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### IN THE NEWS

#### [DOJ calls domestic violence in Alaska's remote Native American communities a public safety crisis](#)

ABC News – July 1, 2019

According to the Justice Department, "more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native adults have experienced some [form of violence](#) in their lifetime, and more than half of all American Indian and Alaska Native women have [experienced violence](#) from an intimate partner."

The DOJ says that the [lack of law enforcement](#) means that Alaska has a [higher crime rate](#) in these communities and an investigation done by ProPublica and the Anchorage Daily News [found](#) that sex crime rates are higher and help can be hours or days away.

Attorney General William Barr has declared a law enforcement emergency in the state of Alaska due to the lack of law enforcement in remote areas.

#### [US: The Fight Over Native American Adoptions is About More Than Just the Children \(Commentary\)](#)

Time – July 02, 2019

Passed in 1978, the law sets requirements for what states must do when an American Indian kid comes into contact with the child welfare system. It says that Native American children should be placed with native foster and adoptive families whenever possible, and before that, states need to make "active efforts" to keep Native children with their biological parents in the first place. Created to protect Native American Families and preserve their heritage following centuries of policies aimed at forcibly assimilating Indian children into white culture, the law has become increasingly controversial as special interest groups have argued that it actually prioritizes the tribes over the best interests of the children it is meant to help.

#### ['Missing and murdered:' Indigenous women at risk in U.S., Canada](#)

UPI – July 3, 2019

A new awareness of the number of missing and murdered indigenous women on reservations and tribal lands in the United States and Canada is raising the alarm about what is being called a multi-generational epidemic. The number of missing women has been poorly tracked and under-reported because of competing legal jurisdictions, overworked police departments and remote locations, according to [new legislation](#) proposed in Congress to better track the problem.

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<http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-tribal.htm>

[Study shows 'empirical' link between residential schools and Indigenous youth in care: researcher](#)

CBC News – July 4, 2019

New research conducted at the University of British Columbia is shedding light on the relationship between residential schools and the modern day child welfare system. Brittany Barker, a postdoctoral fellow with the BC Centre on Substance Use, said the impact of intergenerational trauma from the residential school systems is well understood among Indigenous communities, and the overrepresentation of Indigenous youth in care has been previously documented.

[Maine tribes still fighting for passage of domestic violence bill](#)

Press Herald – July 6, 2019

Tribal leaders and advocates say they'll keep pushing for a bill that would give two Maine tribes jurisdiction over some domestic violence cases. Currently, tribal courts in Maine can't prosecute non-tribal members for domestic violence against members, creating a situation that leaders say makes families unsafe. Because there is often disagreement among federal, state and tribal authorities over who can prosecute what crimes, tribal leaders say domestic violence on their lands often goes unprosecuted.

The 2013 reauthorization of the federal Violence Against Women Act gave tribal courts limited authority to prosecute non-tribal members for domestic violence. But the wording of a 1980 settlement of tribal claims has kept that and many other federal laws from automatically applying to Maine tribes.

[We don't know how many Native American women are missing in S.D. That about to change.](#)

Sioux Falls Argus Leader – July 8, 2019

Taylor Baldeagle wears a beaded necklace every day that belongs to his missing daughter Sharon Baldeagle. "She travels with me, no matter where I go," the Eagle Butte resident said.

Sharon was 12 years old and living on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation when she was last seen on Sept. 18, 1984. She and a friend ran away and were picked up by a man named Royal Russell Long, who tied them up and beat them in his Wyoming home. Sharon's friend was able to escape, but Sharon has never been found. Taylor especially mourns for his missing daughter on her birthday — she turned 47 on June 25 — and on Father's Day, when she and her younger brother would make him breakfast.

"To me, she's still my little girl," said Taylor, a retired tribal judge. It's unknown how many Native American women like Sharon have gone missing or been murdered in South Dakota over the years. But that's about change.

**FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

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

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

## [Inyo County, Bishop Paiute Tribe Reach Settlement](#)

Sierra Wave Media – July 9, 2019

The County of Inyo, Sheriff Jeff Hollowell, District Attorney Tom Hardy, and Bishop Paiute Tribe today announce that a settlement agreement has been approved in relation to the lawsuit filed by the Tribe against the County, Sheriff, and District Attorney.

