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COVID-19 RESOURCES

Judicial Council of California [Coronavirus Updates](#)

The Judicial Council continues to closely monitor the evolving COVID-19 coronavirus situation. Courts have been advised to follow guidance provided by the Department of Public Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit the spread of the virus. Updates will be communicated through local court websites as appropriate.

Visit [Find My Court](#) for links to court websites.

[COVID-19 Resources From the Children’s Bureau, an Office of the Administration for Children and Families](#)

A Message on COVID-19 from the Children’s Bureau
Given the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, we are aware of the impact that it may have on the populations you serve. As our partners at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) continue to work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, as well as public health partners across the globe to respond to contain COVID-19, we want to inform you that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at HHS continues to provide updates and guidance from medical professionals about how to protect you and those you serve from COVID-19.

Natives in Philanthropy

[Coronavirus Resources for Tribes](#)

[NCAI Action Alert: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations](#)

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

California Dependency Online Guide

COVID-19 Information and Resources under the [What’s New](#) tab and as new “Browse Topic” [COVID-19](#)

Tribal Law and Policy Institute

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

National American Indian Court Judges Association

[COVID-19 Resources for Tribal Courts](#)

National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges

[COVID-19 Resources and Updates](#)

National Center for State Courts

[Coronavirus and the Courts](#)

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[Tribal COVID-19 Orders](#)

Turtletalk

Includes Tribal Government Emergency Orders, Tribal Court Emergency Orders and State Court Child Welfare responses.

[Information about COVID-19 for CCDF Lead Agencies: Relevant Flexibilities in CCDF Law.](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. 2020

[Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Information](#) California Department of Social Services (CDSS). 2020

[Child Welfare and Probation Visitation.](#) California Department of Social Services (CDSS). 2020

[CCJ/COSCA Family Justice Initiative Virtual Triage, Pathways, and COVID-19: A Pandemic Resource from NCSC.](#) National Center for State Courts. 2020

CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM ON URBAN INDIAN HEALTH (CCUIH):

CCUIH is providing resources to Native Americans in response to COVID-19 emergency. To learn more please visit their website at

<https://ccuih.org/covid19/>.

[QuaranTICA](#)

COVID-19 continues to impact each of our communities and is changing the way we conduct business as usual. While we practice social distancing, the Tribal In-House Counsel Association remains committed to providing timely, useful resources to tribal in-house practitioners.

In partnership with the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University, we bring to you QuaranTICA, the webinar series for COVID-19 concerns.

There will be one topic covered each day June 1-4, 2020 (9-10:30am AT • 10-11:30am PT • 11-12:30pm MT • 1-2:30pm EST). This virtual event is free to Tribal In-House Counsel Association members. Those who want to attend can [become a member of TICA.](#)

Click A Topic to Register

Please register for each series topic separately.

Monday, June 1, 2020 • [Child Welfare and Social Services](#)

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 • [COVID-19 Related Litigation](#)

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 • [Quarantine Issues and Their Enforcement](#)

Thursday, June 4, 2020 • [Oral Arguments Remotely! What Could Go Wrong?!](#)

(9-10:30am AT•10-11:30am PCT•11-12:30pm MT•1-2:30pm ET)

Prior to the series, registered attendees will receive an email with information to join the scheduled Zoom meeting. The meeting's password, which will be needed to join the meeting, will also be shared.

FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit forum's home page

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

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.

IN THE NEWS

[Lummi Nation has its first coronavirus cases in weeks; outbreak attributed to kids playing together](#)

The Seattle Times - May 3, 2020

A new cluster of coronavirus cases detected by testing at the Lummi Nation has been traced to children playing together, tribal health officials said.

Sixteen new cases announced Wednesday through Friday by the Lummi health department bring the tribe's total to 40 people infected. Before this outbreak, the reservation hadn't had a new case in weeks.

[New Mexico Invokes Riot Law to Control Virus Near Navajo Nation](#)

New York Times – May 4, 2020

The lockdown in Gallup, on the edge of the country's largest Indian reservation, comes in response to a worsening outbreak. All the roads into this city on the edge of the Navajo Nation are closed. The soldiers at the checkpoints have their orders: outsiders must turn around and drive away.

[Project Resilience: Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women](#)

UPR Utah Public Radio – May 4, 2020

According to a 2018 study from the Urban Indian Health Institute, Utah ranks 8th in the nation for the number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Utah legislators recently formed a task force to address why Utah's numbers are so high. But the bill is only a part of the overall work being done to address this issue.

[Navajo Nation Suffers Third-Highest COVID-19 Infection Rate in U.S. with Limited Healthcare & Water](#)

Democracy Now – May 5, 2020

In Gallup, New Mexico, Dr. Sriram Shamasunder is leading a medical volunteer group of 21 nurses and doctors from the University of California, San Francisco as part of the HEAL Initiative. He says the coronavirus hit harder on the Navajo Nation due to a "trajectory of an underfunded health system," and notes the Indian Health Service is funded at one-third the rate per capita as Medicare. "The level of inequity that you're seeing ... it's part of this pattern."

[This Washington tribe has zero coronavirus cases. They plan to keep it that way](#)

NPR – May 5, 2020

At the far corner of the Olympic Peninsula is one of the few places in Washington state with zero confirmed cases of coronavirus.

It's the Makah Reservation, and the Makah tribal government is determined to keep it that way.

[COVID-19 and Indian Country: A Legal Dispatch From the Navajo Nation](#)

Northwestern Law Review – May 5, 2020

There has been much [press coverage](#) on the Navajo Nation's struggle to contain the spread of COVID-19 on its lands. As of May 2, 2020, the Nation has 2,373 confirmed cases, and more than seventy deaths [from the virus](#). These [reports](#) have noted the practical impediments the Nation faces in responding to the pandemic, including a high population of people with pre-existing health problems, the lack of easy access to health care, and the significant number of families [without running water](#).

[MMIW National day of awareness](#)

Indian Country Today – May 5, 2020

Lucy Simpson, Navajo, is the executive director of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. It's based in Lame Deer, Montana. She explains why today is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

[Uniting online for missing Native women, girls](#)

Indianz – May 5, 2020

he novel coronavirus isn't stopping the awareness and activities of National Day of Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

Before COVID-19, there would be public rallies, vigils, community activities and more. But this year, the May 5 awareness campaign will proceed online.

[COVID-19 in Indian Country](#)

Indianz – May 6, 2020

U.S. Senators Kamala D. Harris (D-CA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Tom Udall (D-NM) and Representatives Raul Ruiz (D-CA) and Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) on Tuesday led 55 of their colleagues in sending a letter to Senate leadership urging them to include additional funding for Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribal Health Programs and Urban Indian Health Organizations (I/T/U) to recover from significant COVID-19 related losses in revenue.

[Activists Remember Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Despite Lockdowns](#)

Democracy Now! – May 6, 2020

Indigenous activists and allies on Tuesday commemorated the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls from home, as the pandemic put a hold on their emblematic public rallies and vigils. The annual event is aimed at protesting the high levels of violence faced by Indigenous women and girls in the U.S., Canada and around the globe, and honoring the thousands of lives lost. The day of awareness and action comes as domestic violence shelters in the Navajo Nation say pandemic lockdowns have led to an increase in domestic violence calls.

