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### IN THE NEWS

#### [Idaho Supreme Court upholds Coeur d'Alene Tribe's jurisdiction over St. Joe River docks](#)

**The Spokesman Review - November 6, 2017**

Betsy Z. Russell

BOISE – The Idaho Supreme Court has ruled that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has the authority to remove unpermitted docks and pilings on the St. Joe River that were placed by nontribal members who refused to seek tribal permits or appear in tribal court.

#### [CO: Court of Appeals: Expert Witness Need Not Recite Exact Statutory Language for ICWA Finding](#)

**Legal Connection - November 08, 2017**

The Colorado Court of Appeals issued its opinion in *People in Interest of D.B.* on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

#### [Critics Distort Indian Child Welfare Law](#)

**Daily Journal – November 9, 2017**

Delia Sharpe, Executive Director, California Tribal Families Coalition

Jedd Parr, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services  
While the Indian Child Welfare Act has its detractors, numerous national child welfare organizations tout it as the “gold standard.”

#### [AK: State embarks on turning over public schools to tribes \(Opinion\)](#)

**Alaska Dispatch News - November 12, 2017**

Native leaders spoke up for the idea, pointing to successful tribal control of Native health programs. Last month, Gov. Bill Walker signed a compact to allow tribal control of child protection services, although the document lacked details saying what the change would mean practically.

#### [For Native Americans Facing Sexual Assault, Justice Feels out of Reach](#)

**Heard on Morning Edition-November 14, 2017**

Melodie Edwards

One morning earlier this year, Northern Arapaho member Rose was sitting at the table with her 14-year-old daughter, Latoya.

"I told her to move her hair because she had her hair like this," said Rose, showing how Latoya pulled her hair over to hide her neck and cheek. "Because I noticed something ... she had marks, hickeys, just completely covering her, even almost on her face."

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

#### [SD: Oglala Sioux tribe working to protect children \(Includes video\)](#)

**KOTA - November 14, 2017**

It's hard today to paint a rosy picture of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Child Protective Services. The underfunded operation has but one vehicle to serve the 3,500 square mile reservation and hasn't had a full time director for months. But tribal leaders are stepping up and have brought together all the stakeholders -- CPS, police, courts and educators -- for a three day summit in Rapid City to brainstorm solutions.

#### [ME: The Wabanaki people are taking back their narrative \(Includes audio\)](#)

**WESA - November 15, 2017**

From boarding schools in the 1800s to foster care today, Native children have repeatedly been separated from their families. In Maine, the Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission formed in 2012 to trace the abuses experienced by Native children since the Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted in 1978.

#### [US: UB researcher receives \\$2.4M to improve child welfare services for Native Americans](#)

**Buffalo Business First - November 15, 2017**

A University at Buffalo researcher is working to enhance services for Native American families involved in child welfare cases. Melanie Sage, an assistant professor in UB's School of Social Work, received a \$2.4 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to gather evidence and produce resources to improve the services offered by state agencies.

Also: [Researcher receives major grant to help reunify Native American families](#)

#### [Native American Students Fight Discrimination By Celebrating Their Heritage](#)

**KQED Public Media for Northern CA**

November 16, 2017

David Sommerstein

Ask students in the Mohawk Club at Massena Central High School whether they've been on the receiving end of negative stereotypes, and the answer is quick and sharp.

"We see that we're always the troublemakers or that we're bad kids," says Amanda Rourke, the club's president.

#### [Canada: Indigenous kids largely apprehended because of poverty, says former child protection worker](#)

**CBC News - November 21, 2017**

A former child protection worker, once with the Ministry of Child and Family Development, says, in her experience, Indigenous children are largely being apprehended due to poverty, and their parents are being over policed when trying to reunite with them.

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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## [Native American judge shows peacemaking courts offer a model for reform](#)

**Investigate West - November 30, 2017**

Rebecca Clarren

On a gloomy day in September, Lisa Hayden rushed through the circular door of the Yurok Tribal Court in Klamath, California, with her 1-year-old son on her hip. Hayden, 31, worried that the day wouldn't turn out any different from all the others she'd spent in court trying to protect herself from her ex-husband. For 12 years, starting when she was pregnant with their first child, Hayden alleges, her ex-husband had held guns to her head, punched her and called her terrible names.

## [MN: Couple Seeking to Adopt Native American Child Balks at Indian Child Welfare Law \(Includes video\)](#)

**KSTP - December 05, 2017**

Whether the Indian Child Welfare Act applies to a young girl is at the center of a legal custody fight playing out in Hennepin County. The Cliffords said the county had given them reason to believe their adoption of the child would be approved. But 11 months ago, the White Earth Ojibwe tribe intervened, invoking the spirit of the ICWA that attempts to prevent Native American children from being separated from family or extended family. The Cliffords said they couldn't understand why, because the county had said the child is not eligible for membership in any Indian tribe and the Indian Child Welfare Act doesn't apply.

Also: [Information Gateway resources: Permanency for American Indian children and youth](#)  
[Permanency and American Indian Children](#)  
[Working With American Indian Children and Families in Adoption](#)

## [Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Between Certain Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations and the State of Alaska-December 15, 2017](#)

**Turtle Talk – December 6, 2017**

By Kate Fort

## [US: Indian Child Welfare Act under attack again as conservative group submits appeal to Supreme Court \(Commentary\)](#)

**Indianz - December 12, 2017**

The conservative Goldwater Institute is attacking the Indian Child Welfare Act again. The group has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an ICWA case from California. The petition in Renteria v. Superior Court of California, Tulare County claims the 1978 law is based on "race" and should be deemed unconstitutional. The case comes in a custody dispute over three girls whose parents were killed in a December 2015 crash. The girls' father, Matthew Cuellar, was a citizen of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, The Fresno Bee reported.

