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### IN THE NEWS

#### NATIONAL

#### [US: Plenty of Blame to Go Around for Traumatic Removal of Six-Year-Old from Longtime Home \(Opinion\)](#)

**Chronicle of Social Change - March 29, 2016**

On March 21, six-year-old Alexandria P. ("Lexi") was carried screaming away from the home where she had lived for two-thirds of her life. This traumatic removal has drawn attention around the world to the negative consequences of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). But careful study shows that ICWA is only part of the story.

#### [Supreme Court Unanimously Holds Reservation Boundaries not Diminished in Favor of the Omaha Tribe in \*Nebraska v. Parker\*](#)

**National Congress of American Indians - March 22, 2016**

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in a unanimous decision written by Justice Clarence Thomas in favor of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska in *Nebraska v. Parker* (14-1406) that an 1882 Act of Congress did not diminish the Tribe's reservation. The judgment upholds the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

#### [AK: Alaska Supreme Court: State must enforce Central Council's child support orders \(Includes audio\)](#)

**Alaska Public Media - March 28, 2016**

The State of Alaska must recognize and enforce the Tlingit-Haida Central Council's child support orders, according to a state Supreme Court decision issued Friday. That's something the Walker administration chose to do when it signed an agreement with the Central Council earlier this month. The state Supreme Court decision basically makes that agreement legally binding regardless of any new administration that might want to renege.

#### [News Release: Interior Announces Interagency Partnership With Justice and HHS to Strengthen ICWA Implementation and Compliance](#)

**Turtle Talk- April 4, 2016**

**by Sarah M Donnelly**

ST. PAUL, MINN.—In keeping with President Obama's commitment to supporting Indian families and fostering resilient, thriving tribal communities through his all-of-government approach, acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Lawrence S. Roberts today announced that the Departments of Interior(DOI), Justice (DOJ), and Health and Human Services (HHS) have entered into a collaborative agreement to ensure more robust compliance with and implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 (Public Law 95-608). The agreement, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), brings three federal agencies together in partnership to strengthen federal oversight of the Act. The MOU's effective date is April 1, 2016.

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## CALIFORNIA



### Judicial Council Meeting

[Photos and captions](#) from the Feb 25–26 council meeting

### Survey on Tribal Court Civil Orders

The council's [Tribal Court-State Court Forum](#) asks state courts, tribal courts, and tribal practitioners to take an online survey to provide information on the recognition and enforcement of tribal court civil orders. Access surveys here: (1) [State Court Online Survey](#); (2) [Tribal Court Online Survey](#); and (3) [Tribal Practitioner Online Survey](#).

### [California DOJ Issues Investigative Subpoena on DHHS in Humboldt County](#)

**Turtle Talk - March 29, 2016**

**by Kate Fort**

The County filed a petition for relief in Humboldt county superior court and attached the investigative subpoena on the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services from the California DOJ. The subpoena includes a request for all internal communications relating to tribes and children who are eligible for enrollment or enrolled in any tribes, among a fair number of other ICWA-related inquiries.

### [CA: California Returns Child to Family in ICWA Case](#)

**Indian Country Today - March 22, 2016**

On Monday, March 21, pandemonium broke out in Santa Clarita, California, at the home of foster couple Summer and Russell Page as social workers from the Department of Children and Family Services arrived to pick up a 6-year-old girl who was being held by the couple in defiance of a court ordering her returned to relatives after a five-year custody battle. At 2:45 p.m. PST, the sobbing girl was carried to a vehicle and whisked away as dozens of media outlets and protesters looked on, bringing an end to a stand-off over the child's custody that had made headlines around the world.

### [CA: Custody case of Native American girl appealed to high court](#)

**Associated Press - March 22, 2016**

### [A 6-Year-Old Part-Choctaw Girl was Taken from Foster Parents After a Custody Battle \(Includes video\):](#)

**Parent Herald – March 22, 2016**

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### FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit forum's home page

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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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## [Many Stay Overnight to Protest Removal of Part Native American Girl from Santa Clarita Family](#)

ABC7 News - March 20, 2016

By Darsha Philips and Melissa MacBride

Dozens of family, friends and community members touched by a family's story gathered together Sunday against the removal of a partially Native American girl from her Santa Clarita foster home to live with extended family in Utah.

