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IN THE NEWS

['War against the children': The US government, Native American children and boarding schools](#)

Deseret News - September 01, 2023

"They went after our language, our culture, our family ties, our land. They succeeded on almost every level," Ben Sherman told The New York Times. "Don't try to tell me this isn't genocide." Sherman, now 83 and a retired aerospace engineer, is also a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who spent four years in a Native American boarding school in South Dakota. Sherman believes that after the "shooting wars" by the United States government against Native Americans had subsided, the government was "not done with war, so the next phase involved war against the children." Enter Native American boarding schools.

[Three years after landmark ruling, Congress silent on tribal jurisdiction in Oklahoma](#)

Wisconsin Examiner – September 1, 2023

After a 2020 U.S. Supreme Court ruling defined much of Eastern Oklahoma as a Native American reservation, limiting state jurisdiction over tribal citizens, Congress has taken little interest in addressing the issues the tribes and state officials say the court decision has raised.

[Report Documents the Critical Elements of Protecting Alaska Native Children - Connections to Culture and the Environment](#)

Imprint - September 05, 2023

Research released today highlights an issue rarely discussed in the field of child welfare, but vital to the health and well-being of Indigenous children and families: their stewardship of the natural environment. The unique study focuses on many generations of the Alaska Native Ninilchik Village Tribe, and the harmful impacts of colonization and federal and state mismanagement of traditional homelands. Tribal members contributed to the research, conducted over 12 months in South Central Alaska. The report is authored by Heather Sauyaq Jean Gordon, a research scientist with the nonprofit research and policy institute Child Trends. Gordon, 38, is Iñupiaq and an enrolled member of the Nome Eskimo Community. She defines Indigenous subsistence as reaching far beyond hunting, fishing, and gathering food.

Also: [Current Policy Landscape Prevents Subsistence Protections and Practices Necessary for Alaska Native Children and Families' Well-being](#)

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[Eastern Shoshone Children's Lodge offers a soft place for kids to land](#)

Wyoming Public Radio - September 05, 2023

The Eastern Shoshone Tribe opened the Eastern Shoshone Children's Lodge this summer to provide temporary care for kids placed into protective custody. The new lodge offers a safe place for kids in need to land while still keeping them connected to their communities and culture. The 258-acre horse ranch is tribally owned and provides an alternative placement within the community. The rural lodge opened in June and provides support for kids experiencing out of home placement.

[Sixties Scoop survivor creates an interactive map for fellow Indigenous adoptees](#)

Broadview - September 08, 2023

Colleen Hele-Cardinal wants to set the record straight on one of Canada's most destructive chapters. In 1972, she and her two sisters were put into foster care and later adopted by a white family. While in post-secondary school, she realized she was part of the Sixties Scoop, in which Indigenous children were removed from their families and placed into the child welfare system. Now, Hele-Cardinal, who is Plains Cree and lives in Ottawa, is raising awareness. The Sixties Scoop Network, which she co-founded, launched an online map in 2019 that allows survivors to plot their own stories.

[Padilla, Huffman Call on DOJ to Dedicate Personnel to Bring Justice to Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women and People in California](#)

Press Release – September 13, 2023

Today, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Representative Jared Huffman (D-Calif.-02) led a bicameral letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland calling for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to place dedicated DOJ personnel in California as part of their Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIP) Regional Outreach Program.

[The Indian Child Welfare Act and the North Dakota impact](#) (Includes video)

KXNET - September 15, 2023

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was upheld by the Supreme Court to protect tribal adoptions. North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum signed a bill into law codifying the federal Indian Child Welfare Act into North Dakota, and our Native Americans have a lot to say about it. ICWA was enacted in 1978, and it gave priority to Native Americans in the foster care and adoption proceedings. The ruling states that all native children in the foster care system are to be given the first choice of being adopted by a native family; however, in 2018, a federal district court in Texas stated that ICWA violates the U.S. Constitution, resulting in the federal government and four intervening tribal nations in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Marlo Hunte, a previous candidate for ND Public Service Commissions said they're used to situations like this happening.

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.

[California Excluded from Federal MMIP Support, Leaders Pressure Dept. of Justice for Inclusion](#)

Native News Online – September 18, 2023

Since the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) established its Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) Regional Outreach Program in June, leaders in California have pressured the agency to include the state in the program. California has the largest population of Native Americans in the country, and the fifth most MMIP cases, leaders say, but has been excluded from the list to receive additional federal resources to combat the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous people. On Wednesday, California Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) led an effort calling on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to place DOJ personnel in California as part of the newly designated Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIP) Regional Outreach Program.