The settlement agreement provides for the dismissal of the legal action filed against the defendants by the Tribe in 2015, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief on the grounds that conduct by the County, Sheriff, and D.A. interfered with the Tribe's inherent authority to pass its own laws and operate a Tribal Police Department. With the settlement, the plaintiff and defendants set forth their mutual understanding of the authority of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, under existing law, with regard to engaging in law enforcement activity on and off the Reservation.

## [Canada: Democracy Now: Inquiry confirms ongoing genocide of Indigenous women and girls](#)

Indianz - July 10, 2019

A chilling national inquiry has determined that the frequent and widespread disappearance and murder of indigenous girls and women in Canada is a genocide that the government itself is responsible for. The findings were announced by the Canadian National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls at a ceremony on June 3 with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the families of victims. Many in the audience held red flowers to commemorate the dead.

Also: [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

## [Proposal would repeal US laws that hurt Native Americans](#)

Sioux City Journal – July 11, 2019

Leaders of Oklahoma-based Native American tribes are praising a proposal to repeal unenforced federal laws that discriminate against Native Americans. Legislation sponsored by members of Congress from Oklahoma, Arizona and South Dakota would repeal discriminatory policies toward Native Americans still written in federal law, The Oklahoman [reported](#) .

## [US: Healing communities and children of domestic violence](#)

Press Pool - July 17, 2019

Domestic violence affects entire families and communities, impacting youth and adults alike. A culturally appropriate, child-centered approach helps youth to recover from instances of trauma. The Anishinaabeg concept, noojimo'iwewin, means healing others, healing of the heart and mind as well as illness. When applied to the law, noojimo'iwewin can guide community advocates in ensuring the safety of future generations. Federal laws like the Violence against Women Act (VAWA) and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) address tribal safety concerns. However, tribal communities heal through appropriate, community and culturally-based justice and advocacy.

## [International: What Canada and South Africa can teach the U.S. about slavery reparations \(Commentary\)](#)

Chicago Reporter - July 18, 2019

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established to document the history and impact of the country's residential school system on Indigenous children and their families. The commission studied more than a century of determined, officially sanctioned efforts to resolve Canada's "Indian problem" by separating children from their parents and forcing them into schools where they were often undernourished, physically and sexually abused by their teachers and forbidden to use their own languages. The effort, described by some as outright genocide, left generations of families broken, impoverished and addicted.

## [‘This Cannot Be My Life’: The ‘Nightmare’ of Foster Care in Indian Country](#)

The Crime Report – July 18, 2019

Brian Melendez's life was about to change forever. In the winter of 1987, a domestic dispute erupted in a house on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Reno, Nevada. As law enforcement and social workers descended on the scene, an already bad situation turned into chaos.

Though they comprise less than one percent of the total number of children in the United States, American Indian/Alaska Native children are twice as likely to be investigated for abuse and four times more likely to be placed in foster care than their white peers, according to the Casey Center for the Study of Social Policy. As a result, thousands of Native children are swept into state custody every year, where they are over-represented in foster care at nearly three times the rate of the general population, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) in Reno, Nevada.

## [Judge: Killing the Indian Child Welfare Law Would Hurt People Like Me \(Opinion\)](#)

Daily Caller (Judge Eugene White-Fish) – July 18, 2019

Stories like mine do not get told. I was only in the fifth grade when I was removed from my classroom and taken from my family by a state social worker. A 10-year-old who is ripped apart from his family — never having the chance to say goodbye to his mother or grandmother — develops a scar that never goes away. But it is a scar that many bear because, like me, they are members of Native American tribes.

## [The Village Where Every Cop Has Been Convicted of Domestic Violence](#)

ProPublica & Anchorage Daily News – July 18, 2019

Dozens of convicted criminals have been hired as cops in Alaska communities. Often, they are the only applicants. In Stebbins, every cop has a criminal record, including the chief.

## [Our women are no longer invisible.' Counting missing and murdered indigenous women from the Northwest](#)

Kuow – July 19, 2019

A lone woman sat with an employee of the Urban Indian Health Institute as the employee typed information about her missing cousin into a new database.