## [MN: New rule would bolster tribal court orders](#)

**Minnesota Lawyer - December 13, 2017**

For about 20 years, the Minnesota Tribal Court/State Court Forum has been working to foster a productive relationship between tribal and state courts. The forum is back before the Supreme Court seeking changes to Rule 10 that would say that district courts "shall" enforce tribal court orders unless the opponent of enforcement meets a burden delineated in the rule. It's not called a presumption, but it's close. Rule 10.01 states that the courts must follow all applicable statutes, regulations and rules that mandate or allow recognition of tribal court orders, including but not limited to the Violence Against Women Act and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

## [MN: Hope arrives for transitional housing program that serves Native women \(Includes audio\)](#)

**Minnesota Public Radio - December 29, 2017**

An endangered transitional housing program that serves Native American women struggling with addiction may be able to remain open. "My understanding is there really is nothing else in the state of Minnesota that's quite like the Kateri Residence program," said Gail Dorfman, executive director of St. Stephen's Human Services. Kateri Residence was started by St. Stephen's church in 1973 in response to needs church members saw in the neighborhood. "They bought a fourplex over near the church," Dorfman said. "They called it a halfway house for women and their children, who were homeless and in need of recovery."

## [MN: Family Spirit program aims to help Native parents improve kids' prospects](#)

**Minn Post - January 03, 2018**

Everyone loves their children but not everyone understands that the way we care for the youngest among us will have an impact on our society for years to come. With that reality in mind, a new program run by Headway Emotional Health Services, a Twin Cities-based mental health provider for families, aims to improve the parenting skills of at-risk American Indian parents by helping them learn to give their infant-to-preschool-aged children the support they need to be prepared for success later in life.

## [MN: Fight of their lives: White Earth leads way in opioid battle](#)

**Detroit Lakes Online - January 03, 2018**

The White Earth Reservation has been hard hit by the opioid epidemic, but the Ojibwe band north of Detroit Lakes has not taken the problem lying down, and in some ways has taken a leading role in fighting addiction. Tribes face unique challenges, he added: They are dealing with multi-generational historical trauma, including loss of land and independence. They are struggling to preserve historical language, culture, and spirituality. They have to cope with too many untimely deaths, health disparities, and child welfare system disparities, as well as court system sentencing and incarceration disparities, Dr. Gardner said.

## [ICWA Pro Hac Vice Rule Open for Comments in Washington](#)

**Turtle Talk - January 3, 2018**

By [Kate Fort](#)  
[WA Proposed APR8](#)

## [AK: New Kenaitze executive director envisions active tribal engagement](#)

**Peninsula Clarion - January 08, 2018**

The Kenaitze Tribe has launched several large initiatives in recent years. The tribe completed construction of its Dena'ina Wellness Center, a sprawling health facility in Old Town Kenai, in 2014, and celebrated the launch of its joint jurisdiction wellness court in December 2016. Most recently, the tribe was among 18 Alaska Native organizations that signed an agreement with the state of Alaska to provide child welfare services that have previously been provided by the state.

## [US: Cherokee Can't Sue Opioid Distributors in Tribal Court, Judge Rules](#)

**New York Times - January 11, 2018**

The Cherokee Nation cannot sue opioid distributors and pharmacies in its own tribal court, a federal judge in Oklahoma said late Tuesday, halting the first attempt by a Native American tribe to recover damages for the widespread harm inflicted by prescription drugs.

## [US: 2017 ICWA Appellate Cases by the Numbers](#)

**Turtle Talk - January 11, 2018**

Here's our annual contribution to the ICWA data discussion. It's looking like we have the final 2017 data set of appealed ICWA cases.

## [Combat Trafficking: Native Youth Toolkit on Human Trafficking](#)

**Administration for Children & Families - January 11, 2018**

Administration for Children and Families, Office of Trafficking in Persons. Administration for Native Americans.

## [For the Children: Oklahoma Inter-tribal Task Force Tackles Policy Solutions](#)

**OKW News - January 12, 2018**

On December 14th, the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) hosted its first Indian Child Welfare Task Force meeting. This gathering brought together inter-tribal and state agencies with a focus on respecting the government-to-government relationship the State of Oklahoma has with each of the 38 federally recognized tribal nations headquartered in the state.

## [MN: In Minnesota, Recruitment of Native American Foster Homes Stymied by 'Lifetime Prohibitions'](#)

**Chronicle of Social Change - January 16, 2018**

Shana King, a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, spent more than three years in foster care as a teen. She lost her own children to the system during a struggle with heroin. Since then, she has

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gotten her children back, bought a home, and received a national award for her work as a mentor. She badly wants to be a foster parent to American Indian children in Hennepin County, Minnesota's most populous metro area. But because of the drug history, the county says she can't.

## Publications

### [Implementing and Defending the Indian Child Welfare Act Through Revised State Requirements.](#)

Turner, Caroline M.

*Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems*. 2016

49(4)p. 501-549

### [Attachment and Bonding in Indian Child Welfare](#)

*NICWA Brief*

National Indian Child Welfare Association. 2017

### [To Sue and Be Sued: Capacity and Immunity of American Indian Nations](#)

Creighton Law Review volume 51, edition 2, 2018 (Forthcoming)

November 9, 2017

U of Colorado Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 17-21

[Richard B. Collins](#)

University of Colorado Law School

### [Fletcher Paper on States and American Indian Citizenship Rights \(+ ICWA\)](#)

Turtle Talk - November 13, 2017

[Matthew L.M. Fletcher](#)

Here is "[States and Their American Indian Citizens](#)," recently published in the [American Indian Law Review](#).

### [The National Law Review: Indian Nations Law Update – November 2017 Selected Court Decisions](#)

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

### [Native Youth Toolkit on Human Trafficking Combating Trafficking](#)

Published: November 21, 2017

The purpose of this toolkit is to raise awareness and prevent trafficking of Native youth by educating them on what human trafficking is, available resources, safety tips, and ways to get involved in their communities.