[California Assemblymember James Ramos Makes Proposal Protecting Indian Children a Two-year Bill](#)

Native News Online - September 20, 2023

California Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-San Bernardino) on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 issued the following statement about his AB 81, a bill that would make necessary updates to California Indian Child Welfare Act (Cal-ICWA) following the landmark Brackeen decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in June.

[Nygren asks state child welfare experts to adopt traditional Navajo teachings](#)

Navajo Times - September 21, 2023

Child welfare services provided to by Arizona, New Mexico and Utah may soon be improved through the adoption of traditional Navajo teachings and knowledge if incorporated into their programs. Officials with these states' child welfare agencies were in Window Rock recently to discuss ways to expand the capacity of their existing partnership with the Navajo Nation. The meeting sought ways to strengthen agreements between the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services and states to enhance services for Navajo children and families. "My administration wants to encourage collaboration between child welfare agencies and to use the Diné Action Plan to help combat the challenges our Diné families and children face," President Buu Nygren told state officials. The Diné Action Plan is considered a living document that expresses Diné teachings. It was adopted by the 24th Navajo Nation Council in 2021. The plan was introduced in April 2018 as a blueprint to improve the quality of life throughout the Navajo Nation.

[A grandmother seeks justice for Native Americans after thousands of unsolved deaths, disappearances](#)

Cour d'Alene Post Falls Press – September 27, 2023

Federal law enforcement has jurisdiction over most Native American reservations, which often don't have their own police force yet experience people going missing at several times the rate of the rest of the nation. That's set against a backdrop of historical injustices that include massacres of Native Americans by U.S. troops, forced assimilation of Native children in abusive boarding schools and the removal of many tribes from their traditional lands.

[Case over child abuse allegations leads New Mexico Supreme Court to clarify expert witness rules](#)

(Includes video)

KRQE - September 25, 2023

The New Mexico Supreme Court has clarified how courts should evaluate qualified expert witnesses before they testify in child custody proceedings involving Native American children. The New Mexico Supreme Court's opinion comes after a district court in Valencia County allowed Kyli Ahtone, a caseworker, to act as a qualified expert witness in a child abuse case regarding a Native child. Following Ahtone's testimony, the district court decided to continue to let the state's Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) care for the child.

Also: tate ex rel. [CYFD v. Douglas B.](#)

[The Compounded Issues of Native Youth in the Juvenile Justice System](#)

Imprint - September 26, 2023

The overrepresentation of Native American youth in foster care is a concerning and multifaceted issue prevalent in both the United States and Canada. This unsettling situation has disrupted many Native youth's lives, resulting in a loss of family connections, cultural identity, and a sense of belonging. The root causes of this disproportionality can be traced back to historical injustices and ongoing disparities faced by Indigenous communities. Throughout history, these communities have endured a legacy of colonization, forced assimilation, and cultural suppression, contributing to the erosion of traditional family structures and social support systems. Economic disparities, limited access to quality education, healthcare, and other vital resources further exacerbate the vulnerability of Native families and their children to child welfare intervention.

[Tribal courts across country are expanding holistic alternatives to criminal justice system](#)

Navajo-Hopi Observer – September 26, 2023

Inside a jail cell at Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, Albertyn Pino's only plan was to finish the six-month sentence for public intoxication, along with other charges, and to return to her abusive boyfriend. That's when she was offered a lifeline: An invitation to the tribe's Healing to Wellness Court. She would be released early if she agreed to attend alcohol treatment and counseling sessions, secure a bed at a shelter, get a job, undergo drug testing and regularly check in with a judge. Pino, now 53, ultimately completed the requirements and, after about a year and a half, the charges were dropped. She looks back at that time, 15 years ago, and is grateful that people envisioned a better future for her when she struggled to see one for herself.

[Indigenous groups stand firm with child welfare law before Supreme Court](#) (Includes audio)

Canadian Press - September 28, 2023

Some Indigenous nations say they are prepared to continue enforcing their jurisdiction over child welfare if Canada's top court sides with Quebec in a landmark constitutional case. Bill C-92, or An Act Respecting First Nations, Metis and Inuit Children Youth and Families, became law in June 2019. It affirms that Indigenous nations have sole authority of their children and establishes minimum standards in caring for them. Quebec put the act to the constitutional test at its Court of Appeal, which ruled in 2022 that parts of the act are out of the federal government's scope to legislate. Ottawa appealed that decision, and the matter is now before the Supreme Court of Canada.