Her cousin has been missing for 10 years. Now, finally, her name is in a federal system.

Seattle's Native community wants better data on missing and murdered indigenous women, and they're taking it on themselves to make that happen.

The Urban Indian Health Institute, the research arm of the Seattle Indian Health Board, is holding events where people can enter information about missing loved ones into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), a federal database.

## ['A really good first step': Task force could help state understand missing and murdered Indigenous people problem](#)

Casper Star Tribune – July 22, 2019

Advocates say the state's new task force to address the high rates of missing and murdered Indigenous people is a good first — but far from final — step to tackling the problem.

The task force [Gov. Mark Gordon expectedly announced](#) this spring will meet for the first time on Wednesday to begin to better understand the scope of the problem — one well known for many years in Indian Country, victim advocates say — in Wyoming and recommend ways to begin to address it.

## [7 States Step Up Efforts To Fight Violence Against Indigenous Women](#)

NPR Morning Edition – July 23, 2019

[Native girls and women are more likely than average to be the victim of a violent crime](#). Now, seven states are taking early steps to help better identify and locate Native crime victims.

Lynette Grey Bull, director of [Not Our Native Daughters](#), is a survivor of attempted murder by an intimate partner. The organization educates the public about solutions to violence in Indian Country.

## ['We're literally invisible': How better data could help advocates for missing or murdered Native women](#)

Crosscut – July 23, 2019

Native women disappear and are murdered at alarming rates, but many aren't even accounted for. By hosting community data-gathering events, the Seattle Indian Health Board hopes to address the crisis.

As chief executive officer of the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) since 2015, Esther Lucero has listened to the stories of fellow Native community members who have lost family members to violence or have seen them disappear. But last Thursday night at SIHB headquarters, she wanted to tell her own story — for the first time.

## [Haaland Introduces Bill To Bolster Efforts To Address Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women Crisis](#)

Los Alamos Daily Post – July 23, 2019

U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) introduced a bill Thursday to bolster efforts to address the missing and murdered indigenous women crisis with bipartisan support from Paul Cook (R-Calif.), Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.), Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and Sharice Davids (D-Kan.).

The Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act, H.R. 3977, restores inherent tribal criminal jurisdiction to prosecute domestic violence-related crimes committed against American Indian and Alaskan Native women by non-tribal members within Indian Country to protect victims and deter future violent crimes on reservations.

“Every woman deserves to feel safe in her community, but Native women in Indian Country are experiencing violence at alarming rates. Today, we’re taking a stand for Native American survivors of sexual violence in Indian Country, so that tribes have the authority to bring justice for survivors and prevent future violence,” said Haaland, co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus

## Publications

**Title:** [Tribal Title IV-E Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Published:** 2019

**Printable version (PDF): Abstract:** To help tribes better understand Title IV-E, the application and planning process, and how reimbursements work, the Center for Tribes compiled responses to these frequently asked questions into one comprehensive document.

**Title:** [Title IV-B Funding Overview](#)

**Published:** 2018

**Printable version (PDF):**

**Abstract:** Outlining the basics of Title IV-B funding for tribal communities. Title IV-B of the Social Security Act is a child welfare funding stream available to federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia. This brief fact sheet offers information on how tribes can access and better understand this funding stream.

**Title:** [Does Reunification Matter?: Differences In The Social Connection To Tribe And Tribal Enrollment Of American Indian Fostered And Adopted Adults](#). (Requires subscription)

