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### Passing of Judge Claudette C. White

We announce with much sadness and grief that Tribal Court-State Court Forum Member and California Child Welfare Council councilmember, Judge Claudette White, died on Saturday, February 6, 2021, from COVID-19 complications. Many of you will remember her from the Beyond the Bench featured documentary, "[Tribal Justice](#)", which highlighted to worldwide audiences the value, traditions and innovation of tribal justice systems while she was serving as Chief Judge of the Quechan Tribal Court. Judge White shared her passion and wealth of knowledge through numerous judicial related educational endeavors and initiatives, including a 2018 production with the Center for Judicial Education and Research "The Indian Civil Rights Act: Fifty Years Later;" the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Foster Care; and the Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Initiative (KKIS). Judge White was an incredible person who left a great legacy for all our communities. Her lifetime efforts to prevent violence and child sexual trafficking, along with her strong commitments to improving educational and foster care outcomes have made a notable difference for families and children in California

### IN THE NEWS

#### [Washington Youth Flex Lobbying Might on Rights of Native Americans, Homeless and Foster Youth](#)

Imprint - February 01, 2021

When teens and young adults who've lived through homelessness and foster care gather this year to tell Washington state policymakers what their peers need most, the youth advocates will have three priorities: they want lawyers for every foster child, a task force to focus on the experience of Native Americans and better support for the newly independent.

#### [Girls of Color, Native Girls Have Been Sex Trafficked Since Colonization, Slavery](#) (Commentary) (May require subscription)

Youth Today - February 01, 2021

The disproportionate rates at which girls of color are trafficked is not coincidental. Rather, it is the continuation of the United States' legacy of racialized and gendered violence that goes all the way back to colonization and slavery.

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## **FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

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

### [Indigenous child welfare is grounded in community and children's needs](#)

The Conversation – February 2, 2021

The recent enactment of Bill C-92, an act “respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families,” will shift Indigenous child welfare to Indigenous-operated organizations, and is expected to come with many positives for the families and communities it focuses on: First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

### [Appeals court upholds S.F.'s removal of 'Early Days' statue, rejects censorship argument](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – February 1, 2021

San Francisco's removal of a 124-year-old bronze statue that showed a vaquero and a missionary standing over a fallen and nearly naked American Indian was a legal response to longstanding complaints of racism and did not violate the rights of the sculpture's admirers, a state appeals court ruled Monday.

Opinion available at:

<https://www.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/A158861.PDF>

### [CYFD Fully Supports the New Mexico State Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Press release)

New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department - February 05, 2021  
New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department wholeheartedly endorses the passage of House Bill 209/Senate Bill 278, the New Mexico State Indian Child Welfare Act. This important legislation will greatly benefit the 23 sovereign tribal nations within the state of New Mexico.

Also: [HB 208 Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women TF State Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

### [Tribal communities in Michigan struggle to get justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous people](#)

Traverse City Record Eagle – February 7, 2021

Violent epidemic, problematic response According to the National Congress of American Indians, [four of five Native women have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime](#), with [more than half](#) suffering sexual violence.

To address the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women, the U.S. Department of Justice established a Research [Task Force](#) in 2008. Today, there is still no database of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

### [In Honor Of Claudette C. White](#)

Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe – February 8, 2021

With heartfelt sadness, the Quechan Indian Tribe announces the passing of the Honorable Councilwoman Claudette C. White; we mourn the loss of this great leader and pray for her family and loved ones. She demonstrated true love for her family and unwavering dedication to her community.

White passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021, after a short battle with the coronavirus (Covid-19). White was sworn in as a Quechan Tribal Council Member on January 4, 2021. We stand together in strength and love for the family, our community, and many other tribes and families battling the challenges and losses faced as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

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### [Bill to keep Native children within their community receives bipartisan support](#)

New Mexico Political Report – February 8, 2021

A bill to keep Native children within their tribe or pueblo when the state separates them from their parents passed the House State Government and Indian Affairs Committee unanimously on Monday. Sponsored by state Rep. Georgene Louis, D-Albuquerque and of the Acoma Pueblo, HB 209 has overwhelming support from various organizations and Tribal and pueblo governments in the state. If it becomes law, the bill would codify the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, which was passed in the 1970s but is poorly enforced, according to experts. The bill would guide the state Children, Youth and Families Department to notify tribes and pueblos when a child removal occurs and to work with the Tribal community to place a Native child with extended family or friends or foster families within their own sovereign nation.

### [Arapahoe County agency did not comply with federal American Indian child adoption law, court finds](#)

Colorado Politics – February 9, 2021

The Arapahoe County Department of Human Services failed to adhere to a key provision of the federal law governing adoptions of American Indian children, the state's Court of Appeals determined on Thursday, returning a case to a lower court for compliance.

### [Government of Canada supports Muskeg Lake Cree Nation jurisdiction over child and family services](#)

Indigenous Services Canada - February 11, 2021

The Government of Canada is continuing the important work in full partnership with Indigenous Peoples to reform child and family services so that every Indigenous child has the opportunity to grow up in their communities, immersed in their cultures, and surrounded by loved ones.

### [Effort to reshape response to reports of missing and murdered Indigenous people underway in 3 Alaska communities](#)

Anchorage Daily News – February 12, 2021

Three rural Alaska communities are involved in a new pilot program intended to create culturally sensitive protocols on how different government and law enforcement agencies respond to reports of missing or murdered Indigenous people.