## [Broken: Choctaw Father in California Thwarted in Custody Battle With Foster Couple](#)

Indian Country Today Media Network.com - July 24, 2014

By Suzette Brewer

Baby A has been adrift in foster care for years. Born in November 2009, the child's non-Indian mother had disappeared soon after its birth. The father, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma who is from the Los Angeles area, took over raising the child and was described by friends and family as, says one, "a great father, who really tried his best to step up."

## EDUCATION

### State Judicial Branch Online Resources

#### Newslinks

This is a service that the Judicial Council's Communications Office puts together every day. If you would like to receive this service, please visit this [webpage](#). There is a sign up link on the horizontal blue bar near the top of the page.

#### Judicial Resources Network and 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 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.](#)

## Webinar

### [Violence Against American Indian And Alaska Native Women And Men: 2010 Findings From The National Intimate Partner And Sexual Violence Survey](#)

May 18, 2016 12:00 PM PST

Presented by: Dr. André B. Rosay, Director Justice Center, University of Alaska Anchorage

Facilitated by: Gwendolyn Packard, NIWRC Program Specialist

## Upcoming Conferences

### [Northern California Tribal Food Sovereignty Conference Restoring the Balance: A Tribal Food Sovereignty Gathering](#)

April 18-19, 2016

Yurok Tribe in Klamath, California

Register [here](#)

### [The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition Statewide Conference presents:](#)

April 26 - 28, 2016

Mesa, AZ

Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations: Striving for and Achieving Safety, Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations: A Statewide Conference for Service Providers

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## **Youth Courts: Creating Alternatives in Juvenile Justice Roundtable Discussion**

**April 28, 2016; 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Sacramento, CA

For additional information or to register: [Donna Strobel](#); (415) 865-8024

The California Association of Youth Courts in collaboration with the Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts is hosting an all-day roundtable on creating a youth court. This roundtable will highlight promising practices in youth courts and is open to all interested court staff, and justice and community partners.

## **[11<sup>th</sup> Annual Philanthropy Institute Raising Impact with Native Voices](#)** **[2016 Philanthropy Institute](#)**

**May 25-27, 2016**

San Diego, CA

Tribal Justice trailer to be featured and discussed at this conference.

## **Big Forum Meeting**

**June 2-3, 2016**

Los Angeles, California

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute and the Forum are cosponsoring a national gathering of representatives from forums throughout the country. For more information, please contact Jenny Walter at [jennifer.walter@jud.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.walter@jud.ca.gov)

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual State ICWA Conference: Protecting ICWA and Preserving Culture**

**June 6-8, 2016**

Pala Casino and Spa Resort

Hosted by the Pala Band of Mission Indians

Conference Fee: \$50

Registration Information to follow soon

Hotel Room Rate: \$129 per night; Reservations: 877-946-7252

Reference "ICWA" for rate; [www.palacasino.com](http://www.palacasino.com)

Please direct questions to Season or Debra, Pala Tribal Social Services Department at 760-742-8920.

## **Next In-Person Meeting of Forum**

**June 9, 2016**

Los Angeles, California

For more information, please contact Jenny Walter at [jennifer.walter@jud.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.walter@jud.ca.gov)

## **Native American Indian Judges Association Annual Conference**

**October 18-21, 2016**

Morongo, California

For more information, please contact Nikki Borchardt Campbell at [nikki@naicja.org](mailto:nikki@naicja.org)

## **FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

The [Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act](#) (S. 246) authorizes the establishment of a national commission that would study a broad range of issues affecting AI/AN children and families. Senator Heitkamp (D-ND) is the original co-sponsor. The bill has been reported out of committee and is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate. At a hearing in 2014, former Senator Byron Dorgan gave his support to the legislation, noting it is time that attention be brought to the challenges faced by AI/AN children, and that we work together to find solutions. Several members of SCIA also support this legislation. NICWA has endorsed this legislation and is working with Senator Heitkamp to address some concerns within the bill. This bill was approved by the Senate committee and is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate.