**Author(s):** Landers, Ashley L.;Morgan, Amy A.

**Published:** 2018

**Journal Name:** Children and Youth Services Review

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**Abstract:** Studies of American Indian adults who were separated from their families of origin during childhood by foster care and/or adoption are emerging. This study fills a gap within the literature by exploring differences in social connection to tribe and tribal enrollment among reunified and non-reunified American Indian adults (n = 129). Grounded in identity theory, this study utilized data from the Experiences of Adopted and Fostered Individuals Project. Social connection to tribe was significantly higher for those who reunified (M = 70.0) than for those who had not (M = 42.0) (U = 689.50, p < .001). The overall ordinary least squares regression model was statistically significant (R<sup>2</sup> = 0.150, F(7,121) = 3.05, p < .01) and reunification was a statistically significant factor associated with social connection to tribe ( $\beta$  = 0.28, p < .01). The chi-square test revealed the relationship between reunification and tribal enrollment was statistically significant,  $\chi^2(1, n = 129) = 14.01, p < .001$ . Reunified participants were more likely to be enrolled. The overall logistic regression model was statistically significant ( $\chi^2(7) = 19.97, p < .01$ ) and reunified participants were 8 times more likely to be enrolled (OR = 8.73, 95% CI = 2.51, 30.35). Reunification remains a pressing priority, as fostered and adopted individuals are “welcomed home” across tribal communities. (Author abstract)

**Title:** American Indian Children and the Law

**Author:** Kathryn E. Fort

**Published:** 2019

**Available from:** [Carolina Academic Press](#)

**Abstract:** There are more than 500 American Indian tribes in the United States, and the health and welfare of American Indian children is the primary focus of those tribal nations. Federal and state law and policies are deeply entwined with the lives of American Indian families and have been since treaty times. The disruption to American Indian families by state and federal governments families was, and is, epidemic. These disruptions included attempts to destroy traditional child-rearing practices, tribal judicial systems, and tribal political systems. The federal government’s mass removal of Indian children from their families to boarding schools resulted in the deaths and abuse of children, as well as the destruction of Native languages, culture, and religion. When state governments stepped in, the state child welfare systems became tools of mass removal of Native children from their families.

In an attempt to address some of those abuses and in response to considerable organizing and pressure of American Indian activists, Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978. ICWA applies to all American Indian children subject to state child welfare cases, no matter where the child is located. Today there are, on average, 300 appealed cases on the basis of ICWA in state courts annually. Educating jurists, prosecutors, family attorneys, and legal guardian ad litem on ICWA, tribal jurisdiction, and tribal family law is one of the largest child welfare projects for states, tribes, and non-profit organizations across the country.

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Teaching lawyers ICWA, and the innovative practices of tribal family law, is vital to the health and welfare of American Indian children everywhere. Law schools have the unique opportunity to reach those lawyers when they are students. With this casebook, they can. Currently, there is no casebook in the field of American Indian child welfare despite steadily increasing attention to the subject. *American Indian Children and the Law* describes the current state of the law and teaches the cultural, historical, and current legal theories behind it through cases and other primary source materials. The book can be used by both federal Indian law professors to teach the Indian Child Welfare Act and by family law practitioners to teach Indian law and child welfare law. The book also provides in-depth explanation for the federal constitutional basis of ICWA and American Indian child welfare law in general, as well as issues of juvenile justice as it applies to American Indian children, including why those children are the only ones who regularly find themselves in federal prisons. Additionally, the text includes family tribal court decisions, with appropriate context, and contrasts them to U.S. family law decisions.

**Title:** The Role of The "State" and Community Resilience: The American Indian Experience

**Author:** Jessica Elm Oneida Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohicans Post-doctoral scholar, Center for American Indian Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

**Published:** July 3, 2019

**Available from:** [System-involved LGBTQ Youth of Color: Ecological Determinants-Williams Institute, UCLA](#)

Young people who enter the child welfare or juvenile justice system generally become the responsibility of "the state." For American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) tribal nations, and their children and families, relationships with U.S. government systems are deeply complex, involving a long history of human rights violations (e.g., removal from home lands to reservation bounds (Jackson, 1830), congressional acts terminating federal recognition of tribal nations (Wilkins & Stark, 2011)).

### Announcements

**Cahuilla Storytelling, Native Representation in the Arts, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: *Menil and Her Heart: A Cahuilla Play: Traditional Cahuilla stories woven into a contemporary issue: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.***

**August 3rd 7:00 PM Sherman Indian School, Riverside, CA**

**August 24th, 7:00 PM Claremont University**

**Performances are free. For more information email: [Dionner@msn.com](mailto:Dionner@msn.com)**

Isabella is beginning her senior year at the Orange County School of the Arts in the Acting Conservatory and has received a Dragon Kim Fellowship. She started this project when noticing she wasn't seeing herself, an indigenous Cahuilla/Chippewa girl represented in the stories she was seeing in theatre or film. This inspired her to dig into her own cultural roots and gather three traditional Cahuilla Indian stories and write a play: *Menil and Her Heart*. *Menil and Her Heart* combines these stories into a telling that highlights a contemporary native issue: *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*. The play is performed by mostly non-actor community members as part of a healing story.