### [New Issue of American Indian Law Review](#)

Turtle Talk - November 27, 2017

[Matthew L.M. Fletcher](#)

[Here:](#)

#### Articles

The Fairness of Tribal Court Juries and Non-Indian Defendants - *Julia M. Bedell* [PDF](#)

Access to Energy in Indian Country: The Difficulties of Self-Determination in Renewable Energy Development - *Nicholas M. Ravotti* [PDF](#)

States and Their American Indian Citizens - *Matthew L.M. Fletcher* [PDF](#)

The Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act: Do Indian Tribes Finally Hold a Trump Card? - *Vicki J. Limas* [PDF](#)

Continuing to Work for Indian Country in the 115th Congress - *T. Michael Andrews* [PDF](#)

### [OIG Report: “Review of the Department’s Tribal Law Enforcement Efforts Pursuant to the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010”](#)

Turtle Talk – December 18, 2017

by [Matthew L.M. Fletcher](#)

[OIG Indian Country Crimes Report](#)

## [New Student Scholarship on Indian Country Cross Deps](#)

**Turtle Talk – December 26, 2017**

Here is "[Bridging the Jurisdictional Void: Cross-Deputization Agreements in Indian Country.](#)" forthcoming in the Arizona State Law Journal.

The abstract:

Comment examines cross-deputization agreements in Indian Country, focusing on the relationship between tribes and state and local governments and the impact cross-deputization agreements have on enforcing criminal law in Indian Country. Section I examines the recent rise and evolution in tribal law enforcement powers. Section II briefly addresses the current ability of tribal police to enforce laws off of tribal land and the ability of state police to enforce laws on tribal land. Finally, Section III examines the benefits and issues involved with cross deputization agreements.

## [History, Power, and Federal Indian Law](#)

**Process: a blog for american history - January 4, 2018**

By Gregory Ablavsky

**Title: Are you my father? Adopting a federal standard for acknowledging or establishing paternity in state court ICWA proceedings.**

**Author:** Heiner, Kevin

**Source:** [117 Colum. L. Rev. 2151](#) (2017)

**Title: The Sacred Child Project: Omaha Nation Final Program Progress Report.**

**Author(s):** Running Wolf, Paulette.;Penn, John.

**Published:** 2011

**Available from:** Administration for Children and Families

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov>

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**Abstract:** This final report discusses the activities and accomplishments of a 3-year federally funded program designed to increase the well-being of Native American youth and their families who are struggling with substance abuse. The Omaha Nation Community Response Team's (ONCRT) Sacred Child Program (SCP) uses the evidenced-based, family-oriented recovery program Walking in Beauty on the Red Road (WBRR) that has been designed for Native American youth and their families, who are striving to resist substance abuse. WBRR is a wellness-based program that strives to help youth and their families strengthen their communication skills, reach out to each other and the community for support, and to better understand the importance and benefits of wellness and achieve a positive attitude toward life. Data for the evaluation of the project continues to be retrieved from the web-based AccuCare system that is being used as an administrative component in the SCP. Findings from the evaluation indicate that in the 103 youth served in the project, the substance abuse usage reduced significantly to less than 25% during the aftercare period. More than 400 home visits were also accomplished as well, to bring in family members into the family treatment process, which focused on helping the involved youth with their substance abuse problems, but also engaged adults in resolving their own substance abuse issues. Implications of the results and recommendations for future projects are discussed.

**Title: Oregon's Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project Evaluation 2004-2009: Subsidized Guardianship Component: Final Report.**

**Author(s):** Rockhill, Anna.;Centeno, Janette Crume.

**Published:** 2009

**Available from:** Portland State University, School of Social Work

<http://www.ssw.pdx.edu/>

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**Abstract:** This final report provides an overview and the findings related to the subsidized guardianship component of the evaluation of the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project in Oregon (2004-2009). It begins with a research overview that includes the research questions and outlines the methods employed in the various substudies. Background information on the demonstration project is provided, as well as the methodology for both the process and outcomes sections of the evaluation. The following section highlights the most significant results of the project: subsidized guardianship is viewed as a valuable and unique permanency options by Department of Human Services staff; subsidized guardianship is

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especially important to Native American and African American families and communities; subsidized guardianship appears to promote stronger connections between youth and their siblings, birth parents, and extended family, than adoption; and on a variety of measures, subsidized guardianships with non-relative caregivers looks very similar to that with relative caregivers. Practice challenges and gaps in the system are explained. The report then includes executive summaries of the eight sub-studies, followed by a series of reports that include more detail regarding the findings as well as quotes from respondents.

**Title:** **Apsaalooke Nation Housing Authority, Meth Free Crowalition: Final Report.**

**Published:** 2007

**Available from:** Children's Bureau

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/>

Administration on Children, Youth and Families

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**Abstract:** This final report discusses the activities and accomplishments of a 5-year federally funded program designed to decrease the use of methamphetamines by Native American youth. The Apsaalooke Nation Housing Authority's Meth Free Crowalition Regional Partnership Grant was designed as a culturally-competent community prevention program for the purposes of providing alternative activities, particularly aimed at youth. The project established the first Crow Nation Office of Methamphetamine and Substance Abuse Prevention for the delivery of methamphetamine and substance abuse intervention (e.g., parenting classes, reunification services for those parents whose children have been removed, treatment plans for those families assessed, home visits, culturally-appropriate treatment, etc.) and prevention services (e.g., drug awareness, community anti-meth walks, cultural activities, after school programs, and community activities) for children and adolescents and their families on the Crow Indian Reservation, located in South Central Montana. Key components of the project included: numerous monthly community and school-based prevention activities focused mainly on the youth; five annual Junior Police Academy programs were provided; development and implementation of community partnerships through the development of Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs); co-location of staff to foster partner support and to offer support to partner organizations where staff were co-located; staff development and implementation of Equine Therapy services for youth; and integration of Crow culture into activities. Evaluation findings indicate the project has been successful in developing collaboration with specific key partners where co-location was natural, with shared missions/visions in serving children, adults, and families. Implications of the project and recommendations for future projects are discussed.