The [Native American Children's Safety Act](#) (S. 184 and H.R. 1168) establishes new mandates for tribal licensing of foster care and adoptive homes. The original co-sponsor of the Senate legislation is Senator Hoeven (R-ND), and the House bill co-sponsor is Representative Kevin Cramer (R-ND). The Senate and House bills have been reported out of their committees and are now awaiting consideration by the full

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Senate and House. Both the House and Senate bills have cleared their committees and are now awaiting consideration by the full House and Senate.

[Senator Wyden Solicits Comments on Child Welfare Reform Proposal](#) to expand reimbursement under the title IV-E program to allow for funding of in-home and other types of prevention services that can keep children safely in their homes without having to remove them. This proposal would also provide approximately \$470 million to the title IV-B Promoting Safe and Stable Families program. The expansion of funding and services to help reduce the number of children in foster care is similar to a FY2016 budget proposal from President Obama and is widely viewed as necessary to bring balance into the child welfare system, which has far more funding for services that require a child be removed from the home before receiving reimbursement for services. Tribes are eligible to operate both the title IV-E and Title IV-B programs and are encouraged to carefully study Senator Wyden's proposal. Senator Wyden is asking for comments on his proposal by June 12, 2016.

[International Megan's Law to Prevent Child Exploitation and Other Sexual Crimes Through Advanced Notification of Traveling Sex Offenders](#) The law is designed to alert foreign governments when a registered sexual offender travels abroad. It was named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted and killed in 1994 by a convicted sexual offender who lived in her neighborhood. Her death led to the original Megan's Law passed in 1996 requiring public notice when a sexual offender moves into a neighborhood. OJJDP provides programs and resources to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children at [OJJDP's Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children webpage](#).

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[SAMHSA's Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center](#) The Tribal TTA Center provides training and technical assistance (TTA) on mental and substance use disorders, suicide prevention, and the promotion of mental health. We offer Broad, Focused, and Intensive TTA to federally recognized tribes, other American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, SAMHSA tribal grantees, and organizations serving Indian Country.

[New Federal Grants Available for Tribal-State ICWA Programs](#)  
**Deadline: June 13, 2016**

[State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Implementation Partnership Grants](#)  
**Deadline: June 16, 2016**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support the creation of effective practice model partnerships between state courts and/or Court Improvement Program, state public child welfare agency and a tribe, group of tribes, or tribal consortia, including both the tribal child welfare agency and tribal court for effective implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 (Pub.L. 95-608).

Demonstration sites will be required to jointly develop protocols and practices to promote effective and timely:

- Identification of Indian children;
- Notice to tribes;
- Tribal participation as parties in hearings involving Indian children;
- Tribal intervention in dependency cases;
- Transfer of ICWA cases to tribal courts; and
- Placement of Indian children according to tribal preferences.

Partnership models must be co-created by states and tribes, jointly implemented, and designed to generate and capture clear, measurable outcomes such as:

- Compliance with identification methods;
- The number of Indian children identified;
- Length of time from removal or petition filed until identification is made;
- Number of notices sent;
- Length of time from identification until notice sent (state measure)
- Number of notices received (tribal measure)

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- Length of time for tribal intervention or participation; (tribal measure)
- Number of cases in which a tribe intervenes; (joint measure)
- Number of transfers; (joint measure); and
- Number of Indian children placed according to tribal placement preferences (joint measure).

## [U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Grant Information](#)

Criminal - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)  
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Victims of Crime - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)  
Tribal Justice- [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)

## [Police-Prosecution Partnership Initiative](#)

**Deadline: April 19, 2016**

The FY2016 Police-Prosecutor Collaboration Initiative seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based law enforcement strategies by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to partner in an effort to create effective, economical, and innovative responses to precipitous increases in crime within their jurisdictions.

## [Technology Innovation for Public Safety \(TIPS\)](#)

**Deadline: April 20, 2016**

The Justice Information Sharing Solutions Implementation Program is designed to promote innovation in the field to advance the state of the art in technology and information sharing that improves the criminal justice system.

## [Native American Tribes Outreach, Education, and Training to Enhance Food Safety and FSMA Compliance](#)

**Deadline: April 21, 2016**

FDA announces the availability of funding and requests applications for Native American Tribes, Outreach, Education and Training, for the purpose of Enhancing Food Safety and FSMA Compliance for fiscal year (FY) 2016. Projects will research and identify outreach, education, training and technical assistance needs; and develop and adapt materials; and deliver training that facilitate the integration and understanding of federal food safety regulations and guidance among Native American tribes involved in agricultural produce production and food manufacturing/process, while taking into account tribal historical, cultural, and regional agricultural production and processing practices.