**American Bar Association Civil Rights and Social Justice Section: Latest Challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act and Potential Implications for equal protection, Family Law, and Indian Law**

**August 8, 2019 3:00 to 4:30 pm**

Panelists include Mathew Fletcher, Professor Michigan State University, Geoff Strommer, Partner Hobbs Straus, Dean & Walker, Keith Harper, Partner Ilkpatrick, Townsend & Stockton, Timothy Sandefur VP for Litigation, the Goldwater Institute and Rob Dunn, Associate Attorney, Gibson Dunn discussing the *Brackeen v. Zinke* decision. Session at the Westin St. Francis, California East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

### Tribal Justice Collaborative-Southern & Northern California Judges' Dinners

The TJC is pleased to announce that our 8th Annual Judges' Dinner, August 16, 2019, is co-hosted by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Court and will be held at the event center in Highland, CA. The Ontario International Airport is located within 30 minutes of the hotel and event center.

We are also pleased to announce the 1st Annual Judges' Dinner for Northern California is scheduled Thursday, October 3, 2019, the evening before the Bay Area ICWA Symposium. The event will be held at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland, CA, with a reception beginning at 3pm and dinner from 4-7pm. For further information please contact Tom Lidot at: [tom@popsorganization.org](mailto:tom@popsorganization.org)

**[52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native American Day at the Capitol](#)**

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To celebrate and honor the historic and cultural contributions of California Native Americans, the 52nd Annual California Native American Day will take place on the west steps of the California State Capitol on September 27, 2019, from 10 am to 2 pm.

## Online Resources

### **The Role of a Tribal Judge** ([webinar](#))

National American Indian Court Judges Association Webinar posted July 26, 2019

The role of the Tribal court judge can vary from tribe to tribe and state to state. The judge must navigate intersections and gaps in state, federal and tribal authority in Indian Country. The faculty for this session will Hon. Judge John Traylor, who will talk about the challenges and opportunities this unique bench provides.

### **Indian Civil Rights Act – Fifty Year’s Later** [video](#)

Attempting to impose certain constitutional restrictions and protections upon tribal governments and to guarantee Native Americans equal protection under the Bill of Rights, Congress passed the Indian Civil Rights Act. The history of the Act, the effects of the Act, and the state of tribal courts fifty years after enactment are discussed in this edition of the Continuing the Dialogue broadcast series. Chief Judge Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge Claudette White, Tribal Advisor to the Governor Cynthia Gomez (retired), and Professor Joseph Myers, moderated by Chief Judge Christine Williams, explore California tribal court issues and how they relate to and are intertwined with the work of the state’s judicial branch.

### **Newslinks**

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

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

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

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

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

### **[Sovereign Bodies Institute](#)**

SBI is a home for generating new knowledge and understandings of how Indigenous nations and communities are impacted by gender and sexual violence, and how they may continue to work towards healing and freedom from such violence.

### **[NamUs Program](#)**

#### **PEOPLE + INFORMATION + TECHNOLOGY + FORENSIC SCIENCE**

NamUs is a national information clearinghouse and resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases across the United States. Funded and administered by the National Institute of Justice and managed through a cooperative agreement with the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas, all NamUs resources are provided at no cost to law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals, and family members of missing persons.

## Webinars & Podcasts

### **[Researching Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law](#)**

American Bar Association – August 14, 2019 at 1 PM EDT

Have environmental law research to do but don't know your Indian tribal law from your federal Indian law? Getting to the bottom of a burning issue that involves some aspect of law governing any one of over 500 federally recognized Indian tribes can be confusing, especially when it comes to questions of whose constitution

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to use and which case law is the right one. Three experienced law librarians and experts in teaching and conducting Indian law research will answer your questions about conducting research in this fascinating and complex field and provide you with key resources and methods.

