability to fentanyl harms can be traced to historical and contemporary policy failures and ongoing theft of AI/AN resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New list of **Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States**

Bureau of Indian Affairs published by in the Federal Register by the Bureau of Indian Affairs: 2024-29005 (89 FR 99899).

Final Rule on **the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System** published in the Federal Register by the Children's Bureau (CB), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). 2024-28072 (89 FR 96569). This final rule requires state title IV-E agencies to collect and report to ACF additional data related to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) for children in the AFCARS Out-of-Home Care Reporting Population.

Certificate in Advocacy of the Indian Child Welfare Act

Mitchell Hamline School of Law and Casey Family Programs developed the Certificate in Advocacy of ICWA to provide practicing attorneys, legal advocates, judges, social workers, and guardians ad litem with the opportunity to continue their education and study the legal and policy issues surrounding Native families and their involvement in the child welfare system. Take courses sequentially over eleven weeks as part of a cohort, and after completing the requirements, earn your certificate.

One-Time Payment for Eligible Victims of Federal Child Sexual Abuse Material Offenses: Defined Monetary Assistance Victims Reserve

U.S. Department of Justice

On November 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice announced a process for eligible victims of federal child sexual abuse material (CSAM) offenses to request that a federal court order a one-time payment from the Defined Monetary Assistance Victims Reserve (DMA Victims Reserve). The DMA Victims Reserve was established by the *Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Assistance Act of 2018*. A federal court determines whether an eligible victim is entitled to receive a one-time payment of up to \$35,000, adjusted for inflation, and the Department of Justice makes the ordered payment from the DMA Victims Reserve. To learn more about eligibility and the application process, please visit the U.S. Department of Justice website:

ONLINE RESOURCES

Love is the First Ceremony Indigenizing Excellence at Native American Health Center

Native American Health Center-Oakland, CA

At the Native American Health Center in Oakland, traditional wisdom is transforming modern healthcare. Through intimate personal stories of leaders and community members, we witness how indigenous values - particularly the sacred role of women's leadership and the foundational power of love - are creating a new model of holistic care. From the CEO's deeply personal journey to understand her mother's struggles, to a construction worker helping build their new facility, each story shows how returning to ancestral knowledge while striving for excellence is healing not just individuals, but entire communities. When healthcare becomes a ceremony, guided by love and cultural wisdom, it touches everyone who walks through the doors.

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Child sex trafficking (CST) is a severe form of child abuse and trauma that affects youth in many critically important ways. Youth who are being trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked may seek help from Juvenile Justice (JJ) professionals. Judicial officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers, and others in the juvenile justice professions play a central role in identifying vulnerable youth and responding effectively to ensure their well-being.

- [Child Sex Trafficking: A Fact Sheet for Child Welfare Professionals](#)
- [Child Sex Trafficking: A Fact Sheet for Juvenile Justice Professionals](#)

A Handbook for Developing Effective MOUs for Multidisciplinary Teams Serving Tribal Communities

The Handbook fills a gap in the field, offering clear guidance to MDTs led by Native nations as well as non-Native orgs that serve Tribal communities, on the development of MOUs which support organizational/Tribal partnerships while honoring sovereignty.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

January 17 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET

[**Developing Effective and Responsive Approaches to Elder Abuse in Tribal Communities**](#)

January 28, 2025 from 2:00 – 3:15 pm EST

[**Culture As Prevention: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System**](#)

February 14 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET

[**Strengthening Tribal and Non-Tribal Collaboration To Address Elder Abuse in Tribal Communities**](#)

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**](#)

June 18 – 20, 2025 (San Diego, CA)

[**Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium**](#)

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

Justice for Families Program

U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172266

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: January 17, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: January 22, 2025

Applicants must propose activities either under purpose area 1 (supervised visitation/safe exchange) or purpose area 5 (court and court-based programs and services). If an applicant is proposing to provide supervised visitation/safe exchange services (purpose area 1), the applicant must propose activities under at least one additional purpose area. The courts' purpose area (purpose area 5) can be addressed in combination with another purpose area or on its own under any one or more of the purpose area 5 sub-categories. However, applications that address pro se victim assistance programs (purpose area 5(b)) or propose education and outreach programs (purpose area 5(e)) must also propose activities under at least one more purpose area 5 subcategory or other purpose area(s).