## [Empowering Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities in Tribal Communities through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs Financed Solely by 2016 Prevention and Public Health Funds \(PPHF-2016\)](#)

**Deadline: April, 25, 2016**

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) 2016 funds to make two-year grants to approximately four tribal entities for chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) programming and infrastructure. Grantee Goals: Goal 1: Significantly increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities in tribal communities who participate in evidence-based self-management programs to empower them to better manage their chronic conditions; and Goal 2: Implement innovative funding arrangements to support the CDSME programs beyond the end of the grant period.

## **Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)**

**Deadline: April 25, 2016**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 THSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2016 THSGP's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas described in the Goal. The

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THSGP supports the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Mission to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

GPD Systems Branch (800) 865-4076 [GMD-Systems-Branch@fema.gov](mailto:GMD-Systems-Branch@fema.gov)  
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### **SMART FY 16 Sex Offender Management Fellowship Program**

**Deadline: April 25, 2016**

The SMART Office seeks to fund up to two fellowship positions focusing on enhancing its capacity to provide assistance and support to public or private colleges and universities on their response to, prevention of, and education about sexual violence and other sex offending behaviors on college campuses.

Faith Baker Associate Director Phone 202-305-2586 [Faith.Baker@usdoj.gov](mailto:Faith.Baker@usdoj.gov)

### **[OJJDP FY 16 National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program](#)**

**Deadline: April 26, 2016**

OJJDP is seeking proposals to support the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program—its central, primary source to conduct statistical analyses and disseminate juvenile justice data to the public. The activities completed under this program will assist OJJDP in fulfilling its responsibility to provide vital data to the field on juvenile well-being and risk behaviors, juvenile victimization and offending, the juvenile justice system's response to law-violating behavior, and related issues. These important data inform juvenile justice policy and practice at the federal, state, and local levels.

### **[Tribal Law Enforcement Funding Available from BJA to Test Untested Sexual Assault Kits, Prevent Sexual Assaults and Improve Criminal Justice Systems Response to Sexual Assault](#)**

**Deadline: April 26, 2016**

### **[Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces](#)**

**Deadline: April 28, 2016**

Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) Program Description: A. Purpose: To provide grants to eligible adaptive sports entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. Adaptive sports activities means: (1) instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports; (2) training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA employees, and other appropriate individuals; and (3) coordination, Paralympic classification of athletes, athlete assessment, sport-specific training techniques, program development (including programs at the local level), sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation, and other activities related to the implementation and operation of the program. B. See full text of NOFA for additional ASG Program details.

### **[Foster/Adoptive Parent Preparation, Training and Development Initiative](#)**

**Deadline: April 29, 2016**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research on the common characteristics of individuals and their foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability.

### **[Elder Abuse Prevention Demonstration Project: Planning Phase](#)**

**Deadline: May 2, 2016**

NIJ, in collaboration with other Federal agencies, is interested in funding a cooperative agreement to conduct a rigorous, multi-year demonstration project to prevent abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation among community-residing elderly individuals identified to be at risk. Ultimately, the demonstration project will include development and implementation of the intervention, and, pending funding, a rigorous scientific evaluation of its effectiveness. Successful proposals will develop an intervention that: 1) specifies a theory of change; 2) builds upon evidence-based violence prevention interventions in related areas; 3) identifies a rationale and strategy for selecting participants; and 4) is designed to be replicated, scaled up, and independently evaluated if the demonstration project indicates effectiveness in preventing elder abuse. Applicants may develop and test interventions to prevent either a single form or multiple forms of elder mistreatment. Initial funding under this solicitation will cover an 18-month planning phase. Upon successful completion of the planning phase, additional funding may become available to support the implementation of an 18-month pilot study.