### **Listen Now: Strengthening Tribal Courts' Connection to Child Welfare Children's Bureau's Tribal Court Improvement Program Podcast Series**

The Children's Bureau's Tribal Court Improvement Program supports the vital work of improving relationships and collaboration between tribal courts and social services departments. Child Welfare Information Gateway's six-part podcast series, Tribal Courts and Child Welfare, focuses on the diverse efforts and challenges tribal grantees are addressing.

- ["Adapting to Child Welfare Cases"](#)  
Many Native American and Alaska Native tribes are expanding the role of their independent court systems to handle child welfare cases. [Listen](#) to two tribal court leaders share challenges and concerns related to improving relationships with tribal child welfare and building their capacity to hear child welfare cases.
- ["Revising Your Children's Code"](#)  
[Listen](#) to how tribal grantees are building their courts' capacity to handle child welfare cases. Two chief tribal judges share how they addressed challenges in reviewing and updating their court's Children Code.
- ["Partnering With Tribal Social Services"](#)  
How are grantees taking steps to develop or improve tribal child welfare systems that lead to better outcomes for tribal families and children? In this episode, [listen](#) to stories from three tribal courts about how they are strengthening their partnerships with their tribal social services departments and agencies.
- ["Building Relationships With State Counterparts"](#)  
When tribal families are involved in state or county child welfare services or family courts, navigating the jurisdictions and services can lead to confusion and tension. [Hear](#) how two tribes successfully broke down barriers to create more positive working environments and strengthen their communication and partnerships.
- ["Overcoming Challenges to Working With States"](#)  
[Listen](#) to how tribal courts and tribal child welfare agencies navigate legal and jurisdictional challenges. Topics addressed include ensuring states and tribes understand the full relevance and application of the Indian Child Welfare Act and the importance of establishing a child welfare compact between tribes and states.
- ["Being Family-Centered"](#)  
Tribal courts are collaborating with tribal and state social services departments to support family reunification and healing as well as help children maintain a connection to their culture and history. In this [episode](#), tribal court leaders describe programs and approaches to mitigate court hearings and engage families.

### **[Webinar Wednesdays-TLPI](#)**

This initiative—**Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women** – will also provide training, technical assistance and resources designed to help individual tribal governments and tribal communities – that are **not** currently receiving Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant funding - enhance victim safety and more effectively address offender accountability. Initiative partners provide individualized training, technical assistance and resources to strengthen the response of tribal governments to effectively address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

### **August 14, 2019 - Legal Resources**

10:00 am. AKST/ 11:00 am PST/ Noon MST/ 1:00 pm CST/ 2:00 pm EST



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**September 11, 2019 - Tribal Protection Orders**

10:00 am. AKST/ 11:00 am PST/ Noon MST/ 1:00 pm CST/ 2:00 pm EST

For more information see the brochure [here](#) or contact [TribalResponse@tlpi.org](mailto:TribalResponse@tlpi.org) to inquire further

## **Child Welfare Information Gateway Podcast Series**

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

## **Upcoming Conferences**

### **Noojimo'iwewin: A VAWA and ICWA Training**

August 1-2, 2019

[BAY MILLS HORIZON CENTER•BRIMLEY, MI](#)

A multi-disciplinary training geared toward child welfare and domestic violence advocates to implement effective service and advocacy strategies in cases involving child welfare, domestic violence, or both.

### **“Coming Together to Create a Cultural Response to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and their Children”**

**August 13-15, 2019**

**Radisson Blu Mall of America Hotel—Minneapolis MN**

NIWRC is excited to announce the upcoming Specialty Institute “Coming Together to Create a Cultural Response to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Woman and their Children,” in Minneapolis MN on August 13-15, 2019. The question, “what about the children?” has been in the hearts, minds and souls of advocates, families, communities, child welfare agencies, social services programs, law enforcement and the courts for decades. And while there has been a lot of discussion, policies and practices around the topic of domestic violence and the intersection of child welfare, there continues to be a lot of unanswered questions, unresolved issues, misunderstandings and even harmful practices. This Specialty Institute is committed to addressing these issues from the root causes to identifying cultural best practices, strength based approaches and practice-based policy recommendations. This Specialty Institute is designed to strengthen our advocacy, promote tribal sovereignty and build our capacity to respond appropriately and effectively to children and their non-offending parent who are impacted by domestic violence. [Register Here](#)