The project was launched in recent weeks with Curyung Tribal Council of Dillingham, the Native Village of Unalakleet and Koyukuk Native Village, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Alaska said in an [online statement](#). The project comes after the launch of the [federal Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative](#), and Alaska is one of several states to start up pilot programs related to the issue.

### [OU Women's and Gender Studies hosts Q&A on murdered, missing Indigenous women](#)

OU Daily – February 16, 2021

OU's WGS Center for Social Justice hosted a Q&A on issues surrounding Native American women and justice for the crimes against them during a Tuesday panel.

The "How Indian Country Will End MMIW" panel opened up with introductions from Women's and Gender Studies chair and WGS Center for Social Justice director Traci Brynne Voyles.

### [For the first time, a Native American may oversee U.S. policies on tribal nations](#)

The Harvard Gazette – February 16, 2021

If she wins Senate approval, Democratic Rep. Deb Haaland of New Mexico will become the first Native American Cabinet secretary. But perhaps more importantly, as secretary of the Interior, the enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna would also become the first Native person to oversee federal policies involving the 574 federally recognized tribal nations as well as the national parks and public lands. For many, her selection brings history full circle.

### [Melott descendant's Legal Aid Society training teaches the intricacies of ICWA](#)

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Public Information Office - February 17, 2021

Noticing the lack of materials available regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act, Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member Omar Rana set out to make a change. He crafted an educational presentation on ICWA in fall 2020 that eventually became an official continuing education program for his fellow colleagues at the Legal Aid Society of New York City. Although ICWA establishes a foundation for protecting Native American children from forced assimilation through the child welfare system, he said a tremendous

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amount of work lies ahead given the overrepresentation of Native American children in foster care. Rana hopes by educating others, he's helping provide solutions that will continue to move efforts forward.

### [Dismantling the colonial history of law](#)

Canadian Bar Association National Magazine - February 17, 2021

Indigenous law is not simply adding a splash of “Indigenous flavour” into the Canadian legal system. “It’s actually more profound in that it questions the foundations of how we make decisions. Indigenous peoples have been excluded from this sphere of decision-making for a very long time.” Aimee Craft, an Anishnaabe-Metis lawyer from Treaty 1 territory in Manitoba, stresses the importance of engaging with Indigenous legal order by ensuring space for Indigenous principles of decision-making.

### [Legislation would ban use of Native American mascots, logos, team names](#)

Columbia Basin Herald – February 17, 2021

If HB 1356 is signed into law, public schools would not be able to use Native American names, symbols or images as mascots, logos or team names. However, there would be an exception for schools that meet certain requirements, according to the bill’s text.

### [California Bill Swaps Columbus Day for Native American Day as Paid Holiday for Court Employees](#)

Native News Online – February 18, 2021

Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland) introduced bill AB 855 on Wednesday, which would make California Native American Day, on the fourth Friday of September, a judicial holiday. The measure, brought forward by Assemblymember Ramos, a lifelong resident of the San Manuel Indian Reservation and the first California Native American elected to the state Legislature, swaps the paid holiday on Columbus Day for California Native American Day, Ramos’s office said.

### [Leaving no Native child behind: State proposal strengthens Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Navajo Times - February 18, 2021

"I remember running into the open arms of my new family. Because of the (federal) Indian Child Welfare Act," said Joseph Talachy, governor of Pojoaque Pueblo, at a Senate committee hearing on a state ICWA, "I was raised in a beneficial home." If he hadn't been placed at Pojoaque, Talachy said he would have lost connection to his family, culture and the Tewa language.

### [First Oregon missing and murdered Indigenous persons report released](#)

The Oregonian – February 21, 2021

The Oregon U.S. Attorney’s Office released on Friday its first missing and murdered Indigenous persons [report](#) as part of a nationwide initiative to improve law enforcement responses in such cases. The report lists 11 missing and eight murdered Indigenous people with Oregon connections. The cases go as far back as 1984 and include any missing or murdered Oregon tribal member — and any Indigenous person who’s missing or murdered in the state.

### [Jordan's Principle order may cost feds \\$15 billion in compensation, PBO says](#)

Pique Newsmagazine - February 23, 2021

The parliamentary budget office says it could cost the federal government up to \$15 billion to compensate First Nations families and children impacted by the child welfare system, as well as denials or delays of essential services. The figure updates the budget office’s initial estimate to include thousands more children, parents and grandparents who would qualify for the \$40,000 payments under recent developments in the case. Jordan’s Principle requires governments to cover the cost of services for First Nations children, and work out any disputes over jurisdiction afterwards.

### [Indian Country gripped by Haaland hearing for top US post](#)

AP News – February 23, 2021

For Native Americans, Deb Haaland is more than an elected official on track to become the first Indigenous secretary of the Interior Department. She is a sister, an auntie and a fierce pueblo woman whose political stances have been molded by her upbringing. News of her historic nomination electrified Indian Country. Tribal leaders and organizations for weeks have urged people to write and call U.S. senators who will decide if she’ll lead the agency that has broad oversight over Native American affairs and energy development.

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## [Bill C-22 is inadequate for the task of addressing injustice in Canada’s justice system](#)

The Globe and Mail – February 23, 2021

Trauma and marginalization are the legacy of colonial and racist policies. And there is a clear link between that fact and the overrepresentation of Indigenous people and Black Canadians in our justice system – as victims, as accused, or as prisoners. Indeed, the percentages of prisoners who are Indigenous or Black continue to escalate at an alarming rate. After committing in 2015 to repealing the legislative provisions in the Criminal Code that have contributed to this injustice – mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs), which exist for 72 offences – the Liberal government has dallied for more than six years of harmful delays because of political expediency. Now, the federal government has finally introduced Bill C-22 – legislation that might best be characterized as a baby step forward.