Strengthening the Response to Missing, Murdered Native Americans

DOJ Office of Justice Programs – May 6, 2020

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Katharine T. Sullivan describes her role as co-chair of an important interagency effort: the [Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives](#), or Operation Lady Justice. Established by President Trump's [Executive Order 13898](#), Attorney General Barr co-chairs with Department of Interior Secretary Bernhardt, represented by Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney the task force, which also includes representatives from the Justice Department, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services, and is charged with developing an aggressive, government-wide strategy to address this complex and critical problem.

[Gorsuch Gets Moment as Decider in Case Evoking Trail of Tears](#)

Bloomberg News – May 8, 2020

The U.S. Supreme Court made waves when it [announced](#) that it would hear arguments over the phone this month in light of the coronavirus pandemic. So, too, when it [said](#) that the justices would question lawyers in order of seniority, foregoing the usual free-for-all that dominates in-person arguments. That means when the high court dials in for a [dramatic legal clash](#) over the fate of American Indian lands in Oklahoma on May 11, it'll take a while to hear from the justice whose view may count the most: Neil Gorsuch.

[Oklahoma's Suspect Argument in Front of the Supreme Court](#)

The Atlantic – May 8, 2020

The state claims that affirming a reservation in eastern Oklahoma could lead to thousands of state criminal convictions being thrown out. But that argument doesn't seem to be based on facts.

[Native American Children Protected in Groundbreaking Foster Care Settlement](#) (May require subscription)

Youth Today - May 08, 2020

For decades, we have repeated and recapitulated: Our nation's foster care system is broken. New Mexico, which receives the lowest markers of child wellbeing and the second-highest level of childhood poverty, has, not coincidentally, one the worst child welfare systems in the nation. It is largely coercive and punitive, and disproportionately targets low-income children of color. Further, 23 Native American tribes and pueblos are located in the state. All too frequently, Native children are wrested from their communities and culture without a thought given to the most appropriate placement; often they should not have been removed at all.

[Small tribes seal borders, push testing to keep out virus](#)

PBS Newshour – May 9, 2020

On a dusty plaza in a Native American village that dates back nearly a millennium, a steady trickle of vehicles inched through a pop-up coronavirus testing site. From the bed of a pickup truck and backseats of cars, wide-eyed children stared from behind hand-sewn masks and then sobbed as testing crews in hospital gowns swabbed their noses. The workers packed the samples into a plastic travel cooler for a return trip past the tribe's guarded roadblock to a state lab.

[Sioux tribe rejects South Dakota governor request to remove Covid-19 checkpoints](#)

CNN – May 10, 2020

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe has rejected an ultimatum by [South Dakota](#)'s governor to remove checkpoints on state highways within tribal reservations or risk legal action.

[Gov. Kristi Noem](#) sent letters Friday to the leaders of both the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe demanding that checkpoints designed to [prevent the spread of coronavirus](#) on tribal land be removed, the governor's office said in a statement.

[Tribal Nations Face Most Severe Crisis in Decades as the Coronavirus Closes Casinos](#)

New York Times – May 11, 2020

Tribal nations around the United States are facing their most severe crisis in decades as they grapple simultaneously with some of the deadliest coronavirus outbreaks in rural America and the economic devastation caused by the protracted shutdown of nearly 500 tribally owned casinos.

The Navajo Nation, the country's largest Indian reservation, now has a higher death rate than any U.S. state except New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Across Indian Country, more than 5,200 cases have been confirmed in communities from Arizona to Minnesota — a number that might seem small compared with those in major urban centers in New York and Los Angeles, but which in many cases represents significant local clusters that are challenging the limited resources of tribal clinics and rural hospitals.

[Cheyenne River Sioux Defies South Dakota Order to Remove Coronavirus Checkpoints](#)

Democracy Now! – May 11, 2020

In South Dakota, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is defying orders by Governor Kristi Noem to remove COVID-19 checkpoints. The checkpoints are set up on highways on tribal land, which Kristi Noem says is illegal. Cheyenne River Sioux Chairman Harold Frazier says the checkpoints are the best way to protect against COVID-19 entering the community, which is not equipped to handle an outbreak. South Dakota has also ordered the Oglala Sioux Tribe to remove its coronavirus checkpoints. Indigenous activists say the standoff in South Dakota could have major implications for other battles on tribal land, including the fight to stop the Keystone XL pipeline.

[Lankford Announces Continued Financial Support for Oklahoma Tribes Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

(Press release)

Office of U.S. Senator for Oklahoma James Lankford - May 11, 2020

Senator James Lankford (R-OK) issued details after US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt announced a path forward for Coronavirus Relief Funds to Oklahoma Tribal nations. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided \$8 billion to respond to the coronavirus preparedness, response, and recovery for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

[The impact of COVID-19 on Native American communities](#)

PHYS.org - May 11, 2020

For Native Americans, who, like other minority groups and those in lower-income communities, have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, it's a double whammy, said adjunct lecturer Eric Henson, who teaches the field research class, "Native Americans in the 21st Century: Nation Building II." Native American tribes are having a disproportionate health effect that is highly problematic, and they're having a disproportionate impact to the revenues that can be used to take on the health crisis," said Henson. "A lot of tribes are having the worst of both worlds at the same time."

[Doctors Without Borders dispatches team to the Navajo Nation](#)

CBS News – May 11, 2020

Doctors Without Borders is best known for sending medical professionals into international conflict zones in the midst of medical crises. The organization has teams in Afghanistan, Iran, Sierra Leone, Venezuela and 66 other countries. It did not, however, have a medical presence in the U.S. — until now.

Jean Stowell, head of the organization's U.S. COVID-19 Response Team, told CBS News that Doctors Without Borders has dispatched a team of nine to the hard-hit Navajo Nation in the southwest U.S. because of the crisis unfolding there. The team consists of two physicians, three nurse/midwives, a water sanitation specialist, two logisticians and a health promoter who specializes in community health education.

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[Alexander Mallory: Tribes have full legal authority to use checkpoints to safeguard health](#)

Omaha World News – May 13, 2020

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem should commend the recent checkpoints implemented by Native American tribes to protect their nations from a COVID-19 outbreak, not condemn them with threats of legal action.

[A Life on and Off the Navajo Nation](#)

New York Times – May 13, 2020

The reservation has one of the country's highest rates of infection.

[Oklahoma tribes receive support](#)

Ponca City Times - May 14, 2020

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[On South Dakota's Sioux Reservations, Checkpoints Save Lives](#)

Democracy Now! – May 14, 2020

A standoff over safety and sovereignty is intensifying in South Dakota. Two Indigenous tribes there, the Cheyenne River Sioux and the Oglala Sioux, established checkpoints on roads leading into their territories, ensuring all those seeking entry onto tribal lands are traveling for an approved, essential reason and don't exhibit symptoms of COVID-19. On Friday, Republican South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, one of only eight governors nationally who refused to issue a stay-at-home order, demanded they remove the checkpoints or face state government intervention. The checkpoints remain in place.

[Navajo Nation surpasses New York state for highest COVID-19 infection rate in U.S.](#)

CNN – May 18, 2020

The Navajo Nation has surpassed New York and New Jersey for the highest per-capita coronavirus infection rate in the US — another sign of Covid-19's disproportionate impact on minority communities.

[COVID-19 impacts every corner of the Navajo Nation](#)

High Country News – May 19, 2020

Lucinda Charleston's children reminded her that she wasn't young anymore. But despite their worry, she assembled an emergency public health team to tackle the Navajo Nation's first coronavirus outbreak. The pandemic hit Chilchinbeto, a small town in the northeastern corner of Arizona, in mid-March. As deputy commander for the Navajo Nation Incident Command Center, Charleston was tasked with delivering aid, isolating the community and tracking the sick and vulnerable. During those weeks, Charleston (Diné) had one recurring thought: "I'm not the only person that has family. Everybody on my team, we all have families that we need to go home to."