## [Comprehensive Services for Victims of All Forms of Human Trafficking](#)

**Deadline: May 2, 2016**

The primary goal of this FY16 program is to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist victims of all forms of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended, by enhancing interagency collaboration and the coordinated community response to victims of human trafficking, and through the provision of high-quality services that address the individual needs of trafficking victims. This solicitation will provide funding to victim service organizations with a demonstrated history of providing services for victims of human trafficking. Funding under this program will support comprehensive services for all victims of human trafficking -- sex trafficking and labor trafficking, foreign national/U.S. citizen/legal permanent resident (LPR), adult/minor, male/ female, and LGBTQ victims of trafficking, among others. Funding will also support efforts to increase the capacity of communities to respond to human trafficking victims through the development of interagency partnerships, professional training, and public awareness activities.

## [2016 PHMSA HMEP Native American Tribes Grant Opportunity](#)

**Deadline: May 2, 2016**

The Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-615), authorizes DOT to provide assistance to public sector employees through training and planning grants to States, Territories, and federally recognized Native American Tribes for emergency response. The purpose of this grant program is to increase State, Territorial, Tribal, and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. This funding announcement is for Federally Recognized Native American Tribes only. States and Territories are to apply under the 2016 PHMSA HMEP State and Territory funding announcement in grants.gov.

## [Violence Against Women Research Consortium](#)

**Deadline: May 2, 2016**

NIJ seeks a research consortium focused on topical areas related to violence against women to include domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual violence, stalking, and teen dating violence. The research consortium is expected to be an interdisciplinary team of researchers representing expertise broadly across violence against women. The research consortium will support NIJ in a variety of research, evaluation, and planning tasks on an ongoing basis. The project will be awarded in the form of a cooperative agreement, which allows NIJ to serve as a partner and collaborator.

## [National Initiatives: Reaching Criminal Justice Policymakers](#)

**Deadline: May 3, 2016**

The purpose of this solicitation (program) is to provide the nations criminal justice policy-makers with objective, fact-based information, resources, and training and technical assistance (TTA), on timely and pressing criminal justice issues of potential concern to them. The intent is to support pathways for evidence-based best practices to reach policy-makers in various roles. This solicitation focuses on providers in two Category Areas that include the following: Category 1: Deliver TTA and strategic planning services to policy-makers at the State level, including Criminal Justice Advisors to Governors and to State Administering Agencies; and Category 2: Provide TTA to local policy-maker groups such as Mayors, County Executives, and their Advisors and Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils.

## [AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grants FY 2016](#)

**Deadline: May 4, 2016**

CNCS may award an AmeriCorps planning grant or an AmeriCorps program grant under this announcement. A planning grant provides support to a grant recipient for the development of an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to solve community problems. Grant recipients are awarded up to \$75,000 for a 12-month planning period and are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle. A planning grant may not be used to support AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps program grants are awarded to eligible applicants proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon



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successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust that members can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

### [Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs in Tribal Communities Financed Solely by 2016 Prevention and Public Health Funds](#)

**Deadline: May 9, 2016**

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) 2016 funds to make two-year grants to approximately four tribal entities for evidence-based falls prevention programming and infrastructure. Grantee Goals: Goal 1: Significantly increase the number of tribal older adults and older adults with disabilities at risk of falls in who participate in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risks; and Goal 2: Implement innovative funding arrangements to support the evidence-based falls prevention programs beyond the end of the grant period.

### [SMART FY 16 Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Development and Implementation of Sex Offender Treatment Standards](#)

**Deadline: May 9, 2016**

Based upon the growing body of research about the effectiveness of treatment for adults and juveniles who commit sex offenses, and in accordance with SORNA requirements, this solicitation supports the development and implementation of standards for the treatment of adult and juvenile sex offenders. Program-Specific Information The primary mission of the SMART Office is to assist jurisdictions in the implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA); a secondary mission is to support innovation and best practices in the field of sex offender management. SORNA requires, among other things, that eligible sex offenders register for specific durations.