**Title:** [Placing children with relatives: The case for a clear rationale for separate foster care licensing standards, background check procedures, and improved relative placement statutes in Alaska.](#)

**Author:** Lewis, Courtney

**Source:** [34 Alaska L. Rev. 161](#) (2017)

**Title:** **Native youth and juvenile injustice in South Dakota.**

**Author:** Rolnick, Addie C.

**Source:** [62 S.D. L. Rev. 705](#) (2017)

**Title:** [Restorative justice and retributive justice: An opportunity for cooperation or an occasion for conflict in the search for justice.](#)

**Author:** Hermann, Donald H.J.

**Source:** [16 Seattle J. for Soc. Just. 71](#) (2017)

**Title:** **"Children are sacred": Applying Navajo (Dine) fundamental law to strengthen juvenile justice.**

**Author:** Eid, Troy A.; Goldtooth, DeAnna

**Source:** [62 S.D. L. Rev. 728](#) (2017)

**[Trafficking in Persons Report](#)**

**June 2017 – US Department of State**

The 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report highlights the successes achieved and the remaining challenges before us on this important global issue.

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## Announcements

[Tribal Justice](#) is now available to law schools, universities, colleges, high schools and other educational institutions for classroom use, as well as to museums, libraries, etc., through the distributor, [Bullfrog Films](#). Please visit: [www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/tjs.html](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/tjs.html)

Makepeace Productions is now screening [Tribal Justice](#) at conferences, law schools, workshops, and community events, often followed by Q+As with director Anne Makepeace and/or the film's featured Tribal Judges. Many of our outreach screenings also include panels with local tribal and/or state court judges, scholars, and other experts. To arrange a screening for your organization, please visit our [Outreach Page](#) or email [TribalJusticeFilm@gmail.com](mailto:TribalJusticeFilm@gmail.com).

### **BJS proposes new data collections on state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor offices in PL-280 states serving tribal lands.**

BJS encourages comments for 60 days until December 12, 2017, on two new data collections: [Survey of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies in PL-280 States Serving Tribal Lands](#) and [Survey of Prosecutor Offices in PL-280 States Serving Tribal Lands](#). Your comments to BJS's requests to the Office of Management and Budget, published in the Federal Register, should address points such as—

- whether the proposed data collection is necessary, including whether the information will have practical utility
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions
- whether and how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced
- the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

For more information on BJS publications, data collections, data analysis tools, and funding opportunities, [visit BJS online](#).

### **[OJJDP Launches Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center Website](#)**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center has launched its new website. This website serves as a clearinghouse of culturally appropriate resources, training, and technical assistance to help OJJDP tribal grantees and federally recognized tribes improve, enhance, and support their juvenile justice systems. The website provides information in areas such as juvenile healing to wellness courts; tribal youth-specific prevention, intervention, and treatment programming; and tribal-state collaborations to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native children exposed to violence.

### **["Faces of Human Trafficking" Video Series](#)**

Developed by the Office for Victims of Crime, the Faces of Human Trafficking video series and resource guide raises awareness of the seriousness of human trafficking, the many forms it takes, and the important role that everyone can play in identifying and serving victims. Videos, discussion guides, fact sheets, and posters are available.

## State Judicial Branch Online Resources

### **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 contactCarolynn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or [carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov](mailto:carolynn.bernabe@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



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## Upcoming Conferences

### [Courses for Tribal Judges 2017](#)

The National Tribal Judicial Center  
At the National Judicial College

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

**June 26-28, 2018**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

NIWRC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the WAS Conference at the beautiful Hotel Albuquerque on June 26-28, 2018. Mark your calendars and watch our website for more details, including registration and agenda. The WAS Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, tribal community members, tribal leadership, law enforcement and tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. WAS offers state of the art training opportunities designed to increase the capacity of tribal nations, tribal domestic violence and community-based programs to address violence in tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders and experts in the movement to ending violence.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs Funding Opportunities](#)

#### [State and Tribal Grant Programs](#)

The Children's Bureau provides matching funds to states, tribes, and communities to help them operate every aspect of their child welfare systems, including child maltreatment prevention, adoption, and information systems.

#### [Department of Justice Releases Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice has announced the release of the Fiscal Year 2018 [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#), which combines the Department's existing tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into one document. This solicitation allows federally recognized tribal governments and tribal consortia to apply for funding to support adult and juvenile public safety and victim services in tribal communities. **Applications are due by March 20, 2018.**

Visit the Coordinated Tribal Assistance [funding page](#) for more details.

The following webinars have been scheduled to assist applicants:

- General Solicitation Overview: January 9, 2018, 1 to 2 p.m. ET. [Register.](#)
- Budget Development: January 11, 2018, 1 to 2 p.m. ET. [Register.](#)
- Accessing Grant Funds: January 16, 2018, 1 to 2 p.m. ET. [Register.](#)
- Purpose Areas 8 and 9 (Healing to Wellness Courts and Tribal Youth Program): February 1, 2018, 1 to 2 p.m. ET. [Register.](#)
- Budget Worksheet Completion: February 8, 2018, 1 to 2 p.m. ET. [Register.](#)
- Checklist Review and Questions and Answers: March 8, 2018, 1 to 2 p.m. ET. [Register.](#)

#### [Tribal Court Improvement Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB**  
**HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CS-1348**  
**Deadline: April 1, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of awards to provide tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to compete for grants to enable tribal courts to design and implement projects and/or activities to assess, expand, or enhance the effectiveness of tribal courts and/or legal representation in cases related to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification,

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guardianship, and adoption. In doing this work, grantees are required to engage in and demonstrate "meaningful, ongoing collaboration" with the tribal social service agencies. Tribal Court Improvement Project (TCIP) funds may be used to: (1) Conduct assessments of how tribal courts (including courts for tribal consortia) handle child welfare proceedings; (2) Implement changes to address the results of court assessments; (3) Ensure that the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of children are met in a timely and complete manner; and (4) Continuously improve the quality of court hearings and legal representation, including engagement of parties, through training and efforts to increase substantive and procedural justice.

**To Apply Please Contact:** David Kelly (202) 205-8709 [David.Kelly@ACF.hhs.gov](mailto:David.Kelly@ACF.hhs.gov)

### [Tribal Justice Support Directorate](#)

**U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Office of Justice Services**

**Deadline: Open**

Tribal Justice Support provides funding guidance, technical support, and advisory services to tribal courts and the Courts of Indian Offenses. This includes providing funding to tribal courts, training directed to specific needs of tribal court personnel, promoting cooperation and coordination among tribal justice systems and Federal and state judiciary systems, and providing oversight for the continuing operations for the Courts of Indian Offenses. The Division also works with tribes to conduct tribal court reviews which are conducted using a modified model of the Tribal Court Performance Standards (TCPS). The TCPS assists tribal courts in identifying existing problems and formulating strategies for improvement of tribal courts and provides an outcome-oriented conceptual framework of tribal court performance areas, standards, and measures.