[Covid-19 has been brutal in Indian country — just like past epidemics were](#)

Washington Post – May 20, 2020

The novel coronavirus is terrorizing Indian country. The Indian Health Service (IHS) reports 7,244 confirmed cases of covid-19. Since March the Navajo Nation, with homelands stretching over Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, has emerged as a hot spot.

[Project to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States](#)

Turtle Talk-May 22, 2020

The University of Colorado American Indian Law Program and Native American Rights Fund have teamed up on a Project to Implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States.

[U.S. Native communities see COVID-19 as existential threat](#)

PBS Newshour – May 25, 2020

Native communities in the U.S. have suffered disproportionately from COVID-19, with higher rates of infection and death. The Navajo Nation has implemented a series of strict lockdown measures in an effort

to protect its population, but health care facilities have still been overwhelmed. In fact, tribes across the country see the pandemic as representing an existential threat.

[When Art Is Medicine](#)

New York Times – May 28, 2020

In Ojibwe culture, music, dance and medicine are sources of healing.

[Fostering hope in Alaska's Native American communities](#)

WTLM and FTSN - May 28, 2020

Alaska's rate of children in foster care is more than double the rate of the lower United States, according to a 2018 publication by Alaska Children's Trust.¹ In 2016 alone, 2,810 children were in the Alaskan foster care system. And, while Native American children make up about 20 percent of children in Alaska, they accounted for about 60 percent of all children in foster care from 2006 through 2013, according to a 2014 study conducted by the Institute of Social and Economic Research² of the University of Alaska--Anchorage.

Publications

[Jurisdictional Transparency and Native American Women](#)

Author – Emily Mendoza

Available: California Law Review v. 11:101, pg. 141 May 2020

Abstract: While lawmakers have long known that Native American women experience gender-based violence at higher rates than any other population, lawmakers historically have addressed these harms by implementing jurisdictional changes: removing tribal jurisdiction entirely, limiting tribal jurisdiction, or returning jurisdiction to tribes in a piecemeal fashion. The result is a “jurisdictional maze” that law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and courts are unable to successfully administer to bring perpetrators to justice. This Article is the first to identify what I call “jurisdictional transparency”—or clear, easily ascertainable rules governing courts’ jurisdiction—as a core value of the American legal system and will argue that a lack of jurisdictional transparency over criminal prosecutions in Indian country contributes to the excessive rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape against Native American women. Because arguments for or against sovereignty are divisive and often put a swift end to productive dialogue, this has often led to the layering of more jurisdictional rules on top of the current system. Jurisdictional transparency, on the other hand, advocates an approach that is both more fundamental and more attainable: allocating criminal jurisdiction in Indian country in a way that can be easily determined at the outset of a case.

[The Federal Lawyer Magazine](#) March-April 2020– Annual Indian Law Issue

Articles include:

Understanding the Hurdles: Indian Child Welfare Act and Litigation, by Kathryn E. Fort and Adrian T. Smith at page 52; and

Planning a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court 101, by Catherine Retana at page 80

[US Census Response Rates on American Indian Reservations in the 2010 and 2020 Censuses](#),

Authors: Randall Akee, Paul Ong, Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear

U.C.L.A. American Indian Studies Center & Center for Neighborhood Knowledge, May 18, 2020

Further details available at: <https://turtletalk.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/us-census-response-rates-on-american-indian-reservations-in-the-2020-census-and-in-the-2010-census-051520-final.pdf>

[Historical Trauma and American Indian/Alaska Native Youth Mental Health Development and Delinquency](#)

Author: Jessica L. Garcia

Citation: Research with Underrepresented Populations of Children and Adolescents, 169, 41-58

Abstract: Health disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth are well documented in the literature, as AI/AN youth appear to be more likely to experience trauma and engage in high-risk behavior, such as substance misuse and risky sexual behavior. These youth also appear disproportionately affected by the criminal justice system. Scholars contend that much of these disparities can be traced back to the history of colonization of Indigenous peoples and the transgenerational effects of forced suppression of cultural ideology. This paper reviews the relevant literature on AI/AN youth mental and behavioral health, and this author highlights studies which examine the plausible relation between historical trauma and contemporary AI/AN youth mental health and delinquency. This author

proposes that future research should target the high number of AI/AN youths in juvenile justice settings given that these youths appear neglected in current research.

[Sovereignty-Affirming Subdelegations: Recognizing the Executive’s Ability to Delegate Authority and Affirm Inherent Tribal Powers](#)

Author: Samuel Lazerwitz

Publication: 72 Stanford Law Review 1041 (April 2020)

Abstract. Bears Ears National Monument, as proclaimed by President Obama in 2016, realized a bold vision of cooperation between the executive branch and Native nations by elevating a coalition of Native nations as co-managers of a national monument. This proposed system of collaborative management relied on a broad interpretation of the executive branch’s power to subdelegate authority—that is, to redelegate authority delegated to it by Congress—to Native nations. While the Supreme Court has explained that the nondelegation doctrine imposes fewer restrictions on Congress’s ability to delegate when it shares power with Native nations than it would for delegations to nonsovereign entities outside the federal government, the Court has provided no similar guidance for executive subdelegations to Native nations. Lower federal courts similarly have failed to develop a unified approach. They have disagreed on whether Native nations’ inherent powers justify treating them differently from other subdelegates.

[Considerations For Implementing Culturally Grounded Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Services: Recommendations For Working With American Indian/Alaska Native Populations.](#) (Special issue on Trauma Informed Care In Child Welfare).

Author(s): Rides At The Door, Maegan.;Trautman, Ashley.

Published: 2019

Journal Name: Journal of Public Child Welfare, v. 13, 3, July-August 2019, p. 368-378

Abstract: Cultural humility in trauma informed practice is of paramount importance when working with underserved minority populations. Societal structures and systems of oppression, such as disproportionate representation of American Indian/Alaska Native children in state foster care systems, intergenerational poverty or overrepresentation of people of color in the justice system, are often sources of trauma for marginalized populations. To practice with cultural humility and implement trauma informed practices, systems of care (e.g. child welfare, justice, school, mental health) must attend to structural inequality and tailor treatment accordingly. This paper will describe cultural considerations for systems, organizations and individuals working with American Indian/Alaska Native individuals, families and communities. Recommendations for infusing cultural humility into trauma informed practice will be provided using the ten implementation domains of trauma informed practice as outlined in SAMHSA’s Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach. Content will include an application of the ten domains with examples specific to service delivery with American/Indian Alaska Native populations.

[In Focus: Tribal Youth Initiatives](#)

Author: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Published: May 2020

[Indian Child Welfare Act Annual Case Law Update and Commentary](#)

Author: Kathryn Fort, Michigan State University College of Law; Adrian T. Smith Youth, Rights & Justice

Published: Volume 8, Issue 2, Spring 2020

Journal Name: American Indian Law Journal

Annually there is an average of 200 appellate cases dealing with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) though this includes published and unpublished opinions.⁵³⁶ Since our first annual review of the case law in 2017, the numbers remain stable.

Announcements

[Presidential task force on missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives to resume remote listening sessions](#)

The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives announced four listening sessions to be conducted by teleconference in May and June. In response to the COVID-19 health emergency, previously scheduled in-person sessions have been postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as it is safe to do so.