PUBLICATIONS**[Guide for Lawyers Working with Indigenous Peoples: First Supplement. September 29, 2022.](#)**

[Canada]. Advocates' Society.; Indigenous Bar Association.; Law Society of Ontario. 2022

[Seventeenth Annual Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation. September 21-23, 2022.](#)

[Anchorage, Alaska. Annual Report of Proceedings. 2022 Tribal Consultation Report.](#) United States. Department of Justice. Office on Violence against Women. 2023

[A Portrait of Tribal Courts: Tribal Court Tools and Levers to Ensure Procedural Fairness for Self-Represented Litigants](#), Danielle J. Mayberry and Carrie E. Garrow, *The Journal of Appellate Practice and Process* Vol.23, No. 2 (Summer 2023)

[Haaland v. Brackeen: The decision that threatened the Indian Child Welfare Act's protections of Native families in Illinois](#), 54 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 1109

Abstract: The Indian Child Welfare Act has become a controversial piece of legislation since the Supreme Court heard oral argument on the case of *Haaland v. Brackeen* in November 2022 and released its decision in June 2023. The statute was originally enacted in 1978 to remedy the United States' tragic history of family separation in tribal communities, including removal of native children who were subsequently placed into federal boarding schools or non-native homes by a child-welfare system grounded in white-American assumptions. Congress recognized the vital nature of Native American culture for native children and the importance of native children to tribal existence by including statutory placement preferences. Once intended to protect the best interests of native children, these placement preferences have been challenged as a violation of the Equal Protection Clause by individual states and three white families who attempted to adopt a native child. Under the authority afforded by the statute, during the adoption processes, tribal entities stepped in. They called for the application of the statute's placement preferences to ensure that the native children were placed in native homes and maintained their cultural identity through a connection with the Native American community. Ignoring the purpose of the ICWA, the statute's opponents have argued that this discriminates against non-native families.

[Humanity, race, and Indigeneity in criminal sentencing: Social change in America, Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand](#), Mugambi Jouet, *New York University Review of Law & Social Change*, Forthcoming

Abstract: The role of systemic racism in criminal justice is a growing matter of debate in modern Western democracies. The United States' situation has garnered the most attention given the salience of its racial issues and the disproportionate attention that American society garners around the world. This has obscured major developments in Canadian society with great relevance to increasingly diverse Western democracies where minorities are highly over-incarcerated. In recent years, the landmark *Anderson* and

Morris decisions recognized that the systemic racism that Black people face in Canada should be considered as mitigation at sentencing. These historic cases partly stem from the recognition of social-context evidence as mitigation for Indigenous defendants under a groundbreaking 1996 legislative reform that remains little known outside Canada’s borders. While Australia and New Zealand have also recognized certain mitigation principles for Indigenous defendants, Canada is arguably the country that is now making the most concerted effort to tackle systemic racism in criminal punishment.

[Indian Child Welfare \(ICW\) Quarterly and Annual Report. Presentation. March 17, 2023.](#) Adams, Emily June. , United States. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Office of Indian Services. Division of Human Services. 2023

[2022 Update on the Status of Tribal Consultation Recommendations.](#) United States. Department of Justice. Office on Violence Against Women. 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[ACF Invitation for Tribal Consultation on Notice of Proposed Rulemakings](#)

The Children’s Bureau at the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is committed to partnering on a nation-to-nation basis with Tribes to ensure the wellbeing of Tribal children and preservation of Tribal families.

We invite Tribal Leaders to provide input on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for foster care legal representation and an NPRM for safe and appropriate placements and services for children in foster care who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, or intersex, as well as children who are on-binary or have non-conforming gender identity or expression (LGBTQI+).

Both NPRMs were published in the Federal Register on September 28th, 2023 and are open for public comment. The Tribal consultation will be held on October 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. E.D.T. This [letter](#) provides more information on how to register. We welcome your participation and the opportunity to hear from you.

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is excited to announce its new website: www.TribalVAWA.org. This website was developed as a resource focusing on Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction. It contains an overview of the Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022: Tribal Criminal Jurisdictions over Non-Indians, categories of criminal conduct under VAWA 2022, Frequently Asked Questions, news, webinars and resources, events, funding information, and information for the Intertribal Technical-Assistance Working Group (ITWG).

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Indian Law Cases Decided By SCOTUS This \[2022\] Term: A Primer](#) (video recording of ABA Civil Rights Section presentation from August 29, 2023)

The United States Supreme Court decided several Indian law cases this term that touch on fundamental concepts at the core of federal Indian law. This panel, made up, in part, of lawyers who were directly involved in each of these cases on behalf of Indian Tribes, and other lawyers and scholars who will offer a broader perspective, will discuss each of these cases and their impact on broader federal Indian law principles.