### [SMART FY 16 Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Juvenile Treatment Progress Scale Development and Implementation](#)

**Deadline: May 9, 2016**

With this solicitation, the SMART Office seeks applications for funding the development and validation of a dynamic assessment tool for juveniles who commit sex offenses designed for use by professionals in measuring treatment needs and progress toward completion. The project objectives include: • Develop and validate a scale that incorporates dynamic (needs) factors that assesses a youth's progress in meeting treatment goals and treatment completion. • Incorporate the scale into a cognitive-behavioral treatment program and train providers on its use. • Evaluate the implementation, impact and efficacy of incorporating the scale into the treatment program. • Implement the scale in up to two sites and validate the scale in each. Applicants may validate an assessment scale currently available in the field or develop a tool for the purposes of this solicitation. A justification for the tool selected should be made and included in the proposal. Site Selection The assessment scale should be validated in up to two sites that are geographically and demographically diverse. The sites should have a minimum of 300 - 500 youth that can be included in the project. The applicant should provide evidence of the sites' case flow and population of juveniles who have committed sex offenses. The sites should have automated data and information systems in place capable of tracking juveniles who commit sex offenses in the study. Evidence of these data systems and their capabilities should be described in the application. Applicants may include financial incentives in their proposed project budgets to encourage site participation. The sites selected to participate in the project will not receive additional funding from the SMART Office to implement the validated assessment scale or to develop a tool. Applicants are encouraged to include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Letter of Intent from each site detailing their commitment to participate in the project in their submitted application. This document should be provided to SMART before an award is made

### [Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative](#)

**Deadline: May 10, 2016**

This program provides technical assistance that helps selected states develop or modify and implement policy and practice designed to help children and youth exposed to violence and their families, consistent with recommendations from the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence.

## [OJJDP FY 16 Assessing the Impact of Juvenile Justice Reforms Program](#)

**Deadline: May 23, 2016**

OJJDP seeks to award funding for assessing the effectiveness and/or cost efficiency of juvenile justice system reforms defined as systemic policy or practice changes within a locality or state that impact one or more segments of the juvenile justice system.

## [OJJDP FY 16 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs](#)

**Deadline: May 23, 2016**

Youth gangs continue to have a significant adverse impact on youth, families, and communities across America. A growing number of communities have adopted OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model, a multistrategy, multidisciplinary approach that has proven to be effective in reducing gang activity. The fiscal year 2016 Comprehensive Antigang Strategies and Programs solicitation provides funding for localities to enhance coordination of federal, state, and local resources in support of community partnerships implementing the following antigang programs: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and targeted gang enforcement.

## [Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects \(DRRP\) Program: Employment of Individuals with Disabilities \(Development\)](#)

**Deadline: May 24, 2016**

The purpose of NIDILRR's Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act). Under this particular DRRP priority, applicants must propose a development project that is aimed at improving the employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities. In carrying out a development project under this program, a grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create materials, devices, systems, or methods beneficial to the target population, including design and development of prototypes and processes. Please note that this will be the Funding Opportunity for field-initiated DRRP development projects in the employment domain. NIDILRR plans to make two field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain. NIDILRR's field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain may include research projects, development projects, or both, depending on the ranking of applications provided by the peer review panel.

## [Foster/Adoptive Parent Preparation, Training and Development Project](#)

**Deadline: May 27, 2016**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to an organization to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research on the common characteristics of individuals and their foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability. Common characteristics of families that are more likely to foster and/or adopt harder to place children/youth and are successful and remain committed to the relationship will be identified and integrated into the program.

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

**Deadline: May 31, 2016**

Intimate partner violence is a significant health and social problem among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, questioning and two-spirited communities and has serious physical health, mental health, and social consequences for its victims, their families, communities, and society-at-large. However, victims of intimate partner violence continue to face barriers when seeking trauma informed and culturally competent services to prevent and address such abuse. The intent of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Institute on Intimate Partner Violence grant program is to expand and enhance the capacity of both domestic violence and LGBTQ-

specific organizations to more effectively identify and respond to the unique needs of LGBTQ intimate partner violence victims. The successful applicant will be expected to: Inform the development of LGBTQ-specific intimate partner violence prevention and intervention strategies including screening and on-going assessment that can be replicated in local domestic violence and LGBTQ programs; Develop technical assistance resources, including promising practices, guidelines, information on evidence-informed, trauma-informed, and culturally-relevant programming to support LGBTQ individuals, families, and communities impacted by domestic violence; Provide an array of training, expertise, problem-solving strategies, and other forms of technical assistance to federal, state, and local governments, tribes, tribal organizations, domestic violence service providers, community-based organizations, LGBTQ service providers, and other professionals and interested parties, related to intimate partner violence intervention and prevention services for LGBTQ victims and their children; Assess the needs of culturally-specific LGBTQ sub-populations and provide innovative, evidence-informed, and culturally-relevant approaches to serving these communities; and Expand partnerships and collaborations between domestic violence providers, LGBTQ-specific organizations, social service agencies, and public health organizations.