American Indians and Alaska Natives experience disproportionately high rates of violence. President Trump has called the crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans “sobering and heartbreaking.” The task force,

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designated Operation Lady Justice, has been empowered to review Indian Country cold cases, to strengthen law enforcement protocols, and work with tribes to improve investigations, information sharing and a more seamless response to missing persons investigations.

Tribal Listening Session Webinars are open to Tribal Leaders and others. Sessions will include a short presentation about the current activities of the task force, followed by a listening session.

Registration information for the following listening sessions is available at <https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/>.

June 3, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EDT

Tribes in BIA's Pacific, Northwestern and Alaska Regions (Tribal land located in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska)

Final AFCARS Rule-2020

This rule finalizes revisions to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) regulations proposed on April 19, 2019. AFCARS regulations require title IV-E agencies to collect and report data to ACF on children in out-of-home care, children who exit out-of-home care to adoption or legal guardianship, and children who are covered by a title IV-E adoption or guardianship assistance agreement.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Virtual Tribal Consultation, June 25, 2020

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) invites tribal leaders and representatives to participate in a virtual Tribal Consultation on **June 25, 2020, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. ET**.

OJJDP will use this opportunity to foster dialogue about the new tribal provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA), and gain insight on collaborating with tribes to implement them. The Office also seeks input on increasing tribes' awareness of and access to juvenile justice funding, and creating a policy for ongoing coordination with tribes. [The Consultation Framing Paper on the Juvenile Justice Reform Act and Tribal Youth Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Programs is available here.](#)

Your participation will contribute to developing informed tribal juvenile justice responses that enhance public safety, promote accountability, and empower tribal youth and communities.

OJJDP is also accepting written comments at OJJDPtribalconsultation@ojp.usdoj.gov.

[Register Now](#)

OJJDP-funded AMBER Alert Tools Launched To Help Tribal Law Enforcement Respond to Missing Children

OJJDP's [AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) has launched a set of online [investigative checklists](#) to help tribal law enforcement respond to and investigate cases of missing, endangered, or abducted children. These checklists provide strategies for first responders, investigative officers, and supervisory officers involved in a missing or endangered child investigation. They are available in web, PDF, and mobile formats. These resources were developed in collaboration with the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) and the [Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Justice Services](#).

TLPI Announcement

Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum

The [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#) is pleased to offer the following publications addressing what victim advocates need to know concerning sex trafficking as it impacts Native people and Indian country.

The Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum

(Curriculum) is designed to introduce information on sex trafficking of Native people, covering topics such as the definition of sex trafficking, red flags, trafficker tactics, screening for sex trafficking, and advocacy roles and responsibilities. The Curriculum consists of three components:

[Participant Workbook](#), [PowerPoints](#), and [Instructor Guide](#). (2020)

Online Resources

Office for Victims of Crime

Human Trafficking Public Awareness

"Faces of Human Trafficking" Video Series

The series is intended to be used for outreach and education efforts of service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and others in the community. The series includes information about sex and labor trafficking, multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of human trafficking, effective victim services, victims' legal needs, and voices of survivors.

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Accompanying the video series is a discussion guide, four OVC Fact Sheets, and four posters that can be used to augment trainings and generate discussion. Download the complete Discussion Guide or the sections associated with each video below.

The Fact Sheets provide an [introduction to human trafficking](#), information on the [legal needs and rights of victims of human trafficking in the United States](#), information on the [special considerations and needs of youth victims](#), and promising practices for [building effective collaborations to address human trafficking](#).

The posters are designed to target specific audiences—service providers and allied professionals, law enforcement, the general public, and victims/survivors. Download the posters from the gallery on the right and customize them with information about your organization, training opportunities, or local service providers.

[Indian Health Service Has Strengthened Patient Protection Policies but Must Fully Integrate Them Into Practice and Organizational Culture](#). *Office of Inspector General Report; OEI-06-19-00330* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. 2019

[Promoting Health Coverage of American Indian and Alaska Native Children](#). *Future of Children's Health Coverage; 8* Roygardner, Lauren. Schneider, Andy. Steiger, Doug. Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Center for Children and Families. 2019

[Amber Alert In Indian Country OJJDP](#)

OJJDP has [launched](#) a refreshed [AMBER Alert website](#). The refreshed website now includes access to the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country website](#), a summary of the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country Initiative](#), and training and technical assistance resources. The website, managed by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), provides resources to help regional and state-level AMBER Alert training and coordination efforts and links to resources that support the AMBER Alert program through national partners and OJJDP grantees. "This updated website gives our AMBER Alert partners more information, greater access to resources and a better chance to rescue endangered children," said OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan and National Coordinator for the AMBER Alert Program.

Newslinks

This is a service that the Judicial Council Public Affairs Office puts together every day. If you would like to receive this service, please visit this [webpage](#).

Judicial Resources Network (JRN) and Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Online

This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. For more information, please contact the Judicial Council of California Tribal/State Programs Unit at 415-865-7739 or cfcc@jud.ca.gov.

California Dependency Online Guide (CalDOG)

This website contains dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources relevant to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here](#).

Webinars & Podcasts

[Research and Data on Violence Against Two-Spirit & Native LGBTQ People](#)

Sovereign Bodies Institute

June 5, 2020-11:00am

Moderator: Lenny Hayes

Panelists: Sarah Deer, Jessica Elm, Moroni Benally

Zoom Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ybk4ynlg>

[UCLA School of Law-Tribal Legal Clinic Development: Brown Bag Series Webinars](#)

Every Friday: June 5-July 10, 2020

12:00pm-1:00pm

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[Contingency Planning: Continuity of Operations Planning, Resiliency, Redundancy, Disaster Recovery, Crisis Communications](#)

June 25, 2020

10:00am-11:30am

In this course, we will examine what contingency planning consist of and how to ensure we are doing it right. We will look at various elements and impacts from contingency planning such as continuity of operations planning (COOP), resiliency, redundancy, disaster recovery, crisis communications, etc. The holistic and intertwined nature of these topics will be explored. Options for creating effective and efficient contingency planning will be discussed. For this webinar, the focus will be on the individual organization and business more so than the entire community concept.

[Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Networks – Building Collaboration to Fight Exploitation and Abuse.](#)

July 9, 2020

10:00am-11:30am

Elder financial exploitation (EFE) cases are often complex, multi-faceted, and involve myriad stakeholders. This webinar will share promising practices in collaboration between law enforcement, social services, the banking community, aging service providers. The presentation will include tips for starting a new network or enhancing or refreshing an existing network. Special focus will be placed on forming a case review team and on engaging financial institutions as partners in prevention, reporting, and investigation.