### [OVW FY 2018 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program Solicitation](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2018-13828**

**Deadline: February 1, 2018**

The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. LAV Grant Program funds may not be used to provide criminal defense services. Grant funds may be used to provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence. The objective of the LAV Grant Program is to develop innovative, collaborative projects that provide quality representation to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

### [OVW FY 2018 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program](#)

**Department of Justice**

**Office on Violence Against Women**

**OVW-2018-13823**

**Deadline: January 26, 2018**

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C § 20122. The goal of the Disability Grant Program is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that results in increased capacity to respond to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. Disability Grant Program funds will be used to establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of violence and abuse; and identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area, and develop a plan to address those identified needs that builds a strong foundation for future work.

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## [OVW FY 2018 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

OVW-2018-13826

**Deadline: February 16, 2018**

The Transitional Housing Program makes grants to programs to provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless, or in need of transitional housing, as a result of a situation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient. OVW is interested in programs with a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move survivors into permanent housing. Transitional housing can be provided in facilities that are owned by the applicant, in units that are leased by the applicant, or by providing rental assistance for units leased directly to victims. Support services offered should help transitional housing participants locate and secure permanent housing, secure employment, and integrate into a community. Examples of support services include employment counseling, occupational training, transportation, counseling, child care services, safety planning, case management, and other assistance. Support services must be offered to survivors on a voluntary basis. Voluntary support services are designed with survivor-input to meet the individual needs of each survivor. When implementing a voluntary services model through a trauma-informed approach, effective transitional housing supports the self-determination of survivors and adapts services to their individual needs. Staff who have been trained in working with victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may also be funded to support transitional housing participants.

## [OVW FY 2018 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program Solicitation](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

OVW-2018-13822

**Deadline: February 21, 2018**

Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program supports community-based organizations in providing culturally relevant services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

## [OVW FY 2018 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program \(formerly known as the Arrest Program\)](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

OVW-2018-13827

**Deadline: February 27, 2018**

The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) ([www.ovw.usdoj.gov](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov)) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program (formerly known as the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program). This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by encouraging partnerships between state, local, and tribal governments, courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers, to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system and community-based victim service organizations.

## [Evaluation of Policies for the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Violence](#)

U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

RFA-CE-18-002

**Deadline: February 1, 2018**

NCIPC is seeking research proposals focused on rigorously evaluating previously or currently implemented federal, state, local, tribal or organizational policies for impacts on multiple forms of violence, including child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or suicide. The proposed research should evaluate the impact of a selected policy on reducing rates of at

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least two of these violence outcomes. The proposed research must focus on a policy that has not yet been rigorously evaluated. Applicants are encouraged to assess the impact of the policy on as many violence outcomes that is feasible as well as risk and protective factors that are common to multiple forms of violence. The proposed research will add to the limited evidence base regarding the impact of policies on preventing multiple forms of violence by rigorously evaluating federal, state, local, or organizational policy approaches. **To Apply Please Contact:** Sue Neurath, (770) 488-3368, [SFN8@cdc.gov](mailto:SFN8@cdc.gov)

### [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\) on Community Living and Participation for People with Serious Mental Illness](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Community Living**

**HHS-2018-ACL-NIDILRR-RTCP-0250**

**Deadline: February 12, 2018**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, family members, policymakers and other research stakeholders. The purpose of this particular RRTC is to contribute to improving the community living and participation outcomes of individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) by conducting research activities and serving as a national resource center for training, technical assistance and dissemination.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Patricia Barrett; (202) 795-7303; [Patricia.Barrett@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:Patricia.Barrett@acl.hhs.gov)

### [Vision Screening in Young Children](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**HRSA-18-064**

**Deadline: February 15, 2018**

To improve vision screening and eye health in young children by providing technical assistance and education to state public health entities in implementing evidence-based recommendations for coordinated education, screening, follow-up and surveillance of vision problems in preschool-aged children. **To Apply Please Contact:** Julia Kibunja (301) 443-1330 or [jkibunja@hrsa.gov](mailto:jkibunja@hrsa.gov)

### [Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Centers for Disease Control - OSTLTS**

**CDC-RFA-OT18-1803**

**Deadline: March 6, 2017**

CDC announces a new cooperative agreement (CoAg) for eligible federally recognized tribes and/or tribally designated organizations to strengthen and improve the public health infrastructure and performance of tribal public health systems. The intent of this program is to assist Tribal entities in strengthening tribal public health leadership and workforce; improving access to tribal-specific data and analytics; developing/adapting evidence-based/informed programs, services, and resources; and improve public health policies and organizational practices that increase the sustainability of the collective tribal public health system. Ultimately, this CoAg aims to 1) advance capacity of Indian Country to identify, respond to, and mitigate public health threats; 2) decrease disease burden among American Indians and Alaska natives; 3) improve capacity of the workforce to deliver essential public health services; and 4) increase implementation of culturally practice-based programs and services. An applicant's program is expected to demonstrate measurable progress towards two or more of the following outcomes: 1) Increased implementation of system tools and processes that build operational efficiency and effectiveness; 2) Increased use of core and discipline-specific public health competencies among public health workers; 3) Improved collection, maintenance, interpretation, and dissemination of tribal health data; 4) Translation of evidence based/informed practices into culturally-appropriate public health programs, policies, and services; 5) Development of culturally relevant public health resources and communication tools; and 6) Established multi-sectorial (e.g., schools, public safety, health care, commerce, etc.) partnerships to address capacity building and quality improvement.