### **Judicial Skills Training: Child Welfare Best Practices**

**August 21-23, 2019**

**Seattle, WA**

Casey Family Programs

Travel and Lodging Scholarships Available

Application to be released June '19

**Questions:** [kate@naicja.org](mailto:kate@naicja.org)

### **Tribal Veteran Wellness Court Symposium**

**August 22-23, 2019**

**Missoula, MT.**

Join for this free two-day event highlighting important considerations for serving and treating Native veterans and the Wellness Court model.

Register [here](#) and visit [www.wellnesscourts.org](http://www.wellnesscourts.org) for more information.

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A limited number of scholarship are available to Healing to Wellness Court practitioners who require financial assistance. To apply for a scholarship for the Tribal Veterans Wellness Court Symposium, you must complete and submit this scholarship application, along with separately emailing a letter of recommendation to [wellness@tlpi.org](mailto:wellness@tlpi.org) by the scholarship deadline of Friday, July 12, 2019.

## [9th Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training](#)

**September 10-12, 2019**

**Palm Springs, CA**

**U.S. Department of Justice approval is pending.**

The [Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training](#) is a tribal-specific national training for tribal problem-solving courts. The Enhancement Training features Wellness Court best practices and innovative strategies. The Training will be oriented around the ten key components and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) National Drug Court Standards. The Enhancement Training focuses upon tribal issues, including jurisdictional and legal issues unique to Indian country; the incorporation of custom and tradition into the phases, case management, treatment curriculums, and tangential services; and the peer-to-peer sharing of successful Healing to Wellness Courts models in operations. Training topics will cover the adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, family dependency, DWI/DUI, and veterans models.

## **Bay Area ICWA Symposium**

October 4, 2019

San Francisco, CA

9:00am-4:00pm

Complimentary breakfast 8:30am and on-site lunch available

The symposium will feature an array of speakers specific to Bay Area issues in relation to ICWA and crossover issues that impact tribal families involved within the child welfare system.

[Workshop proposals due August 23, 2019.](#) To submit a workshop proposal please visit the form [here](#)

[See attached save the date flyer] Please contact Vida Castaneda with any questions:

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## [16th Annual ILPC/TICA Indigenous Law Conference](#)

The 16th Annual Indigenous Law and Policy Center and Tribal In-House Counsel Association Indigenous Law Conference will be hosted October 10-11, 2019 (with pre-conference activities on October 9) at the Michigan State University College of Law in East Lansing, MI.

## [When Justice Fails: Threats to the Independence of the Judiciary](#)

**Montgomery, Alabama**

**Monday, Dec 9, 2019 -Thursday, Dec 12, 2019**

**\*Scholarships available**

How does an independent judiciary contribute to a just society? What is necessary for the judiciary to be truly independent? Join us in Montgomery, Alabama as we attempt to answer these questions as we scrutinize historical and current events to see where judges have struggled with powerful personal, ethical, and political pressures.

**After attending this course, participants will be able to:**

Define how legal and judicial systems are influenced by a government's political philosophy;

Analyze the forces that negatively influence judicial independence; Describe potential areas of tension between the canons of ethics and the application of the rule of law; and Identify the elements of an independent judiciary.

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

[Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Rehabilitation Services Administration \(RSA\): Rehabilitation Training: Innovative Rehabilitative Training Program CFDA Number 84.263C](#)

**Department of Education**

**ED-GRANTS-070519-001**

**Deadline: August 14, 2019**

The Innovative Rehabilitation Training program is designed to develop (a) new types of training programs for rehabilitation personnel and to demonstrate the effectiveness of these new types of training programs for rehabilitation personnel in providing rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; (b) new and improved methods of training rehabilitation personnel so that there may be a more effective delivery of

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rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities by designated State rehabilitation agencies and designated State rehabilitation units or other public or non-profit rehabilitation service agencies or organizations; and (c) new innovative training programs for VR professionals and paraprofessionals to have a 21st-century understanding of the evolving labor force and the needs of individuals with disabilities so they can more effectively provide VR services to individuals with disabilities.