[Facility Dogs: Community Policing and Tribal Court Partners](#)

[Tribal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention: Successful Strategies](#)

[Tribal Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention Strategies](#)

[Youth Engagement Strategies: Fostering Development of Tomorrow's Tribal Criminal Justice Leaders](#)

[Building Better and Stronger Tribal Justice Systems: Part 1- Sovereignty Considerations as Part of Planning](#)

[Building Better and Stronger Tribal Justice Systems: Part 2- Customs, Traditions, and Values as Part of Planning](#)

[Indicators for At-Risk Native American Children](#)

[Integrated Tribal Domestic Violence Court](#)

[Interview Strategies with Native American Children](#)

[Restorative Justice / Restorative Practices Webinar Series: Part 1](#)

[Restorative Justice / Restorative Practices Webinar Series: Part 2](#)

[Restorative Justice / Restorative Practices Webinar Series: Part 3](#)

[Child Welfare Information Gateway Podcast Series](#)

Audio podcasts support learning-on-the-go and allow us to hear the outcomes, experiences, and tips from innovators across the child welfare continuum. This podcast series, produced by Child Welfare Information Gateway on behalf of the Children's Bureau, presents a series of interviews and group conversations intended to provide beneficial information for busy child welfare and social work professionals. The podcasts cover a wide range of topics and provide perspectives from communities served by child welfare agencies and tips and stories from professionals about implementing new services and programs, working across agencies, and improving practice. Topic Areas: Foster Care: A Path to Reunification; Tribal Courts and Child Welfare Series; Housing's Critical Connection to Child Welfare Series; Family Group Decision-Making Series; Prevention - Services and Programs; Prevention – Protective Factors; Workforce Series; Child Welfare Then and Now; Diligent Recruitment Series; Collaborating between Child Welfare and Mental Health; Supporting Kinship Caregivers Series; Engaging Fathers Series; Washington, D.C., and the Local Child Welfare Professional

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Working With the Correctional System and Incarcerated Parents; Secondary Traumatic Stress; Interagency Collaboration to Address Human Trafficking and Engaging Youth in Foster Care.

Upcoming Conferences and Trainings

[The 27th Annual State ICWA Conference: Protecting ICWA for our Future Generations](#)

June 24 & 25, 2020

Virtual Conference Hosted by the Blue Lake Rancheria

We will be hearing from California Department of Justice, California Tribal Families Coalition, and CDSS with ICWA litigation and legislation updates and also taking an in-depth look at different Tribes organizational approaches and how they are developing their infrastructure. Cost \$50.00 Registration and draft agenda available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/californias-27th-annual-state-icwa-conference-tickets-102992878472>

[Recognition and Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation at Tribal Casinos](#)

August 5, 2020

Mayetta, Kansas

Tribal communities are increasingly seeing the rise in cases of trafficking and exploitation involving native and non-native youth in and around tribal operated casinos, hotels, and travel plazas. During the training, you will examine different types of human trafficking, the importance of recognizing domestic trafficking of tribal children, and identifying and reporting suspected cases. Learn the investigative challenges of trafficking cases, the victim interview, and victim placement. Through a facilitated discussion with other local public safety officials and stakeholders, you will identify available resources for victims to ensure an effective response.

Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:

- Recognize the warning signs of human trafficking
- Identify the investigative challenges with human trafficking cases
- Recommend local resources to victims

Cost: NO FEE **Deadline to Register:** July 1, 2020

Who: Can benefit from this training?

- Management security personnel and staff at tribal casinos/hotels/resorts.
- Tribal and local Law enforcement investigators
- Human Trafficking Task Force members
- Social Service providers
- Prosecutors, NPO/NGOs

Registration: Register for this training online [here](#).

[Community Workshop on Child Sex Trafficking in Tribal Communities](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center – Fox Valley Technical College

Join first responders, community members, and child protection officials for this eight-hour workshop to combat trafficking and exploitation of minors. During this workshop, you will learn the dynamics of trafficking and participate in a focus group discussion on the efforts to identify, prevent, and respond to human trafficking, as well as the special considerations related to the abduction, trafficking, and exploitation of Native women and children. The workshop will conclude with a survivor's perspective to the community's response to protect our children.

Training available on request: [here](#)

[Foundation and Key Principles: Strengthening the Role of Advocacy in Indian Country Workshop](#)

Previously Scheduled For: April 21- 23, 2020 ----- POSTPONED-New Date TBD

Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, NM

The foundation of advocates' role in Indian Country is built upon our indigenous understanding of our relationships and roles as Relatives in the context of historical and ongoing dynamics of colonization. The key principles of advocacy come from indigenous cultural beliefs and values, and encompass concepts of resilience, trauma-informed approaches and sovereignty. These are the themes of this workshop with a focus on the dynamics and impact of battering, particularly on Native women and what advocacy skills, including confidentiality and the basics of shelter programming, are needed in order to meet the needs of Native victims of domestic violence. Advocates' role in social change initiatives outside of shelter doors is also addressed.

Discussion and interactive exercises are planned throughout this workshop. [Download Agenda](#)

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[2020 CalSWEC Title IV-E Summit](#)

NEW DATE: April 22 & 23, 2021

Hilton Oakland Airport Hotel
Oakland, CA

This is an annual event that convenes child welfare social work practitioners, educators, and CalSWEC Title IV-E students. The Summit is intended to provide opportunities for a diverse group of child welfare stakeholders to network and learn from one another. Summit's theme — *Take it to the Top: Bridging the Disconnect between Policy and Practice in Child Welfare*.

Registration link will be available in 2021. Email calswec_events@berkeley.edu if you have questions about event logistics. Email Rose Chahla, Title IV-E Assistant Director, at rose.chahla@berkeley if you have questions about the Summit content or eligibility.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19](#)

With the continued spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), NCAI is committed to supporting Indian Country and lifting up our communities as we continue to combat this global pandemic. Keeping in mind the needs of our tribal nations, NCAI is awarding \$5,000 to various tribal nations that have been affected by this pandemic through NCAI's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for Indian Country.

Applications guidelines are located [here](#). NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, Vice President of Development, cweaver@ncai.org

Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

- FEMA assistance for tribal nations related to COVID-19, click [here](#).
- What expenses qualify as Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, click [here](#).
- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI's COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children \(Demonstration Projects\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-EV-1812

Deadline: June 5, 2020

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children (Demonstration Projects) will support up to 24 demonstration projects. Funded demonstration projects will focus on expanding their capacity (as family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence coalitions; local programs; tribal communities; and community-based programs) to prevent future domestic violence by addressing, in an appropriate manner, the needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence. All grantees will provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate services, and culturally relevant and linguistically accessible services, to the victims and children relevant to the unique needs of children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and potentially with co-occurring impacts of child abuse and neglect.

[National Center on Forensics, Fiscal Year 2020](#)

Department of Justice
National Institute of Justice
NIJ-2020-18372

Deadline: June 5, 2020

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals from qualified applicants to establish and operate a National Center on Forensics to: 1. Facilitate a partnership amongst: a. A full-service State department of forensic science with a medical examiner function; b. An accredited university of higher education with affiliate medical and law schools; and c. A statewide district attorneys association 2. For the purpose of: a.

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Providing medico-legal learning opportunities for medical students to train as deputy medical examiners/coroners in underserved rural areas; b. Provide forensic science and legal training to district attorneys, judges, and law enforcement; and c. Develop opportunities as appropriate amongst the designated partners to benefit current and future practitioners in the field.

National Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for Courts

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CZ-1840

Deadline: June 5, 2020

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to create, through cooperative agreement, a National Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for Courts (Center). The Center will serve as the focal point for national child welfare expertise, evidence-informed training and technical assistance services, and workforce development support for State Court Improvement Programs (CIP), Tribal Court Improvement Programs (TCIP), courts, child welfare attorneys, and the Children's Bureau's State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Implementation Partnership Grantees. These services and supports are designed to build the capacity of state and tribal courts, CIPs, TCIPs and child welfare judges and attorneys to meet federal requirements, to participate in federal monitoring and related state and tribal child welfare program improvement planning activities, to implement national child welfare policies and programs, to improve practice and service delivery, and to achieve prevention, safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children, youth, and families. The project period will be a 48-month project period with four 12-month budget periods.