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## [Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development \(I-LEAD\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children and Families – ANA**

**HHS-2018-ACF-ANA-NC-1341**

**Deadline: March 7, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2018 funds for the Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD). I-LEAD is a special initiative established under ANA's Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program. I-LEAD provides support for community-based initiatives that empower Native youth to address priorities identified by such youth and include youth-focused leadership. As well projects are funded to develop models, approaches and strategies to foster resiliency and build upon Native youth's inherent capacities to thrive. Native youth will contribute to the accomplishment of objectives that promote economic and social self-sufficiency for Native Americans, contribute to community well-being, increase the capacity of tribal governments, strengthen families, and implement culturally appropriate strategies to meet the social service needs of Native Americans. As an agency within the ACF, ANA is providing this unique funding opportunity as a special initiative of the SEDS program. The I-LEAD program will ensure project funding is provided to support youth-driven and youth-focused services and activities related to social and economic development, in order to promote the self-sufficiency of tomorrow's leaders in Native American communities.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Carmelia Strickland (202) 401-6741 [Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov)

## [NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grants FY2018](#)

**Department of the Interior-National Park Service**

**P18AS00051**

**Deadline: March 9, 2018**

Grant funds must be used for CONSULTATION and DOCUMENTATION under NAGPRA. Consultation projects support efforts related to compiling or revising a NAGPRA inventory and making or responding to requests for items in a NAGPRA summary. Documentation projects support determining the geographical origin, cultural affiliation, and other basic facts surrounding the acquisition of Native American cultural items. Consultation and documentation projects should lead to determining control, treatment, and disposition of NAGPRA cultural items. **To Apply Please Contact:** Grant Coordinator Sarah Glass 202-354-1479 [nagpra\\_grants@nps.gov](mailto:nagpra_grants@nps.gov)

## [Basic Center Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CY-1354**

**Deadline: March 11, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Basic Center Program (BCP). THE BCP works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth up to age 18 years of age and their families. BCPs provide youth with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. Basic centers can provide temporary shelter for up to 21 days for youth and seeks to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. Additional services may include: street-based services; home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services. THE PRIMARY purpose of the BCP is to provide counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might end up in contact with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. THE AWARD process for FY2018 BCP allows for annual awards over a three-year project period as funds are available.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Gloria Watkins (202) 205-9546 [Gloria.Watkins@ACF.hhs.gov](mailto:Gloria.Watkins@ACF.hhs.gov)

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## Street Outreach Program

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-YO-1353**

**Deadline: March 11, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Street Outreach Program (SOP). SOP WORKS to increase young people's personal safety, social and emotional well-being, self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with families, communities, schools, and other positive social networks. These services, which are provided in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and to provide them access to shelter and services which include: outreach, gateway services, screening and assessment, harm reduction, access to emergency shelter, crisis stabilization, drop-in centers, which can be optional, and linkages/referrals to services. THE AWARD process for FY2018 SOP allows for annual awards over a three-year project period, as funds are available.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Oluwatoyin Akintoye (202) 205-7745 [Oluwatoyin.Akintoye@ACF.hhs.gov](mailto:Oluwatoyin.Akintoye@ACF.hhs.gov)

## Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CX-1352**

**Deadline: March 11, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announces the availability of funds under the Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Home (MGH). THE PURPOSE of FYSBs TLP and MGH grant programs are 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). Both projects must provide safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for 18 months and, under extenuating circumstances, can be extended to 21 months and provide comprehensive services that supports the transition of homeless youth to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living. Through the provision of shelter and an array of comprehensive services, TLP youth will realize improvements in four core outcome areas (i.e., safe and stable housing, education/employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being.) GRANTS AWARDED under this announcement will have a start date of May 1, 2018 and the project period will be 41 months. The initial award will be for 17 months and run from May 1, 2018 through September 29, 2019. Applicants should not request more than \$241,660 for the initial award. In addition to the initial 17 month award, the 41 month project period will include two 12-month non-competing continuation awards of not more than \$200,000 each. The total 41 month project period should not exceed \$641,660.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Angie Webley (202) 401-5490 [Angie.Webley@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Angie.Webley@acf.hhs.gov)

## Evaluation of Policies for the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Violence

**Department of Health and Human Services**

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

**RFA-CE-18-002**

**Deadline: March 21, 2018**

NCIPC is seeking research proposals focused on rigorously evaluating previously or currently implemented federal, state, local, tribal or organizational policies for impacts on multiple forms of violence, including child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or suicide. The proposed research should evaluate the impact of a selected policy on reducing rates of at least two of these violence outcomes. Applicants are encouraged to assess the impact of the policy on as many violence outcomes that is feasible as well as risk and protective factors that are common to multiple forms of violence. The proposed research will add to the limited evidence base regarding the impact of policies on preventing multiple forms of violence by rigorously evaluating federal, state, local, tribal or organizational policy approaches.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Sue Neurath [SFN8@cdc.gov](mailto:SFN8@cdc.gov) or [Grants Policy](#)

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## Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA

RFA-CE-18-001

**Deadline: March 26, 2018**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance our understanding about what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies to address specific gaps in the prevention of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and youth violence. This initiative is intended to support the evaluation of primary prevention strategies, programs or policies that target universal or selected high-risk populations (i.e., populations that have one or more risk factors that place them at heightened risk for perpetration of violence). Funds are available to conduct such studies focused on preventing the perpetration of youth violence and/or teen dating/intimate partner/sexual violence as detailed elsewhere in this announcement.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Marcienne Wright [lxv8@cdc.gov](mailto:lxv8@cdc.gov) or [Grants Policy](#)

## Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance

Department of Health and Human Service

Administration for Children and Families – ANA

HHS-2018-ACF-ANA-NL-1342

**Deadline: April 6, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance program. The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as the planning, designing, restoration, and implementing of native language curriculum and education projects to support a community's language preservation goals. Native American communities include American Indian tribes (federally-recognized and non-federally recognized), Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Carmelia Strickland (202) 401-6741 [Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Carmelia.Strickland@acf.hhs.gov)