[California Judges Benchguide—The Indian Child Welfare Act](#) **California Indian Legal Services**

In 1998, California Indian Legal Services (CILS) released the first version of the California Judges Benchguide: Indian Child Welfare Act. Given the complexities surrounding the Indian Child Welfare Act (“the ICWA”), we continue to update the Benchguide periodically to illuminate important developments regarding the ICWA, federal law, and California child welfare law. This revised edition attempts to focus upon those areas of greatest concern and interest for our readers.

New Resources for Tribal Child Welfare Professionals:

[Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Resources for States and Tribes](#) (Capacity Building Center for Tribes)

[Self-Care Resources for Tribal Child Welfare Professionals](#) (Capacity Building Center for Tribes)

[ICWA Implementation Partnership Grant 2017-2023 Project Overview & 2023 Summit Report](#) (Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies)

[The Cultural Guide for the Development of Tribal Child Welfare Products](#) (Center for Native Child and Family Resilience)

[Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Family Safety Program Project Key Findings](#) (Quality Improvement Center for Workforce Development)

[National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#)

- The Office of Community Services (OCS) launched the [Freedom from Hunger Initiative](#) to highlight the impact of anti-hunger programs funded through its Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).
- Administration for Native Americans launched the [Ending Hunger and Improving Physical Wellness in Native Communities](#) webpage to serve as a guide to the efforts being made to address food sovereignty and nutrition security through ACF and our partners.
- Through its [Fundamentals of Child Care and Development Fund \(CCDF\) Administration website](#) and related trainings, the Office of Child Care (OCC) provides technical assistance on coordination with additional federal, state, and local programs that serve children and families, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program and other relevant nutrition programs.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

October 4, 2023 (Virtual)

[Honoring Indigenous Families, Cultures, and Sovereignty One-Day Conference](#)

October 6, 2023 (Virtual)

[Interrogating *Haaland v. Brackeen*: Family Regulation, Constitutional Power, and Tribal Resilience](#)

October 1-3, 2023 (Graton Resort & Casino)

[23rd Annual California Indian Law Conference](#)

October 19, and November 9, 2023 (Virtual)

[Center for Tribes Decolonizing the History of the Gender Binary in Service of Supporting Gender Diverse Indigenous Youth Webinar Series](#)

November 9-10, 2023 (East Lansing, MI)

[20th Annual Indigenous Law Conference](#)

December 4-5, 2023 (Las Vegas, NV)

[National American Indian Court Judges Association \(NAICJA\) Child Welfare Training for Tribal Judges](#)

March 17-20, 2024 (Cleveland, OH)

[2024 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

April 7-10, 2024 (Seattle, WA)

[43rd Annual National Indian Child Welfare Association Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

June 16-20, 2024 (Cherokee, NC)

[23rd Annual National Tribal Child Support Association Conference](#)

July 21-24, 2024 (Phoenix, AZ)

[The NCJFCJ's 87th Annual Conference](#)

New Webinar Recording:

[Incorporating Cultural Values and Traditions Into Policy, Procedure, And Practice](#)

Capacity Building Center for Tribes

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center (STTARS)

ARP Housing 90EV0537 25

Increase the availability of COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and other COVID-19 mitigation strategies for survivors. NIWRC will allocate pass through funds to tribal organizations addressing housing and domestic violence that we have previously connected with through our National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. These funds will be utilized for COVID-19 mitigation activities (such as testing, PPE, staff related needs, health and wellness supplies for advocates and survivors, and additional resources to specifically address COVID-19 impacts and ongoing advocate pandemic fatigue). Applications will be reviewed in a timely fashion and on an on-going/rolling basis.

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](#).

GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM

Attention CalWORKs families with an approved case status as of March 27 will receive a one-time Golden State Grant payment of \$600. The payment is to help families who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This payment is not a CalWORKs grant payment and not subject to hearing rights.

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

If you've have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses starting in April 2021.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Approaches to Identifying Preteen Suicide Risk and Protective Factors

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-MH-24-320

Deadline: November 9, 2023

The goal of this initiative is to support research designed to develop models of pre-teen suicide that a.) explain risk states that transition to risk behaviors, including self-harm and suicide attempts; b.) identify protective factors that could be developed/enhanced to change the risk trajectory, both proximal and distal; and c.) identify intervention targets and timing, as well as scalable assessment approaches that have clinical utility for characterizing both risk/protective factors and suicide risk status and outcomes.