Pretrial, Prosecution, Defense Counsel, and Courts Mentoring Initiative

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Deadline: January 17, 2025

The Pretrial, Prosecution, Defense Counsel, and Courts Mentoring Initiative is a mentor-mentee opportunity offered through the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP). This initiative supports programs, practices, organizations, and jurisdictions focused on diverting justice-involved persons with substance use disorders to community-based treatment or connecting individuals to treatment and support services during the pretrial and court adjudication phases of justice processing.

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172269

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: January 28, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: January 30, 2025

The Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program (LAV) is intended to increase the availability of legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by funding comprehensive legal services projects. The legal services projects should include organizations that have a mission and history of providing direct services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Expanding Legal Services Initiative - Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172270

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: January 28, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: January 30, 2025

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative intends to expand legal representation available to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by funding organizations with a history of providing direct services to victims of these crimes, but that do not currently offer in-house legal representation for victims.

Tribal Homekey+ 2024 Notice of Funding Availability

California Department of Housing and Community Development
Deadline: Application portal opens late January 2025

Tribal Homekey+ is the Permanent Supportive Housing component of the BHIBA. This funding represents the Department's ongoing investment in Tribal housing opportunities and continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand permanent supportive housing for households and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and are living with a behavioral health challenge. Rather than utilizing a set-aside within the standard Homekey+ Program, this NOFA operates independently and is tailored to meet the specific affordable housing needs of California Tribes. Website: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/homekey/tribal-program> Homekey Tribal Program Email: HKTribal@hcd.ca.gov.

[Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

Department of Justice

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2025-172280

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: February 5, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: February 19, 2025

This funding opportunity 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.

[Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2025-172286

Grants.gov Deadline: February 6, 2025

Application JustGrants Deadline: February 20, 2025

This program will provide funding to support states, units of local government, Tribal communities, and community-based organizations to develop programs within detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents who have children younger than age 18.

[FY25 U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

O-BJA-2025-172288

Grants.gov Deadline: March 18, 2025

Application JustGrants Deadline: March 25, 2025

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

Funding Categories/Purpose Areas (PA) and DOJ Component:

- PA #1: Public Safety and Community Policing [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)]
- PA #2: Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning [Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), COPS, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)]
- PA #3: Tribal Justice Systems Program (BJA)
- PA #4: Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (BJA)
- PA #5: Adult Tribal Treatment Courts (BJA)
- PA #6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)
- PA #8: Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP)
- PA #9: Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP)

Note that, in FY25, PA 7 is not included in CTAS.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[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.

[Print Copies of OVC's Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials](#)**The Center for Justice Innovation****U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)****Office of Justice Programs (OJP)****Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)****Deadline: January 31, 2025**

Materials have been developed for three different age groups, 2-6, 7-12 and 13-18 years, with separate materials for criminal legal and child welfare settings. Each of the materials utilize illustrated narratives featuring child and adolescent characters that explain how the criminal legal and child welfare systems work in a child-friendly and developmentally appropriate way. The materials focus on normalizing and validating children's feelings and experiences; teaching healthy coping and resilience building skills; explaining the various processes and roles of the many criminal legal and child welfare system practitioners with whom the children will interact; providing tips for testifying; and informing children of their rights as a crime victim and/or witness. In recognition of the unique and varied experiences of child victims and witnesses, specialized materials have been created for children aged 12-18 years who have experienced human trafficking. **Specialized materials have also been created for Native American child victims and witnesses aged 2-18 years, which were designed by Native American authors and illustrators.**

[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.