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families – OPRE

HHS-2020-ACF-OPRE-YE-1836

Deadline: June 8, 2020

The grantee will establish and operate a website for the Child Care and Early Education Research Connections database (hereafter referred to as "Research Connections"). The interactive website (<http://www.researchconnections.org>) will house a comprehensive and up-to-date database of resources derived from rigorous research including scholarly peer-reviewed research and 'gray' literature (i.e., rigorous research published as policy briefs, state and federal government reports, foundation reports, etc.) and publicly available assessment instruments relevant to child care and early education policy and practice (i.e., community based child care serving children birth through 13-years, Early Care and Education (ECE) programs, home-based child care, family child care, Head Start, public Pre-kindergarten (Pre-K), and after-school programs).

BJA FY 20 Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-17032

Deadline: June 8, 2020

The purpose of this program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with information, resources, and training and technical assistance (TTA) to develop effective strategies and programs to address and prosecute individuals who commit violent crime. Throughout the United States local prosecutors' offices carry attorney caseloads well above recommended levels, lack critical support staff, and rely on outdated information technology to manage their caseloads which can have a negative impact on victims, criminal defendants, and public safety. Accordingly, IPS will provide direct funding to prosecutors' offices to address reduce caseloads, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of prosecutors' processes and procedures, and provide modern technology to better manage and track cases. IPS also addresses local prosecutors' offices struggle to effectively adjust to the growing amount of evidence and the subsequent intricacies of the investigation and prosecution of crimes, particularly cyber, human trafficking, gun and drug crimes. IPS supports the use of technology, intelligence, and data analytics in innovative ways that enable prosecutors to focus resources on the people and places associated with high concentrations of criminal activity.

[Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CZ-1839

Deadline: June 8, 2020

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to establish, by awarding a cooperative agreement, one Quality Improvement Center (QIC) to develop a model program to assess and address the array of individual and collective needs of birth families to support timely, stable, and lasting family reunification and family well-being. The model program will: Create systemic change through intentional policy, practice, and culture shifts of agency and service provider staff that promote comprehensive, holistic family-centered reunification services and supports; align with the premise that foster care and foster families should serve as a support, not a substitute for parents and biological families; implement strategies and interventions that promote foster family and birth family engagement, mentoring, and support; provide for maintaining children's important connections and for children and youth's normalcy while in foster care; and engage local communities in developing a comprehensive array of services and localized family supports that allow families to build protective factors and thrive within their communities of origin. The QIC will install, implement, and evaluate the model program in 4-6 local sites. The QIC will incorporate information learned through a literature review, a pool of technical assistance (TA) experts, and the input of birth parents, foster parents, youth, courts, and community service providers/support organizations throughout development and implementation of project activities.

[BJA FY 20 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-17312

Deadline: June 9, 2020

BJA's STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence. The goal of this program is to address specific areas of concern related to preventing and reducing school violence. The program's objective is to increase school safety by implementing training and school threat assessments and/or intervention teams to identify school violence risks among students; technological solutions such as anonymous reporting technology that can be implemented as a mobile phone-based app, a hotline, or a website in the applicant's geographic area to enable students, teachers, faculty, and community members to anonymously identify threats of school violence; or other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.

[BJA FY 20 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative: Outcomes-based Contracting To Lower Recidivism and Address Substance Use Disorders Through Reentry and Housing Services](#)

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-17237

Deadline: June 9, 2020

The overall goal of the FY 2020 Second Chance Act Pay For Success Initiative: Outcomes-based Contracting To Lower Recidivism And Address Substance Use Disorders Through Recovery Housing (SCA OBC) is to assist local, state, and tribal governments in converting reentry service contracts into outcomes-based contracts in order to ensure accountability and improve performance with regard to recidivism reduction. This program will provide assistance and funding to state, local, and tribal governments to price, write, negotiate, fund, and manage contracts that pay for these services in a way that ensures accountability of the contract service providers, and incentivizes improved performance over time. Contracted services that may be purchased with grant funds include recovery housing and other types of reentry services which are tailored to individuals leaving incarceration who are at moderate to high risk for recidivism in the community.

[Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-17118

Deadline: June 11, 2020

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CBCR is a strategic approach to crime reduction that leverages community knowledge and expertise by focusing enforcement efforts on neighborhoods where crime is concentrated, or crime “hot spots.” These neighborhoods face a range of challenges which cause their crime problems, so CBCR employs a multifaceted approach that addresses their roots in order to generate long-term impacts.

[Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development: National Tribal Broadband Grant \(NTBG\) Feasibility Study Funding](#)

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIA-IEED-2020

Deadline: June 15, 2020

TBG grants may be used to fund an assessment of the current broadband services, if any, that are available to an applicant’s community; an engineering assessment of new or expanded broadband services; an estimate of the cost of building or expanding a broadband network; a determination of the transmission medium(s) that will be employed; identification of potential funding and/or financing for the network; and consideration of financial and practical risks associated with developing a broadband network.

The purpose of the NTBG is to improve the quality of life, spur economic development and commercial activity, create opportunities for self-employment, enhance educational resources and remote learning opportunities, and meet emergency and law enforcement needs by bringing broadband services to Native American communities that lack them.

[BJA FY 20 Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program](#)

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-18435

Deadline: June 15, 2020

With this solicitation, BJA seeks proposals to strengthen the medical examiner/coroner (ME/C) system in the United States. Through this program, BJA will support grants in two focus areas by:

- (1) Supporting forensic pathology fellowships
- (2) Providing resources necessary for medical examiner and coroner offices to achieve accreditation

[FY 2020 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA](#)

Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJA-2020-18432

Deadline: June 16, 2020

This program provides funds to: (1) prosecute violent crime cold cases and (2) decrease the number of violent crime cold cases awaiting prosecution.

Through this program, BJA will provide grant funding to support the prosecution of violent crime cold cases, where DNA from a suspect has been identified (suspect(s) may be known or unknown). Provided that DNA attributed to a known or unknown suspect has been identified, funding support includes investigative activities and crime and forensic analyses that could lead to prosecuting violent crime cold cases, and decreasing the number of violent crime cold cases awaiting prosecution.

[National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OHS

HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HC-1829

Deadline: June 22, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) announces the availability of approximately \$7,582,500 to be competitively awarded for the purpose of operating a National Center on Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety (NC HBHS). The NC HBHS will provide training and technical assistance (TTA) that reflects current evidence, is research-informed, and promotes best practices. The NC HBHS will strengthen professional development outcomes for staff and improve outcomes for children and families enrolled in Head Start and/or Early Head Start programs. The NC HBHS TTA efforts will lead to improved health, behavioral health, and safety of children and families. Because of the complex work the NC HBHS will conduct, the recipient will be expected to bring together knowledgeable subrecipients within the fields child nutrition and oral health; physical activity; health (including hearing and vision screening); behavioral health promotion and prevention, including the promotion of mental health, resilience and wellbeing; and the prevention of mental illness and substance

use disorders; safety practices; child and adult trauma; child incidents and maltreatment; emergency preparedness, response and recovery; prenatal care; environmental health and safety; and staff wellness.