## Community Collaborations to Strengthen Family Connections

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-CF-1351

**Deadline: April 13, 2018**

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of one grant to: (1) implement a multi-system approach among public and private agencies integrating community and faith-based to promote effective partnerships; (2) develop or enhance a navigator program to meet caregivers own needs and the needs of the children they are raising; (3) utilize intensive family-finding activities, including search technology, effective family engagement, collaboration with child support, and other means to identify biological family members for the target population to create a greater volume of relationships and connectedness within their families and establish permanent family placements when appropriate; and (4) implement family group decision-making (FGDM) meetings for children in the child welfare system. The project funded under this announcement will be implemented through strong collaboration between the grantee and the public child welfare agency. The successful applicant will facilitate cross collaboration and data sharing among relevant agencies, including the courts, child welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), aging and family caregiver support programs, child support, fatherhood programs, education, domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse in order to better identify, assess, and service kinship caregivers and at-risk families within the child welfare system.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Jenny (Beth) Claxon (202) 205-3398 [beth.claxon@Acf.Hhs.Gov](mailto:beth.claxon@Acf.Hhs.Gov)

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## [2018 Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs Financed by the Prevention and Public Health Fund](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2018-ACL-AOA-CSSG-0256

**Deadline: April 30, 2018**

The Administration on Aging (AoA) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) forecasts the possible availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds to make three-year grants to approximately 10 entities to develop capacity, bring to scale, and sustain evidence-based programs that empower older adults and adults with disabilities to better manage their chronic conditions. ACL intends to compete these 10 grants via two options (both with 36-month grant periods): (A) Sustainable Systems Grants: approximately six grants of \$500,000 to \$900,000 focused on developing integrated, sustainable systems for delivering evidence-based chronic disease self-management education and self-management support programs. (B) Capacity-Building Grants: approximately four grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000 to build capacity to introduce and deliver evidence-based chronic disease self-management education and self-management support programs within underserved areas and/or populations.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Kristie Kulinski (202) 795-7379 or [kristie.kulinski@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:kristie.kulinski@acl.hhs.gov)

## [Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

PAR-17-496

**Deadline: May 14, 2018**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health. Such research can include: conducting secondary analysis of existing data (such as databases that the Tribal Epidemiology Centers have collected); merge various sources of data to answer critical research questions; conduct pilot and feasibility studies; and/or assess and validate measures that are being developed and/or adapted for use in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA, the term 'Native Americans' includes the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term 'Native Hawaiian' means any individual whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, belonging to the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii. Studies should: be culturally appropriate and result in promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles; improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic disease; prevent or reduce the consumption of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; improve mental health outcomes; reduce risk of HIV infection; improve treatment adherence and/or health-care systems adopting standards of care to improve overall quality of life.

## [NAGPRA Repatriation Grants FY2018](#)

NAGPRA

CFDA 15.922

**Deadline: June 1, 2018**

This is a grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Grant funds must be used for REPATRIATION under NAGPRA, which means the transfer of control of Native American human remains and cultural items to lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Repatriation includes disposition of culturally unidentifiable Native American human remains (CUI) according to 43 C.F.R. 10.11. Repatriation projects defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and storage of NAGPRA-related human remains and cultural items.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2018-ACL-AOA-DASG-0237

**Deadline: September 14, 2018**

This grant is through the Administration for Community Living. Grants awarded under this announcement are to provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to those State Units on Aging (SUAs) and



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federally recognized Tribal Organizations who are currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended. These funds only become available when the President declares a National Disaster and may only be used in those areas designated in the Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States. Eligible SUAs and Title VI grantees should discuss all disaster applications with ACL/AoA Regional staff before submitting a formal application. The amount of funds requested should be discussed with Regional staff before the application is completed. Providing a draft of the narrative justification for the application will help expedite the processing of an award. Applicants should talk with the State and local Emergency Managers to determine what funds may be available through other resources before applying for OAA funding. SUAs and federally recognized Tribal Organizations currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act must submit proposals electronically via <http://www.grants.gov>. At <http://www.grants.gov>, you will be able to download a copy of the application packet, complete it off-line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov website.

### [FY 2018 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

**U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Deadline: September 30, 2018**

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program has announced a revised schedule of locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are scheduled to take place over the next several years. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with the eligible tribes that have jurisdiction over these 20 locations, as well as any locations that may be added to the implementation schedule, to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts given the tribes' unique qualifications to perform land consolidation activities for their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with these eligible tribes to not only capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, whenever feasible and practical, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction. Tribes are encouraged to contact Program staff for more information on developing the cooperative agreement application prior to submission. Tribes are not required to enter into cooperative agreements to participate in the Program. In certain cases, it may be unnecessary and a memorandum of agreement may be used. The Settlement Agreement limits the amount of funding that may be used for implementation costs associated with the Program (e.g., outreach, land research, and appraisals). Thus, to help ensure that it stays within the established limit on implementation costs, the Program will fund indirect costs through cooperative agreements equal to no more than 15% of the modified total direct costs. PLEASE NOTE: This is a 10-year program. The expiration on this posting reflects this current opportunity, and new opportunities will be posted over the duration of the Program. In addition, given that the Cobell Settlement specifically limits overall implementation costs for the duration of the Program, cooperative agreement awards are not intended to fund or support long-term, multi-year programs at each location or reservation. Most awards will provide funding for no longer than 9 months, and tribes are encouraged to utilize the award amount to work with existing tribal land offices and programs. Tribes are also encouraged to first review information available from the Program and to work with Program staff in the development of the cooperative agreement application.

### [Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Administration for Children and Families - OCC**

**HHS-2018-ACF-OCC-TH-1365**

**Deadline: September 30, 2018**

This funding opportunity announcement provides Fiscal Year 2018 funds for the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Tribal MIECHV): Implementation and Expansion Grants. Funds will support 5-year grants (cooperative agreements) between ACF and federally-recognized Indian

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tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations that are currently operating an evidence-based home visiting program and propose to expand or sustain their established infrastructure for home visiting services in tribal communities. This funding opportunity announcement is intended for tribal entities that have an established history of implementation of high-quality, culturally relevant, evidence-based home visiting services to American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) families and children, implementation of performance measurement and continuous quality improvement systems, development of early childhood systems, and conducting rigorous evaluation. Applicants may include existing grantees under the Tribal MIECHV program that are proposing to sustain services, as well as other tribal entities that can demonstrate past and current experience with conducting such activities and are proposing to expand services. During Year 1 of the cooperative agreements, grantees must maintain existing services to families while conducting a needs and readiness assessment and developing an implementation plan to respond to identified needs through sustained or expanded services (including developing a plan for measuring and reporting on program participants' progress toward meeting legislatively mandated benchmarks and conducting rigorous evaluation activities). During Years 2-5, grantees will implement approved plans to sustain or expand their high-quality evidence-based home visiting services; implement performance measurement systems and engage in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) activities; engage in activities to strengthen early childhood systems development; and conduct rigorous evaluation activities.