## [Claudette White, Innovative Tribal Judge, Dies at 49](#)

New York Times – February 26, 2021

Judge White was an advocate for her people, the Quechan of Southern California. She had been calling out injustice since the third grade. She died of Covid-19.

## PUBLICATIONS

### [COVID-19 Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Human Service Leaders. Revised November 5, 2020.](#)

Administration for Children and Families

**Abstract:** Intended for State leaders, this brief explains the COVID-19 pandemic requires a Whole Family Response from State, local, and tribal leaders. Information is provided on mandatory program flexibilities, guidance and resources in ACF programs, and information on other federal programs that serve vulnerable children and families. Links are included to COVID-19 resources from the Office of Child Care, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Children’s Bureau, the Office of Child Support Enforcement, and the Food and Nutrition Services’ nutrition programs. Information is then provided on key provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that provide funding for families, education for children and parents, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and housing and homelessness services.

### [Rethinking Protections for Indigenous Sacred Sites](#)

Stephanie Hall Barclay & Michalyn Steele – Harvard Law Review

**Abstract:** Meaningful access to sacred sites is among the most important principles to the religious exercise of Indigenous peoples, yet tribes have been repeatedly thwarted by the federal government in their efforts to vindicate this practice of their religion. The colonial, state, and federal governments of this Nation have been desecrating and destroying Native American sacred sites since before the Republic was formed. Unfortunately, the callous destruction of Indigenous sacred sites is not just a troubling relic of the past. Rather, the threat to sacred sites and cultural resources continues today in the form of spoliation from development, as well as in the significant barriers to meaningful access Indigenous peoples face.

### [Tribal Law Journal: Volume 20 \(2020\) University of New Mexico School of Law](#)

Articles include:

#### [Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez in the Evolution of Federal Law](#)

Richard B. Collins

**Abstract:** Few Indian law decisions have evoked as much scholarly attention as Santa Clara Pueblo. Shepard's pulls up over 1000 law review references, and Google reports almost 3,000,000 hits. It is a major case in all Indian law treatises and casebooks and is important in several other books. Most analyze the decision as an event and focus on its principal holding, denying a federal cause of action for civil enforcement of the Indian Civil Rights Act. Policy discussions parse tribal sovereignty and discrimination against women.

#### [Tribal Justice: Honoring Indigenous Dispute Resolution \(Symposium Keynote Address\)](#)

Deb Haaland

**Abstract:** Tribal Law Journal 20th Anniversary Symposium Keynote Address. I am working to weave our Native voice into a system that is not traditionally our own to make sure these legal fictions do not persist into another detrimental federal policy era. This symposium is highly valuable because it shows our community how important it is to incorporate indigenous traditional

values into our legal system—but this is also important to highlight in our political systems and my effort to encourage more Native Americans to run for office and will continue. Native American people need to redefine all aspects of our governance systems to have leadership representative of our entire communities, instead of practicing a European tradition of patriarchal governments that refuses to allow women a seat at the table.

## [Native American Oral Evidence: Finding a New Hearsay Exception](#)

Max Virupaksha Katner

**Abstract:** The Federal Rules of Evidence hearsay rules unjustifiably exclude legitimate and trustworthy evidence that support many Native American legal claims. Native American communities traditionally were not literate and rarely recorded the treaties, contracts, and other legal instruments they drew up or honored in any kind of written format, oftentimes recording their histories and diplomatic events in other ways; take for example wampum belts used by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, among others. While the U.S. legal system presupposes that evidence in written statements provides a greater assurance of accuracy and truth than oral statements, this is not always the case. Writing is as susceptible to forgery, revision, manipulation, and misinterpretation as oral knowledge. Traditional Native American accounts of past experiences and realities are not honored in the courtroom, which strips authority from the robust institutions Native Americans employ in order to pass down and collectively maintain their own bodies of knowledge. This is a serious problem in Native American jurisprudence today.

## [The Cherokee Tribal Court: Its origins and its place in the American judicial system.](#)

Bradley Letts; 43 Campbell L. Rev. 47 (2021)

## [Help for missing American Indian and Alaska Native children.](#)

John F. Clark: 69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 5 (2021)

## [AMBER Alert in Indian Country.](#)

Jim Walters & Melissa Blasing: 69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 21 (2021)

## [The Tribal Engagement Program \(TEP\) builds bridges for tribal partners.](#)

Kristi Naternicola: 69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 35 (2021)

## [Muskrat Textualism](#)

Matthew L.M. Fletcher Michigan State University School of Law January 15, 2021 (available on SSRN)

**Abstract:** The Supreme Court’s decision *McGirt v. Oklahoma* confirming the boundaries of the Creek Reservation in Oklahoma was a truly rare case where the Court turned back arguments by federal and state governments in favor of American Indian and tribal interests. For more than a century, Oklahomans had assumed that the reservation had been terminated, and acted accordingly. But only Congress can terminate an Indian reservation, and it simply had never done so in the case of the Creek Reservation. Both the majority and dissenting opinions attempted to claim the mantle of textualism, but their respective analyses led to polar opposite outcomes.