[National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - OHS
HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HC-1827
Deadline: June 22, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) announces the availability of approximately \$6.5 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of operating a National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations (NC PMFO). The NC PMFO will provide training and technical assistance (TTA) that reflects current evidence, is research-informed and promotes best practice. The NC PMFO TTA efforts will lead to improved organizational leadership, governance, program management, and fiscal oversight for grantees providing services to children and families in Head Start and/or Early Head Start programs. Because of the complex work the NC PMFO will conduct, the grantee will be expected to bring together knowledgeable subrecipients within the fields of program management and fiscal operations.

[Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach \(DVHT-SO\) Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP
HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1804
Deadline: June 24, 2020

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families is announcing funds for the Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach (DVHT-SO) Program. The goal of the DVHT-SO Program is to fund organizations that will build, expand, and sustain organizational and local capacity to deliver services to domestic victims of severe forms of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals. Under the DVHT-SO Program, the following activities are required: 1) provision of comprehensive case management to domestic victims of human trafficking; 2) outreach efforts to increase identification of victims of sex and labor trafficking; and 3) training to service providers and community partners.

[Street Outreach Program](#)

Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families
Family and Youth Services Bureau
Deadline: June 29, 2020

The Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program's Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons. These services, targeted in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and providing them access to shelter as well as basic needs, including food, hygiene packages and information on a range of available services.

[Basic Center Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CY-1800
Deadline: July 3, 2020

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program's Basic Center Program (BCP) provides temporary shelter and counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians, have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might otherwise end up in the law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. BCPs work to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. BCPs provide youth under 18 years of age with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. BCPs can provide up to 21 days of shelter for youth and seeks to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. Additional services may include: street-based services; home-based services for families

with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services; and at the request of runaway and homeless youth, testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

[Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities \(VHT-NC\) Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1805

Deadline: July 6, 2020

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families is announcing funds for the Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Program. The goal of the VHT-NC Program is to fund organizations that will build, expand, and sustain organizational and community capacity to deliver services to Native American (i.e., American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and/or Pacific Islanders) victims of severe forms of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 through the provision of direct services, assistance, and referrals. Under VHT-NC the following activities are required: 1) provision of comprehensive culturally and linguistically responsive case management to Native American victims of trafficking; 2) outreach efforts to increase identification of Native American victims of sex and labor trafficking; and 3) training to service providers and community partners.

[Demonstration Grants to Strengthen the Response to Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities \(VHT-NC\) Program](#)

Health & Human Services

Administration of Children & Families

Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary - Office on Trafficking in Persons

HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1805

Deadline: July 6, 2020

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The VHT-NC Program is informed by a whole family approach that focuses equally and intentionally on services and opportunities for clients and their immediate family members living within their households. OTIP is encouraging the establishment of community partnerships, meaningful engagement of Native American survivors of trafficking, and the hiring of qualified professionals that reflect the communities being served in all project implementation strategies under the VHT-NC Program. Under the VHT-NC Program there is a 12-month project implementation period to facilitate optional partnerships, on-board new staff, and develop victim service protocol specific to Native American victims of trafficking. Under the VHT-NC Program there is a statutorily mandated 25 percent match (cash or in-kind) requirement.

[Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System \(PRAMS\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA

RFA-DP-21-001

Deadline: July 7, 2020

This NOFO solicits applications to: 1) implement standardized surveillance of postpartum women with a recent live birth or stillbirth on selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur prior to, during, and shortly after pregnancy; 2) implement surveillance on emerging issues related to maternal and child health that arise during the data collection cycle including post-disaster or emergency surveillance; and 3) ensure collection of timely, high quality data for ongoing monitoring of maternal and infant health to inform programs, research, and system changes. The activities in the NOFO will be conducted under three separate Components of funding: Component A: Core Surveillance - To implement population-based

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surveillance on selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur prior to, during, and shortly after pregnancy, including emerging issues, among women with a recent live birth in up to 53 vital records jurisdictions. Component B: Point-in-time Tribal Surveillance - To implement a point-in-time (one time, one birth year) surveillance on selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur prior to, during, and shortly after pregnancy among women with a recent live birth in up to 2 federally recognized American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, or Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) with at least 1,000 live births annually or tribally-designated organizations that support American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages or Urban Indian Organizations with a service area that covers at least 1,000 live births annually. Component C: Stillbirth Surveillance - To implement population-based surveillance on selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur prior to, during, and shortly after pregnancy among women who recently experienced a stillbirth in up to 2 vital records jurisdictions.

[Region XI American Indian Alaska Native \(AI/AN\) Collaboration Office](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families – OHS

HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HC-R11-1843

Deadline: July 7, 2020

Through this cooperative agreement, the Office of Head Start (OHS) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will make available the funds to enhance coordination and collaboration between the Office of Head Start (OHS) Region XI AIAN Office, the OHS Training and Technical Assistance system, Head Start grantees, other providers of early care and education, as well as other stakeholders that provide services related to the development and learning of low-income children and families and the staff that work with them. Under the direction of the Collaboration Office Director, the collaboration office will promote partnerships with child care that emphasize the Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Initiatives; collect data regarding early childhood programs and child outcomes; support the expansion and access of high quality, workforce and career development opportunities for staff; work with school systems to ensure continuity between Head Start and school system goals; and, support other regional office priorities such as family and community partnerships; and, health, mental health, and oral health.

[Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Rural Department

Deadline: July 13, 2020

Grant funds may be used for:

- Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as:
 - Broadband transmission facilities
 - Audio, video and interactive video equipment
 - Terminal and data terminal equipment
 - Computer hardware, network components and software
 - Inside wiring and similar infrastructure that further DLT services
- Acquisition of instructional programming that is a capital asset
- Acquisition of technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment

[National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)

Health & Human Services

Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary - Office on Trafficking in Persons

HHS-2020-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-1807

Deadline: July 13, 2020

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families is announcing funds for the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH).

The goal of the NHTH is to maintain and support the operation of the current NHTH, which includes telephone (1-888-373-7888), text, chat, and website capabilities that provide coverage in the United States (U.S.) and U.S. territories. The NHTH is a dedicated, toll-free hotline, and is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, and is staffed by trained experienced human trafficking advocates that provide services and assistance to victims of severe forms of human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Under the NHTH, the following activities are required:

1. Operate the NHTH, a 24/7 U.S. national telephone and online communication hotline system;
2. Increase the identification and protection of victims of severe forms of human trafficking;
3. Provide information and service referrals to victims of trafficking using a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach, and in a timely manner; and

4. Notify law enforcement agencies of potential cases of human trafficking as well as instances when a trafficking victim is in imminent danger, and document emerging trafficking schemes to assist in the detection and investigation of trafficking cases.

The NHTH must provide assistance to both foreign and domestic victims of trafficking to include multi-lingual services, crisis intervention, information, and referrals to anti-trafficking and/or direct victim services programs, temporary lodging/housing resources, and access to other emergency assistance. The NHTH must work cooperatively with law enforcement and other key stakeholders to support appropriate notification and interventions on behalf of potential victims in distress. The NHTH must have the capacity to receive and process requests in multiple formats, i.e., text, chat, email, and telephonically. The NHTH must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information in compliance with 45 CFR §75.303(e).

[Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Data to Action](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control – NCIPC

CDC-RFA-CE20-2006

Deadline: July 13, 2020

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences: Data to Action (PACE:D2A), a cooperative agreement designed to address state-specific needs related to the prevention of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The two primary goals of this NOFO are 1) to build a state-level surveillance infrastructure that ensures the capacity to collect, analyze, and use ACE data to inform statewide ACE prevention activities; and 2) to support the implementation of data-driven, comprehensive, evidence-based ACE primary prevention strategies; and provide technical support to states in these efforts. This NOFO has three required foci to support these goals – 1) enhance or build the infrastructure for the state-level collection, analysis, and application of ACE-related surveillance data that can be used to inform and tailor ACE prevention activities, 2) implement strategies based on the best available evidence to prevent ACEs, and 3) conduct data to action activities to continue to assess state-wide surveillance and primary prevention needs and make needed modifications. The work of these foci, and the infrastructure and expertise exerted to accomplish that work, should be interdependent and should be planned.