### [FY2016 Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Historic Preservation Office](#)

**Deadline: May 31, 2016**

Program to provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historic preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under 54 USC 301 et seq. (commonly known as the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996, as amended through 2006).

### [Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants Program - 2016 NOFO](#)

**Deadline: May 31, 2016**

The goal of the competitive R2W Demonstration Grants is to find and test promising, replicable public transportation healthcare access solutions that support the following Rides to Wellness goals: increased access to care, improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. To support these goals, the R2W Demonstration Grants will: 1. Develop replicable, innovative, sustainable solutions to healthcare access challenges; 2. Foster local partnerships between health, transportation, home and community-based services and other sectors to collaboratively develop and support solutions that increase healthcare access; and 3. Demonstrate the impacts of transportation solutions on improved access to healthcare and health outcomes and reduced costs to the healthcare and transportation sectors.

### [OJJDP FY 2016 Family Drug Court Implementation and Enhancement Program](#)

**Deadline: May 31, 2016**

The Family Drug Courts program builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments to either implement new drug courts or enhance pre-existing drug courts for individuals with substance abuse disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders, including histories of trauma, who are involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse, neglect, and other parenting issues. Applicants must provide services to the parents in the program and their children. This program provides seed money, not long-term support. OJJDP expects successful applicants to develop and implement a sustainability plan during the grant period to continue operation of the family drug court when the grant ends.

### [Office of Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement](#)

**Deadline: June 3, 2016**

The purpose of this Planning Cooperative Agreement is to provide resources to Tribes interested in entering the Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP) and to existing Self-Governance Tribes interested in assuming new or expanded Programs, Services, Functions and Activities (PSFAs). Title V of the ISDEAA requires a Tribe or Tribal organization to complete a planning phase to the satisfaction of the Tribe. The planning phase must include legal and budgetary research and internal Tribal government planning and organization preparation relating to the administration of health care programs. See 25 U.S.C. 458aaa-2(d). The planning phase helps Tribes make informed decisions about which PSFAs to assume and what organizational changes or modifications are necessary to successfully support those PSFAs. A thorough planning phase improves timeliness and efficiency of negotiations and ensures that the Tribe is fully prepared to assume the transfer of Indian Health Service (IHS) PSFAs to the Tribal health program. A Planning Cooperative Agreement is not a prerequisite to enter the TSGP and a Tribe

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may use other resources to meet the planning requirements. Tribes that receive a Planning Cooperative Agreement are not obligated to participate in the TSGP and may choose to delay or decline participation based on the outcome of their planning activities. This also applies to existing Self-Governance Tribes exploring the option to expand their current PSFAs or assume additional PSFAs.

### [State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Implementation Partnership Grants](#)

**Deadline: June 12, 2016**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support the creation of effective practice model partnerships between state courts and/or Court Improvement Program, state public child welfare agency and a tribe, group of tribes, or tribal consortia, including both the tribal child welfare agency and tribal court for effective implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 (Pub.L. 95-608).

### [State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Implementation Partnership Grants](#)

**Deadline: June 13, 2016**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support the creation of effective practice model partnerships between state courts and/or Court Improvement Program, state public child welfare agency and a tribe, group of tribes, or tribal consortia, including both the tribal child welfare agency and tribal court for effective implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 (Pub.L. 95-608).

### [Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

**Deadline: July 31, 2016**

Grants are available for states, territories and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39.

### [FY 2016 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

**Deadline: September 30, 2016**

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 42 locations where land consolidation activities such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions are scheduled to take place through the middle of 2017. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with the eligible tribes that have jurisdiction over these 42 locations, as well as any locations that are added to the implementation schedule, to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts given 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. The Buy-Back Program will continue to expand to other reservations over the next several years, and tribes with jurisdiction over locations not yet scheduled for implementation will receive information about how they can participate once their reservations are scheduled. 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.