## [Tanam Awa: Trauma Informed Benchbook](#)

Judge Voluck – Asleut Community of St. Paul

Our peoples suffered a physical, social, spiritual, and even genetic cultural shock to the system. Understanding the roots and symptoms of this historical trauma may assist us in finding the best medicine to diagnose and treat the symptom behaviors hurting our families. As Tribal Courts become the preferred forum to resolve local concerns, improving upon the trauma-informed delivery of tribal justice is our community’s work: Healing generational pain and moving forward – in a good way. If you appreciate access to this Trauma-Informed Benchbook for Tribal Justice Systems, may we suggest a [donation of \\$18.00](#) toward supporting the Tribe’s continued efforts to improve upon the delivery of tribal justice.

## [Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act \(ORICWA\) 2021 Judicial Benchbook](#)

Oregon Laws 2020 ch. 14

In the first special session of 2020, the Oregon Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act (ORICWA). Shortly thereafter, with the support of the Oregon Judicial Department Juvenile Court Improvement Program and Casey Family Programs, a workgroup convened to draft a guide to the new law.

## [Jurisprudence and Recommendations for Tribal Court Authority Due to Imposition of U.S. Limitations](#)

Angelique Eagle Woman; Mitchell Hamline Law Review Volume 47 (February 2021)

There are over 570 federally-recognized Tribal Nations in the United States and more than 330 tribal courts serving as the judicial branch of those nations. Yet, there is little mention of the existence of tribal courts in most mainstream civil procedure courses taught in the over 200 law schools in the United States. To gain any knowledge as to the existence of these courts, law students must take a course on federal Indian law, which is not available in the majority of law schools. In fact, less than twenty law schools offer a series of courses forming an Indian law program. Thus, the invisibility of tribal courts is perpetuated through curriculum omission in mainstream civil procedure courses and rarely remedied through offering a stand-alone course on federal Indian law. Tribal Nations have existed from time immemorial with their own laws, dispute resolution systems, and governing structures. This lack of attention and suppression of information serves only to reinforce colonizing ideas of subsuming tribal governance into the forums set up by the United States.

[Department of Justice Journal of Federal Law and Practice 69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac.](#) (2021)

Articles include:

### **Missing or murdered Indigenous people: Culturally based prevention strategies.**

Heather Sauyaq Jean Gordon & Travis W.M. Roberts

[69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 47](#) (2021)

### **Jurisdictional solutions in Indian Country to support missing or murdered Indigenous people efforts.**

Bill Denke, Bruce Lee, Matthew Lysakowski & Jason O’Neal

[69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 71](#) (2021)

### **National survey estimates of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native people.**

Andrew B. Rosay

[69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 91](#) (2021)

### **Addressing sexual abuse, assault, and trafficking as co-morbidities in missing or murdered Indigenous populations.**

Jennifer Pierce-Weeks

[69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 129](#) (2021)

### **Enhancing law enforcement response to missing person cases in tribal communities.**

Ernst H. Weyand & Lori McPerson

[69 DOJ J. Fed L. & Prac. 137](#) (2021)

### **Prevention strategies related to missing or murdered Native Americans.**

Elizabeth Darling

[69 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. 159](#) (2021)

## [Rethinking protections for Indigenous sacred sites.](#)

Michalyn Steele & Stephanie Hall Barclay: 134 Harv. L. Rev. 1294 (2021)

**Abstract:** Meaningful access to sacred sites is among the most important principles to the religious exercise of Indigenous peoples, yet tribes have been repeatedly thwarted by the federal government in their efforts to vindicate this practice of their religion. The colonial, state, and federal governments of this Nation have been desecrating and destroying Native American sacred sites since before the Republic was formed. Unfortunately, the callous destruction of Indigenous sacred sites is not just a troubling relic of the past. Rather, the threat to sacred sites and cultural resources continues today in the form of spoliation from development, as well as in the significant barriers to meaningful access Indigenous peoples face.

## [A Familiar Crossroads: McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Future of the Federal Indian Law Canon](#)

Dylan Hedden-Nicely and Stacy Leeds New Mexico Law Review, Vol. 51, 2021

**Abstract:** Federal Indian law forms part of the bedrock of American jurisprudence. Indeed, critical parts of the pre-civil war constitutional canon were defined in federal Indian law cases that simultaneously provided legal justification for American westward expansion onto unceded Indian lands. As a result,

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federal Indian law makes up an inextricable part of American rule of law. Despite its importance, federal Indian law follows a long and circuitous road that requires “wander[ing] the maze of Indian statutes and case law tracing back [over] 100 years.” That road has long oscillated between two poles, with the Supreme Court sometimes applying foundational principles that view tribes as sovereigns “retaining all their original natural rights,” and at other times treating tribes as mere “wards subject to a [self-imposed] guardian.”

### [The Indian Child Welfare Act and Active Efforts: Past and Present](#)

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – Technical Assistance Bulletin February 25, 2021

Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 to address the widespread practice of state entities removing American Indian and Alaskan Native children from their homes and families. Congress found “an alarmingly high percentage of Indian families are broken up by the removal, often unwarranted, of their children from them by non-tribal public and private agencies and that a high percentage of such children are placed in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes and institutions.” This publication is a companion to others developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) regarding ICWA for judges, court staff, attorneys, child welfare professionals, and other stakeholders involved in child welfare cases. It focuses on the use of active efforts as an essential tool in the implementation of ICWA and as a best practice in child welfare. It is intended to provide the history behind ICWA and, in doing so, outline both the why and the how of active efforts in ICWA implementation.