HEAL Initiative: Research to Increase Implementation of Substance Use Preventive Services

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-DA-24-066

Earliest Submission Date: December 17, 2023

Expiration Date: January 17, 2026

The goal of this initiative is to support research that can improve public health and respond to the opioid crisis by increasing knowledge pertaining to the delivery and sustainability of prevention services. This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) solicits applications to address understudied areas of opportunity that, if researched, could

create the foundation needed to inform a prevention infrastructure for ongoing delivery and sustainment of interventions to prevent opioid and other substance misuse and use disorders.

[Systems-Level Risk Detection and Interventions to Reduce Suicide, Ideation, and Behaviors in Youth from Underserved Populations](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-MH-25-125

Deadline: February 20, 2024

The purpose of this R34 NOFO is to provide resources for evaluating the feasibility, acceptability, and safety of novel approaches that are uniquely tailored to the risk profiles of these populations, that will improve outcomes and modify health risk behavior.

[Maternity Group Home Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB

HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-YZ-0042

Deadline: May 20, 2024

The Maternity Group Home (MGH) program provides safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for pregnant and/or parenting youth and young adults ages 16 to under 22 who have runaway or are experiencing homelessness, and their dependent child(ren), for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, up to 21 months. Service providers must accommodate for the needs and safety of the dependent children to include facility safety standards for infants and children on the premises. MGH services include, but are not limited to, parenting skills, child development, family budgeting, and health and nutrition education, in addition to the required services provided under the Transitional Living Program to help MGH youth and young adults realize improvements in four core outcome areas. The MGH combination of shelter and services is designed to promote long-term, economic independence to ensure the well-being of the youth and their child(ren).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA

RFA-CE-24-029

Deadline: December 1, 2023

Applicants must propose a research project that addresses at least one of the research priorities in the interpersonal violence prevention section of the NCIPC Research Priorities (www.cdc.gov/injury/researchpriorities/index.html) as they relate to violence impacting children or youth (from birth through age 17). These research priorities include: Cross-cutting violence prevention, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Child abuse and neglect, Youth violence, Intimate partner violence (teen dating violence), and Sexual violence. Applicants are also encouraged to address the following: Multiple forms of violence impacting children or youth, Firearm-related behavior, crime, injuries, and deaths among children and youth, and the social or structural conditions that contribute to violence and health inequities across population groups.

[Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA

RFA-CE-24-030

Deadline: December 1, 2023

This initiative is intended to support effectiveness research to evaluate innovative programs, practices, or policies to address risk for violence and inequities in risk for violence among groups experiencing a high burden of community violence. Innovative approaches are those that have not been rigorously evaluated for effectiveness in reducing community violence.

[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)

Department of Commerce

NTIA-ICG-TBCPO-2023-2008098

Deadline: January 23, 2024

The TBCP provides new federal funding for grants to Eligible Entities to expand access to and adoption of: (i) broadband service on Tribal Land ;or (ii) programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources.

[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024 AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Grants](#)

AmeriCorps

AC-08-19-23

Deadline: April 5, 2024

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country’s most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

[Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-23-094

Applications accepted now

Deadline: July 5, 2024

Applicants are required to develop and test the navigator model’s ability to promote early access, engagement, coordination and optimization of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Applicants are also required to identify and test components of navigator models that drive improvements in mental health care; detect and interrogate tailoring variables that optimize the ‘personalized match’ between the unique mental health needs of youth to the appropriate level of intensity and frequency of mental health services; and utilize emerging novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

[Engaging Survivors of Sexual Violence and Trafficking in HIV and Substance Use Disorder Services](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-DA-25-018

Deadline: August 5, 2024

The goal of this concept is to support exploratory research and preliminary interventions to address the interrelated and compounding contextual factors that contribute to substance use and HIV risk among sexual trafficking survivors. This would be accomplished through research that builds new interventions and models of care that can effectively engage ST survivors in care for SUD, HIV, trauma, and other mental health outcomes and addresses key structural and social determinants of health that contribute to risk for ST as well as barriers to and facilitators of escaping continued exploitation.

[NIDA Research Center of Excellence Grant Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-23-076

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): August 25, 2023

Deadline: November 18, 2025

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for research Centers that (1) conduct substance use and addiction research in any area of NIDA’s mission, including the intersection of substance use/addiction and HIV, (2) foster outstanding innovative science, (3) are multidisciplinary, thematically integrated, and synergistic, and (4) serve as national resource(s) to provide educational and outreach activities to relevant research communities, educational organizations, the general public, and policy makers.