### [Exploratory Clinical Trials of Novel Interventions for Mental Disorders \(R61/R33\)](#)

**Deadline: October 14, 2016**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the efficient pilot testing of novel interventions for mental disorders in adults and children through 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. Studies of novel interventions include, but are not limited to behavioral, pharmacological, biologics-based, cognitive, device-based, interpersonal, physiological, or combined approaches. Support will be provided for up to two years (R61 phase) for preliminary milestone-driven

testing of the interventions engagement of the therapeutic target, possibly followed by up to 3 years of support (R33 phase) for studies to replicate target engagement and relate change in the intervention target to functional or clinical effects. 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.

### [Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect or Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention](#)

**Deadline: October 31, 2017**

In general, these funds should be used to support primary prevention (a.k.a., universal) programs and strategies which are available to all families, as well as secondary (a.k.a., targeted) prevention efforts, which target children and families at risk for abuse or neglect.

### [Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation](#)

**Deadline: Open**

Families of a disabled child and organizations helping disabled children, can apply for grants from Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation. At this time, Aidan's Red Envelope Foundation can only consider applicant families in the Southern California area. Grant awards are limited to \$5000. Grant Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

### [California Wellness Foundation](#)

**Deadline: Open**

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. Since its founding in 1992, Cal Wellness has awarded 7,690 grants totaling more than \$912 million.

### [Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents](#)

**Deadline: Open**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage 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 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, 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, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; 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 teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate 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.

### [Integrated Food Defense](#)

**Deadline: Open applications until April 2, 2019**

The Integrated Food Defense & Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement Program (IFD&ER CAP) grant awards are designed to generate food defense tools and resources that are easily replicated and can complement, aid in the development of, and/or improve State, local, Tribal and territorial (SLTT) food defense programs through unique, innovative, and reproducible projects. The known overlap between food safety (unintentional contamination) and food defense (intentional contamination) is extensive. And the pools of resources available are vast and sometimes difficult to locate and implement. As the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) recognizes the evolution of the relationship between food safety and food defense, it is critical that these programs be integrated to the maximum extent possible in order to ensure the most efficient use of resources, as well as to optimize responses to incidents and events.

## Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations

### **Deadline: Open**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities.

## Lannan Indigenous Communities Program

### **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.

## Notice of Intent Establishment of an Inter-tribal Technical Assistance Energy Providers Network

### **Deadline: Notice of Intent, due date not applicable**

The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy) intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in February, 2016 entitled “Establishment of an Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Providers Network”. Through this planned FOA, the Office of Indian Energy will continue its efforts to maximize the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives and together, with “inter-tribal organizations”, intends to provide tribal communities and Alaska Native villages the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement successful strategic energy solutions. It is envisioned that “inter-tribal organizations” will structure their technical assistance to best meet the needs of their member Indian tribes and/or Alaska Native villages, resulting in clear measurable outcomes or end-products that include a plan to become financially sufficient beyond DOE’s Office of Indian Energy funding. As part of these inter-tribal regional programs, it is envisioned that energy experts would: 1) Coordinate energy solutions among participating Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native regional corporations and village corporations); 2) Network with regional and national energy organizations; 3) Deliver technical assistance to participating Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native regional corporations and village corporations) within the region; 4) Build the human capacity of participating Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native regional corporations and village corporations) by providing information to Tribal leaders and staff through workshops or webinars; 5) Serve as an information clearinghouse; 6) Advise DOE’s Office of Indian Energy on the energy goals and needs within their region; and 7) Enhance DOE’s technical assistance network across Indian Country. The full Notice of Intent DE-FOA-0001452 is posted in the FOA Documents section of this NOI. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THIS NOTICE. Please do not submit questions or respond to this Notice of Intent. Prospective applicants to the FOA should begin developing partnerships, formulating ideas, and gathering data in anticipation of the issuance of this FOA. DOE plans to issue the FOA in or around the first calendar quarter in 2016. In order to apply, any interested applicants must first register and create an account on the EERE eXCHANGE website. A User Guide for EERE eXCHANGE can be found on the EERE website <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx> after logging in to the system.

## Surdna Foundation- Teens’ Artistic and Cultural Advancement

### **Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)**

This foundation seeks organizations that have a proven and longstanding commitment to serving teens and that emphasize skill building. This funding is designed to:

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;

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- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;
- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens' success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.

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

#### **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.