### [Research Brief: American Indian/Alaskan Native Youth Suicide Risk](#)

The Trevor Project, 2020

**Abstract:** This brief shares the findings of a quantitative online survey of 40,001 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) American/Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) youth (ages 13-24) conducted between December 2019 and March 2020. The survey examined suicide risk among AI/AN LGBTQ youth. Findings indicate: AI/AN LGBTQ youth were 2.5 times more likely to report a suicide attempt in the past year (33%) compared to non-AI/AN LGBTQ youth (14%); Housing instability (50% vs. 28%), food insecurity (18% vs. 7%), and foster care (14% vs. 4%) were also disproportionately experienced by AI/AN LGBTQ youth compared to non-AI/AN LGBTQ youth; AI/AN LGBTQ youth who experienced foster care, housing instability, or food insecurity had 3.5 to 5 times greater odds of reporting a suicide attempt in the past year; nearly half (49%) of AI/AN LGBTQ youth reported ever being physically harmed or threatened due to their LGBTQ identity compared to 31% of non-AI/AN LGBTQ youth; AI/AN LGBTQ youth who reported LGBTQ-based victimization or discrimination were at more than 3 and more than 2.5 times the risk for attempting suicide; those who reported high levels of social support from family members were nearly 60% less likely to report a suicide attempt in the past year; AI/AN youth who states that their school was LGBTQ-affirming were also nearly 60% less likely to report a suicide attempt in the past year; and AI/AN LGBTQ youth are diverse with respect to nation/tribe, spirituality, gender, and sexuality.8 references.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[National American Indian Court Judges Association](#) – Call for Presentation Proposals for 2021 Virtual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference

Deadline for submission: [Thursday, March 25, 2021, 5:00 pm MST](#)

The National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) invites presentation proposals for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virtual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference to be held October 19-21, 2021. NAICJA’s Annual Conference offers innovative and timely tribal justice information through high quality presentations by national experts. This is your opportunity to share your expertise and display your creativity by developing an original program for presentation. Proposals specifically tailored to meet the needs of the 200-person virtual NAICJA audience are strongly preferred.

[New list of Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs](#) published by the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs on January 29, 2021. The list includes 574 Tribal entities recognized by and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by virtue of their status as Indian Tribes.



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## [U.C. Hastings Law San Francisco Indigenous Law Center Launches with Panel on COVID-19](#)

UC Hastings Law's [Indigenous Law Center](#) kicks off its important work Feb. 10 with a [panel discussion](#) on the impact of COVID-19 on Native American and Indigenous communities. The panel features leading figures including Navajo Nation President [Jonathan Nez](#).

The center was established in September 2020 to celebrate, study, and better understand the many histories, identities, and contributions of Native and Indigenous nations, communities, and individuals in law and beyond.

## [New page offers info about tribal nations in Oklahoma](#)

A new Oklahoma Tribal Resources Page offers basic information on each of Oklahoma's 39 federally recognized tribal nations.

The Center for Tribes is excited to share that one of our most popular resources, the [ICWA Guide for Tribal Governments and Leaders](#), has been updated.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### [Tribal Justice System Planning Process Online \(self-paced\)](#)

National Criminal Justice Training center of Fox Valley Technical College

Learn about the Tribal Justice System Planning Process (TJSPP) principles and how a comprehensive tribal justice system strategic plan can improve public safety and the quality of justice in your community.

This online training course is designed for grantees who have not participated in the onsite TJSPP course, as well as non-grantee tribes.

### [Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19](#)

SAMHSA is committed to providing regular training and technical assistance (TTA) on matters related to the mental and substance use disorder field as they deal with COVID-19.

## 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](mailto:cfcc@jud.ca.gov).

## **California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)**

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

### Live Events

#### [U.C. Davis School of Law Tribal Justice Seminar Series](#)

Chief Judge Abby Abinanti of the Yurok Tribe invites you to the Tribal Justice Seminar Series. Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM PST on Zoom. February 10, 2021 – May 5, 2021

The Tribal Justice Seminar Series strives to unite law students, graduate students, faculty, and practitioners with leaders and scholars who specialize in the area of tribal courts. Over the course of the Spring 2021 semester, the series will explore some of the current challenges facing tribal courts and the creative, groundbreaking ways that thought leaders and practitioners are addressing them. For more information, contact [tribaljusticeseminar@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:tribaljusticeseminar@law.ucdavis.edu) or (530) 400-2754.

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## Pre-Recorded Webinars & Podcasts:

### [Vicarious Trauma in Tribal Organizations](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College – Recorded November 30, 2020  
Gather basic knowledge about vicarious trauma within a tribal context and the impact on service providers' health and well-being. During the webinar, we will explore how tribal programs and leadership can use the OVC Vicarious Trauma Toolkit to create more trauma informed, healthier work environments; a particularly important goal given existing challenges and stress imposed by the global pandemic.

### [Talking Circle: Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities](#)

National Center for Victims of Crime – Recorded February 8, 2021

Human trafficking impacts tribal people more than most of us realize with traffickers preying on vulnerabilities such as jurisdiction, prosecution, and limited resources. During this conversation, listen to tribe's experiences with human trafficking in tribal communities and ask your own questions. Discussion topics include risk factors for trafficking, barriers to addressing trafficking on tribal lands, and needed services to aid the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of trafficked tribal members or relatives.