**To Apply Please Contact:** Moushumi Beltangady (202) 260-3613 [moushumi.beltangady@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:moushumi.beltangady@acf.hhs.gov)

### [Development of Psychosocial Therapeutic and Preventive Interventions for Mental Disorders](#)

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

**National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)**

**RFA-MH-17-604**

**Deadline: October 15, 2018**

This grant is through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the efficient pilot testing of novel psychosocial therapeutic and preventive interventions for mental disorders in adults and children, using an experimental therapeutics approach. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support go/no-go decisions about further development or testing of the intervention. This FOA supports the development and testing of innovative psychosocial intervention approaches where the target and/or the intervention strategy is novel. Targets might include, but are not limited to, potentially modifiable behavioral, cognitive, affective and/or interpersonal factors or processes, neural circuits or neural activity subserving specific behaviors or cognitive processes, and/or other neurobiological mechanisms associated with risk for, causation of, or maintenance of a mental disorder. Eligible psychosocial interventions strategies might include in-person or technology-assisted delivery, provided the target and/or the intervention strategy is novel. This FOA supports the development and testing of novel psychosocial interventions, as defined above, as monotherapies or as augmentations to standard treatment. Support will be provided for up to two years (R61 phase) for preliminary milestone-driven testing of the interventions impact on a target (a process or mechanism associated with risk for, causation, or maintenance of a clinical condition), that is, its target engagement. Contingent on meeting go/no-go milestones in the R61 phase, up to 3 years of additional support (R33 phase) may be provided for studies to replicate target engagement and relate change in the intervention target/mechanism to clinical benefit. Ultimately, this R61/R33 FOA is intended to speed the translation of emerging basic science findings of mechanisms and processes underlying mental disorders into novel interventions that can be efficiently tested for their promise in restoring function and reducing symptoms for those living with mental disorders, or for preventing mental disorders among those at risk.

### [Pilot Studies to Detect and Prevent Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System \(R34 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**National Institutes of Health**

**PAR-18-228**

**September 7, 2019**

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Opportunities for detection and prevention start at early points of contact (e.g., police interaction, the intake interview) and continue through many juvenile justice settings (e.g., pre-trial detention, juvenile or family court activities, court disposition, placement and on-

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going care in either residential or multiple community settings.) This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population.

### [Detecting and Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System](#) (R01- Clinical Trial Required)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-18-479

**Deadline: September 7, 2019**

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### [Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Prevention and Care](#)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

PAR-17-177

**Deadline: November 1, 2019**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to test innovative approaches to improve diabetes and obesity prevention and/or treatment that are adapted for implementation in healthcare settings where individuals receive their routine medical care. Research applications should be designed to test practical and sustainable strategies to improve processes of care and health outcomes for individuals with or at risk of diabetes and/or obesity. The research should also focus on approaches that can be broadly disseminated outside the specific setting where it is being tested. The goal of the research is to obtain results that will improve routine healthcare practice and inform healthcare policy for the prevention or management of these conditions. Therefore, interventions must be integrated into the existing healthcare structure and/or processes; the healthcare setting may not be used solely as a venue for recruitment.

### [Improving Individual and Family Outcomes through Continuity and Coordination of Care in Hospice](#)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

PA-17-016

**Deadline: January 7, 2020**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) seeks to stimulate research that focuses on reducing negative individual and family outcomes related to unwanted transitions at the end of life and optimizing the individual and family outcomes related to high quality coordination of care of care of individuals who are enrolled in hospice. This FOA emphasizes individuals who are receiving hospice care and their family caregivers, in any setting where hospice care is provided, including their home, a relative's home, a hospice inpatient facility, an assisted living facility, a short- or long-term care facility, or a hospital.

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## [Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children](#)

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

National Institute of Nursing Research ([NINR](#))

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders ([NIDCD](#))

PA-17-118

**Deadline: May 7, 2020**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Investing in early childhood development is essential. Specific targeted areas of research include bio-behavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test, evaluate, translate, and disseminate health promotion prevention and interventions conducted in traditional and non-traditional settings.

## [Research to Support the Reduction and Elimination of Mental Health Disparities \(Admin Supp\)](#)

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

National Institute of Mental Health ([NIMH](#))

PA-17-165

**Deadline: June 2, 2020**

This grant is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this FOA is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to foster research across the NIMH Strategic Objectives that target the reduction and elimination of mental health disparities by race and ethnicity, geography, and socioeconomic status in the United States. This initiative aims to generate research within the scientific scope of the parent grant that identifies mechanisms underlying disparities or differences in mental health status and/or enhances optimal delivery of mental health interventions among diverse groups.

## [Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PA-18-354

**Deadline: January 7, 2021**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is to encourage Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18). Positive health behaviors may include: developing healthy sleep patterns, developing effective self-regulation strategies, adaptive decision-making in risk situations, practicing proper dental hygiene, eating a balanced and nutritious diet, engaging in age-appropriate physical activity and/or participating in healthy relationships. Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural contexts, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary team that include nurse scientists are strongly encouraged. The goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

## [Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

### **Lannan Foundation**

#### **Deadline: Open**

The Indigenous Communities Program (ICP) supports the resolve of Native Americans to renew their communities through their own institutions and traditions. Funding priority is given to rural indigenous projects that are consistent with traditional values in the areas of education, Native cultures, the revival and preservation of languages, legal rights, and environmental protection. At this time the foundation only accepts new grant requests from United States federally recognized tribes or Native controlled 501(c)(3) organizations whose work is solely focused in the United States.