[Social and Economic Development Strategies - Growing Organizations \(GO\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families – ANA

HHS-2020-ACF-ANA-NN-1837

Deadline: July 13, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of funds for a new program titled Social and Economic Development Strategies for Growing Organizations (SEDS-GO). This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is focused on assisting Growing Organizations in reaching their full potential as highly functioning entities able to effectively serve their Native American communities. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native American Pacific Islanders. The SEDS-GO is a funding opportunity that has the flexibility for a three year project period with an award ceiling of \$200,000 per budget period. Although it is not required to have a three year project, the funding opportunity will allow the flexibility for one year of planning and two years of project implementation.

[National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

CFDA 16.027

Deadline: July 23, 2020

The National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault funding may be used to establish, sustain, and/or expand training, educational programs, and technical assistance (TA) on issues relating to sexual assault of AI/AN women. Funding priority will be given to applicants proposing innovative ways of reaching a national audience of entities addressing the sexual assault of AI/AN women, including tribal governments, tribal victim service providers, and tribal and non-tribal organizations within urban areas.

Activities supported by this program are determined by statute, federal regulations, and OVW policies. If an applicant receives an award, the funded project is bound by the provisions of this solicitation, the DOJ Financial Guide, including updates to the financial guide after an award is made, the section of the

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Solicitation Companion Guide on post-award requirements for all federal award recipients, and the conditions of the award.

Purpose Areas Funds under this program must be used to provide TTA, including web-based training, regional, or national training, and/or on-site training and TA, to the following audiences:

1. Tribal communities. 2. Tribal agencies and systems such as health care, schools, courts, victim and social services, law enforcement, and prosecution offices. 3. Tribal and non-tribal victim service providers that work with significant numbers of AI/AN victims, both in Indian country and in urban areas.

Eligible applicants are limited to: 1. Nonprofit organizations with the capacity to provide nationwide tribal training and technical assistance (TTA); and 2. Institutions of higher education, including tribal colleges and universities, with the capacity to provide nationwide tribal TTA.

[Impact of RAD on Children in HUD Assisted Households](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6400-N-66

Deadline: July 30, 2020

Impact of RAD on Children in HUD-Assisted Housing.

[Public Engagement with Historical Records](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

ENGAGEMENT-202010

Deadline: August 8, 2020

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that encourage public engagement with historical records, including the development of new tools that enable people to engage online. The NHPRC is looking for projects that create models and technologies that other institutions can freely adopt. In general, collaborations between archivists, documentary editors, historians, educators, and/or community-based individuals are more likely to create a competitive proposal. Projects that focus on innovative methods to introduce primary source materials and how to use them in multiple locations also are more likely to create a competitive proposal. Projects might create and develop programs to engage people in the study and use of historical records for institutional, educational or personal reasons. For example, an applicant can:

- Enlist volunteer “citizen archivists” in projects to accelerate access to historical records, especially those online. This may include, but is not limited to, efforts to identify, tag, transcribe, annotate, or otherwise enhance digitized historical records.
- Develop educational programs for K-12 students, undergraduate classes, or community members that encourage them to engage with historical records already in repositories or that are collected as part of the project.
- Collect primary source material from people through public gatherings and sponsor discussions or websites about the results.
- Use historical records in workshops for artistic endeavors. This could include K-12 students, undergraduate classes, or community members. Examples include projects that encourage researching and writing life stories for performance; using record facsimiles in painting, sculpture, or audiovisual collages; or using text as lyrics for music or as music.
- Develop technologies that encourage the sharing of information about historical records.

[American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families – OHS

HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HI-1853

Deadline: August 9, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$3 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low income American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services. ACF solicits applications from public entities, including states, or private non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 42 U.S.C. § 9840A of the Head Start Act. Interested applicants may email OHSTech@reviewops.org for additional information.

[Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OHS

HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HP-1852

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Deadline: August 9, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$100 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services.

[FY20 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund \(TTPSF\)](#)

Department of Transportation

DOT Federal Highway Administration

FHWA-TTPSF-2020

Deadline: August 20, 2020

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF) has been published. This notice announces the availability of approximately \$9.2 million for projects in three categories: safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities; and infrastructure improvement and other eligible activities as listed in 23 U.S.C.148(a)(4).

[FY 2020 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program](#)

Department of Transportation

DOT/Federal Transit Administration

FTA-2020-007-TR

Deadline: August 24, 2020

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in funding provided by the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)), as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), Public Law 114-94 (December 4, 2015). This is a national solicitation for project proposals and includes the selection criteria and program eligibility information for Fiscal Year 2020 projects. The primary purpose of these competitively selected grants is to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services. Funds distributed to Indian tribes under the TTP should not replace or reduce funds that Indian tribes receive from states through FTA's Section 5311 program.

[Living Languages Grant Program \(LLGP\)](#)

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIA-2020-LLGP

Deadline: August 28, 2020

IEED is soliciting proposals from tribes for grants to fund Native Language instruction and immersion programs for Native Students not enrolled at BIE-funded schools.

[Disaster Assistance for State Units on Aging \(SUAs\) and Tribal Organizations in Major Disasters Declared by the President](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2020-ACL-AOA-DASG-0364

Deadline: September 7, 2020

Grants awarded under this announcement are to provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to those State Units on Aging (SUAs), and federally recognized Tribal Organizations who are currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended. These funds only become available when the President of the United States declares a Major Disaster and may only be used in those areas designated in the Major Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

EDITIONS-202010

Deadline: October 8, 2020

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as law (including the social and cultural history of the law), politics, social reform, business, military, the arts,

and other aspects of the national experience, or may be centered on the papers of major figures from American history.

[FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2019-DISASTER

Deadline: None

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019...". To be competitive, applications must clearly incorporate principles for enhancing the resilience (as defined under Section A.4, below) of the relevant community/region or demonstrate the integration of resilience principles into the investment project itself. Resilience is an essential component of any strategy for mitigating the potential for future disaster-related losses and adverse economic impacts for communities. Therefore, inclusion of resilience principles in the project is a necessary step to improve the capacity of the region to recover more quickly from future disaster events. Applicants must include a narrative attachment as a part of their application materials, describing in detail the nexus between their proposed project scope of work and disaster recovery and resilience efforts. The strength of the nexus to the disaster is drawn from the consequences of the relevant disaster(s) and the intended project outcomes that fulfill the community's specific post-disaster needs.

[Incorporating cost effectiveness & societal outcomes into FDA opioids model \(U01\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

FOR-FD-20-008

Deadline: Not Listed

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to incorporate social outcomes (quality of life, untreated pain, etc.) and cost effectiveness into FDA's existing model and policy analysis tool. Work resulting from this funding opportunity should provide more holistic insight into the opioid crisis and enhance decision makers' ability to propose and consider policy options. Such work will require the integration of new structural components, new data, and new analyses into the model. Given the paucity of data surrounding opioids interventions, this effort will also require studies to collect information about the costs, social outcomes, and other details associated with potential policies.