### [The Tribe that's Moving Earth \(and Water\) to Solve the Climate Crisis](#)

Podcast - How to Save a Planet

The Yurok tribe is reversing centuries of ecological damage to their land and making it more resilient to climate change by marrying two systems that might seem contradictory: indigenous land management practices and modern Western economics. In this episode we talk to Yurok Tribe Vice-Chairman Frankie Myers about how the Tribe recovered stolen land with the help of a carbon offset program, the creative ways they're bringing the salmon back, and the role beavers play in the ecosystem. Calls to Action Check out Save California Salmon and their advocacy work for Northern California's salmon and fish dependent people. Check out the Klamath River Renewal Corporation to learn more about the dam removals and restoration efforts on the Klamath River. Look up your address on [native-land.ca](http://native-land.ca) to find out what land you live on, and learn more about how and why you can use land acknowledgements to insert an awareness of Indigenous presence and land rights into everyday life. If you own land you can donate, contact a local tribe to find out how you can donate land to them. Check out and support the work of Indigenous organizations like the NDN Collective and their #landback campaign, the Native American Land Conservancy, Indigenous Environmental Network, and Indigenous Climate Action. Study the history of Indigenous people – read Custer Died for Your Sins, The Indian Reorganization Act, and other books by Vine Deloria, Jr., and read A Brief History of American Indian Military Service. If you take an action we recommend in one of our episodes, do us a favor and tell us about it! We'd love to hear how it went and what it felt like.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

### [2021 CalSWEC Title IV-E Summit: Anti-Racism Series](#)

**NEW DATES-3 Part Series: Third Part March 24, 2021**

#### **Virtual Summit**

This child welfare conference will feature child welfare-related themes and goals. In lieu of an in-person 2021 IV-E Summit, and in response to the ongoing call for sustained, anti-racist action, the Title IV-E team and student planning committee will be hosting the 2021 CalSWEC Title IV-E Summit as a three-part Anti-Racism Virtual Series. Email [calswec\\_events@berkeley.edu](mailto:calswec_events@berkeley.edu) if you have questions.

### [Spokane County Bar Association Twelfth Annual Indian Law Conference](#)

**March 4 & 5, 2021 – Online only**

Sessions include: Native Identity & Current Enrollment Issues; Current Indian Country Issues and Elimination of Bias in the Law. Register at [www.spokanebar.org/events-calendar/](http://www.spokanebar.org/events-calendar/)

### [The 51st Annual Native American Critical Issues Conference](#)

**Michigan Indian Education Council – March 11-13, 2021**

Zoom

The Native American Critical Issues Conference provides learning opportunities for educators, teachers, policy makers, Title VI Indian Education Act programs, tribal schools and colleges, tribal education departments, Native American Student Organizations (NASO), youth, and all others who might benefit.

[click here to REGISTER](#)

[Download the agenda at glance here.](#)

[Download the save the date flyer here.](#)

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## [2021 OJJDP Tribal Youth Virtual National Conference: Shaping Brighter Futures with American Indian, Alaska Native Youth and Tribal Communities](#)

March 29 – April 2, 2021

### Virtual Conference

The 2021 OJJDP Tribal Virtual National Conference is a free five-day virtual conference that's open to everyone! Registration will be launching soon. Check back for more details about the conference and an exciting agenda featuring sessions to support Tribal Youth Programs, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts, and more.

## [3rd Annual BAA Trauma Conference](#)

April 7, 8, 14 & 15

### Virtual Conference

This conference will present innovations in resilience-building and understanding of the cultural impact of trauma and an examination of the Child Welfare System to promote improved outcomes.

## [39th Annual Protecting our Children Conference](#)

April 11–14, 2021

### Virtual Conference

National Indian Child Welfare Association:

Join us as we gather for the Annual Protecting Our Children Conference, the premier national event addressing tribal child welfare. Each year, NICWA hosts the largest national gathering on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child advocacy issues. With over 1,400 attendees—and growing every year—this four-day conference has become the premiere national event addressing tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to youth with lived experience in child welfare systems. [Conference agenda](#)

## [2021 Women Are Sacred Conference](#)

June 8-10, 2021 - Virtual Event

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center is pleased to announce registration for the 2021 Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference is now open! A [draft of the conference agenda](#) is available now. The theme for this year's conference is "*Carrying Our Medicine and Strengthening Our Vision to End the Violence.*"

## COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities \(CCR\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

CDC-RFA-DP21-2109

Deadline: April 24, 2021

CDC announces the availability of funds to achieve the goal of the CARES Act in protecting the American people from the public health impacts of COVID-19. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) supports this work through training and deployment of community health workers (CHWs) and by building and strengthening community resilience to fight COVID-19 through addressing existing health disparities in the population. Goals of this NOFO will be accomplished in three key areas: Component A: CAPACITY BUILDING Component B: IMPLEMENTATION READY Component C: INNOVATION [demonstration projects]

### [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Program Activities](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

OS-PAW-20-001

Deadline: To be determined based on public health emergency needs.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19..." (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially

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increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

**Please Contact:**

Eric West Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management  
240-453-8822

[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

**[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](mailto: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](#).

## NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**[Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation](#)**

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-36007

**Deadline: March 9, 2021**

The maintenance and replication of existing successful community-based programs providing culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the development of innovative culturally specific strategies to enhance access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using more traditional programs. (34 U.S.C. § 20124(b)(1)).

**[Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Program Solicitation](#)**

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-48004

**Deadline: March 9, 2021**

Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program (CY).

**[Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program Solicitation](#)**

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-38007

**Deadline: March 9, 2021**

Supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**[Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation](#)**

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-56002

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**Deadline: March 12, 2021**

Enhance the safety of rural victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

## [Fiscal Year 2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \(CTAS\)](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

O-BJA-2021-60008

Grants.gov Deadline: March 16, 2021 9:00 PM

Application JustGrants Deadline: March 30, 2021 9:00 PM

Address tribal concerns related to public safety and criminal and juvenile justice, and responses to domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and other crimes.