### [FY 2019 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program.](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs – Office for Victims of Crime  
OVC-2019-16590**

**Deadline: August 16, 2019**

In February 2019, Congress authorized a tribal set-aside of \$167.65 million to provide grants to improve services for victims of crime in tribal communities, consistent with the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act. The FY 2019 Consolidated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) solicitation (Purpose Area 7, the Tribal Victim Services Program), which closed in March, was one way for tribes to access this funding. Other specialized solicitations that OVC will be posting this spring (related to law enforcement, victim services, elder abuse, human trafficking, assisting children victimized due to their parent's opioid abuse, and other programs) will include designated funding just for tribal applicants; visit <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx> periodically to view current funding opportunities. OVC continues to explore other options for programming this dedicated funding to enhance victim services for American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims.

### [Increasing Survivors with Disabilities Access to Healing Services and Justice Options Learning Community](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)  
Vera Institute of Justice's Center on Victimization and Safety (Vera)**

**Deadline: August 23, 2019**

Vera will work with the selected applicants to bring together key stakeholders in their community, which must include a local rape crisis center and disability service provider, with the goal of improving responses to survivors of sexual assault with disabilities; identifying gaps and barriers to healing services and justice options for survivors with disabilities; and creating better pathways to healing for these survivors.

### [Re-Employment Support and Training for the Opioid Related Epidemic, RESTORE Grant Program](#)

**Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration  
FOA-WB-19-02**

**Deadline: August 23, 2019**

These grants will directly address the employment needs of women affected by the opioid crisis and combat its impact in some of the hardest hit areas of the country. Applicants will establish and/or build on cooperative relationships among service providers and key stakeholders in order to train and employ women workers who have been adversely affected by the opioid crisis. Applicants may propose to serve women workers in communities impacted by the health and economic effects of widespread opioid use, addiction, and overdose. The grants are intended to provide employment training, career services, and supportive services to women who have been directly or indirectly affected by the opioid crisis in order to support positive outcomes for women participants.

### [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**

**Deadline: September 7, 2019**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support pilot work in preparation for future larger scale projects that will develop and test broadly implementable service system interventions to rapidly identify and effectively respond to reduce the risk of suicidal behavior, suicidal ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) in justice-involved youth.

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## [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**

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-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.

## [Connecting Kids to Coverage \(CKC\) HEALTHY KIDS AI/AN](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS-2D2-20-001

**Deadline: September 16, 2019**

These grants will support innovative outreach strategies aimed at increasing the enrollment and retention of eligible AI/AN children in Medicaid and CHIP, emphasizing activities tailored to communities where AI/AN children and families reside, and enlisting tribal and other community leaders and tribal health and social services programs that serve eligible AI/AN children and families.

## [FY 2019 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Department of the Interior

LBBP-2019-1

**Deadline: September 30, 2019**

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.

## [Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

EDITIONS-201910

**Deadline: October 3, 2019**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as politics, law (including the social and cultural history of the law), social reform, business, military, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience, or may be centered on the papers of major figures from American history. Whether conceived as a thematic or a biographical edition, the historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project.

## [Specialized Housing and Services for Victims of Human Trafficking](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6300-N-45

**Deadline: October 30, 2019**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have partnered under this NOFA to address human trafficking that occurs within communities. The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality and quantity of safe housing and specialized services available to assist victims of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended. This includes specialized housing and services that are enhanced by a collaborative and coordinated community response that engages appropriate community resources.

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Organizations that demonstrate the ability to provide safe housing options and client-focused services for victims of human trafficking that result in obtaining and remaining in permanent housing situations with the necessary supportive services to ensure participant success for housing retention, that includes obtaining the necessary income to promote self-sufficiency, are encouraged to apply for this funding. Technical Assistance: This NOFA includes up to \$1 million for a technical assistance provider that has experience in assisting HUD-funded and DOJ-funded organizations in the areas of housing and services specifically for victims of human trafficking.

### [Rural Assistance Center](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
HRSA-20-024**

**Deadline: December 2, 2019**

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) serves as a national clearinghouse for information on rural health to support access to healthcare and improve population health in rural communities.