## [Enhancing Juvenile Indigent Defense](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2021-36001-PROD

Deadline: March 16, 2021

The goal of this program is to implement enhancements that improve juvenile indigent defense.

## [Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Solicitation](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-40007

Deadline: March 18, 2021

Addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

## [Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-36006

Deadline: March 25, 2021

To create sustainable change within and between organizations that improves the response to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.

## [Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction: Targeted Support for Exercising Tribes Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-51004

Grants.gov Deadline: March 26, 2021

Application JustGrants Deadline: March 30, 2021

Assists Indian tribes that currently are exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) by providing financial support for discrete costs that result from the exercise of SDVCJ and related training and technical assistance (TTA).

## [Reducing Risk for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Deadline: March 26, 2021

To reduce risk factors and promote protective factors for girls who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, and place them on a path toward success, stability, and long-term contribution to society.

## [Juvenile Justice Emergency Planning Demonstration Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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## **O-OJJDP-2021-47009**

**Deadline: March 29, 2021**

To support the development, improvement, and/or implementation of emergency planning activities for state, tribal, county, and local juvenile justice residential facilities.

## **[National Sub-Award Program to expand Children's Advocacy Centers in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities \(AI/AN\)](#)**

**National Children's Alliance**

**Deadline: April 12, 2021**

To expand CAC services to American Indian tribal areas and Alaska Native villages to better meet the needs of child victims and their families living on tribal lands, Alaskan villages and more remote areas not easily accessible to CACs.

## **[Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence](#)**

**Department of Justice**

**Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention**

**O-OJJDP-2021-47013**

**Deadline: April 19, 2021**

Funding for communities to develop and provide support services for children exposed to violence.

## **[Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB**

**HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CA-1913**

**Deadline: April 20, 2021**

To support community-based efforts in tribal and migrant communities that prevent child maltreatment and to strengthen and support families.

## **[Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice, Fiscal Year 2021](#)**

**Department of Justice**

**National Institute of Justice**

**O-NIJ-2021-60004**

**Deadline: April 26, 2021**

NIJ seeks applications for projects examining the impact on the administration of justice and public safety of pretrial detention healthcare, data-driven interventions, prosecutorial discretion, decriminalization of certain offences, and bail reform.

## **[Indian Highway Safety Law Enforcement Grants](#)**

**Department of the Interior**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**BIA-IHSP-2021-0003**

**Deadline: May 3, 2021**

Implementing traffic safety programs and projects which are designated to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, injuries and property damage within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are reimbursable grants available to federally recognized tribes.

## **[Indian Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant](#)**

**Department of the Interior**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**BIA-IHSP-2021-0002**

**Deadline: May 3, 2021**

Implementing traffic safety programs and projects which are designated to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, injuries and property damage within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are reimbursable grants available to federally recognized tribes.

## **[Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program \(THSGP\)](#)**

**Department of Homeland Security**

**Department of Homeland Security – FEMA**

**DHS-21-GPD-067-00-01**

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**Deadline: May 14, 2021**

These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks. The THSGP supports the goals of Building a Culture of Preparedness and of Readyng the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters.

## [Family Violence Prevention and Services - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Institute on Intimate Partner Violence](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1966

**Deadline: July 6, 2021**

To award one cooperative agreement under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants program to support a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Institute on Intimate Partner Violence (Institute) to expand and enhance the capacity of both domestic violence and LGBTQ-specific organizations to more effectively identify and respond to the unique needs of LGBTQ intimate partner violence victims.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for HEAL Initiative: Optimizing Multi-Component Service Delivery Interventions for People with Opioid Use Disorder, Co-Occurring Conditions, and/or Suicide Risk](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health  
NOT-MH-21-005

**Deadline: March 15, 2021**

To support studies that will test (1) overall effectiveness of multi-component interventions for OUD and co-occurring conditions and (2) examine the relative contribution of constituent components effectiveness.

### [Tribal-Researcher Capacity-Building Grants Solicitation, Fiscal Year 2021](#)

Department of Justice  
National Institute of Justice  
O-NIJ-2021-45008

**Grants.gov Deadline: March 15, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: March 29, 2021**

Tribal-researcher capacity-building planning grants involving scientists working with tribal nations and organizations to develop tangible and mutually beneficial criminal or juvenile justice research studies that are rigorous and culturally appropriate.

### [The CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention \(YVPCs\): Rigorous Evaluation of Prevention Strategies to Prevent and Reduce Community Rates of Youth Violence](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA  
RFA-CE-21-005

**Deadline: April 5, 2021**

To build the evidence-base for violence prevention strategies and approaches that reduce community rates of youth violence within one or more geographically defined, high-burden communities.

### [National Criminal History Improvement Program \(NCHIP\)](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Statistics  
O-BJS-2021-38009

**Grants.gov Deadline: April 08, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: April 15, 2021**

Two purposes: (1) to improve reporting of dispositions and (2) to improve reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) of persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to mental health.

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## [NICS Act Record Improvement Program \(NARIP\)](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Statistics  
O-BJS-2021-38002-PROD

Grants.gov Deadline: Application April 22, 2021

JustGrants Deadline: April 29, 2021

BJS is prioritizing the use of funds for two purposes: (1) to enhance the completeness, automation, and transmittal of records to state and federal systems used by the NICS, and (2) to improve the overall reporting of persons prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to domestic violence and mental health to the NICS.

## [Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ANA  
HHS-2021-ACF-ANA-NL-1924

Deadline: April 23, 2021

Support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, planning, designing, restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals.

## [Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance-Esther Martinez Immersion](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ANA  
HHS-2021-ACF-ANA-NB-1958

Deadline: April 23, 2021

Community-based projects that ensure continuing Native languages through immersion-based instruction.

## [Family Connection Grants: Building the Evidence for Kinship Navigator Programs](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CF-1903

Deadline: May 13, 2021

Build evidence of effectiveness of Kinship Navigator (KN) programs, conduct and evaluate a KN program that effectively assists kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children and youth they are raising and their own needs.

## [Family Support through Primary Prevention \(FSPP\) Demonstration Sites](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CT-1914

Deadline: May 13, 2021

Fund integrated, cross-sector approaches in developing child and family well-being systems.

## [Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CA-1913

Deadline: May 13, 2021

To support community-based efforts in tribal and migrant communities that prevent child maltreatment and to strengthen and support families.

## [Improving Child Welfare Through Kinship Supports and Foster Care as a Service to Families](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CW-1921

Deadline: May 13, 2021



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To award in 2 focus areas: reducing the need for stranger care by providing an array of supports to kinship care providers; and improving the experiences of children, parents, and foster parents when children cannot be placed with relatives.

## [Quality Improvement Center: Engaging Youth in Finding Permanency](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CO-1911  
Deadline: May 13, 2021**

To develop, implement, and evaluate methods of successful engagement of youth in finding their own permanency.

## [U.S. Repatriation Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
HHS-2021-ACF-OHSEPR-RR-1960  
Deadline: May 18, 2021**

The U.S. Repatriation Program was established to provide temporary assistance to private U.S. citizens and their dependents identified by the Department of State (DOS) as having returned from a foreign country to the U.S. because of (1) destitution, illness, war, threat of war, or a similar crisis, and are without available resources or (2) mental illness.

## [Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: National Resource Center on Domestic Violence \(NRCDV\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1930  
Deadline: May 20, 2021**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) Program seeks to award one grant authorized under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to support a National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV).

## [Family Self-Sufficiency Demonstration Development Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE  
HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-PE-1944  
Deadline: May 20, 2021**

OPRE is seeking eligible entities that serve low-income families with children to implement a coordinated, client-centered approach to improving employment and other outcomes for participants in order to build the capacity and reduce dependency of individuals who participate in safety net programs.

## [Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors in Tribal Communities \(Tribal Safe Housing Center\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB  
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1945  
Deadline: May 20, 2021**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) Program seeks to award one grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to one Capacity Building Center for Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors in Tribal Communities (Tribal Safe Housing Center) focused on developing and delivering comprehensive training and technical assistance to enhance safe and supportive housing for survivors of domestic violence living in tribal communities.

## [Improve Capacity for Administrative Data Sharing and Analysis: Child and Caregiver Outcomes Using Linked Data, Expanded \(CCOULD X\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE**

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## **HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-PD-1935**

**Deadline: May 20, 2021**

Cooperative agreements for two years for the Improve Capacity for Administrative Data Sharing and Analysis: Child and Caregiver Outcomes Using Linked Data, Expanded (CCOULDx) project. Recipients would receive support to link child welfare and Medicaid data for children and their parents with child welfare system involvement, and enrolled in Medicaid.

## **[Personal Responsibility Education Program \(PREP\) Competitive Grants](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB**

**HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-AK-1929**

**Deadline: May 20, 2021**

The purpose of this program is to support projects that educate youth, between the ages of 10 and 19 years, and pregnant and parenting youth under age 21, on abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV/AIDS.

## **[Personal Responsibility Education Program Innovative Strategies \(PREIS\)](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB**

**HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-AP-1928**

**Deadline: May 20, 2021**

The purpose of the PREIS program is to fund projects to implement and conduct a rigorous evaluation of innovative adolescent pregnancy prevention strategies.

## **[Transitional Living Program](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB**

**HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-CX-1905**

**Deadline: May 20, 2021**

The Purpose of FYSB's TLP grant program is to implement, enhance, and/or support effective strategies for successful transition to sustainable living for runaway and homeless youth ages 16 to under 22 and/or pregnant and parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren).

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

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB**

**HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-YZ-1904**

**Deadline: May 21, 2021**

The purpose of FYSB's MGH program is to provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter only for pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent child(ren) for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months.

## **[Victims of Human Trafficking - Services and Outreach \(VHT-SO\) Program - ACF Region 9](#)**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP**

**HHS-2021-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-ZV-1956**

**Deadline: May 21, 2021**

Under the VHT-SO Program, the following activities are required: 1) deliver comprehensive case management, and direct financial assistance, to support foreign national victims of both labor and sex trafficking with out-of-pocket expenses while they seek U.S. Department of Health and Human Services certification; 2) conduct outreach to increase identification of foreign national victims of both labor and sex trafficking; and 3) deliver training to service providers and community partners on effective intervention on behalf of victims, and strategies to identify, respond, and serve victims of human trafficking in a person-centered, trauma-informed, culturally- and linguistically-responsive manner to support victims' efforts to achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

## **[NHPRC-Mellon Start-Up Grants for Collaborative Digital Editions in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American History](#)**

**National Archives and Records Administration**

**DIGITALEDITIONS-202106**

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**Deadline: June 9, 2021**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), with funding provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, seeks proposals for its new program for Collaborative Digital Editions in African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American History.

**[Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)**

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**VA National Cemetery Administration**

**VA-GRANTS-NCA-FY2021-1**

**Deadline: July 1, 2021**

Grants may be used only for the purpose of establishing, expanding or improving Veterans cemeteries that are owned and operated by a state, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territory.

**[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.