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FORUM NEWS

[Senate Committee on the Judiciary Holds Hearing on Nomination of Judge Sunshine Suzanne Sykes to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California](#)

Senate Committee on the Judiciary – February 1, 2022
Watch the Confirmation hearing held on February 1, 2022.

[Justice Patricia Guerrero Nominated to California Supreme Court](#)

California Courts Newsroom – February 15, 2022
Gov. Gavin Newsom today announced his nomination of Fourth District Court of Appeal [Justice Patricia Guerrero](#) to serve as an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court. A widely respected jurist with extensive experience as an appellate justice, trial court judge, partner at a major law firm and Assistant U.S. Attorney, Justice Guerrero is a first-generation Californian who would be the first Latina to serve on the California Supreme Court.

IN THE NEWS

[Indian Child Welfare Act Unanimously Passes Committee](#)

Grant County Beat - January 31, 2022
HB 135, the Indian Child Welfare Act, which would require New Mexico's Children Youth and Families Division (CYFD) to prioritize placing Native American children within their tribes and keeping Native families together, passed the House Health & Human Services Committee this morning with a unanimous bipartisan vote. HB 135 would also require CYFD to help children determine and establish tribal membership. Placing Native children within their tribe would protect family units and preserve traditions and cultures. This bill would provide many of the same protections for New Mexico's Native American children as the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, which is currently before the US Supreme Court and could be struck down.

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[Tribe Says Calif. Judge Ignored Tribal Court's Orders](#)

Law 360 – January 31, 2022

The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians sued a California state judge in California federal court on Saturday, claiming the judge ignored multiple tribal court orders finding that the tribe's decade-long dispute with a construction contractor hired to work on a since-abandoned casino project belongs in tribal court.

[Native American tribes reach landmark opioid deal with Johnson & Johnson distributors for up to \\$665 million](#)

Washington Post - February 02, 2022

Hundreds of Native American tribes, devastated disproportionately in the opioid epidemic, tentatively agreed to settle with the country's three major drug distributors and Johnson & Johnson for \$665 million. McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen would pay \$515 million over seven years and Johnson & Johnson would contribute \$150 million in two years to the federally recognized tribes, resolving litigation in dozens of states with tribal reservations, according to documents filed Tuesday in federal court in Cleveland. The tribes claim they were saturated by highly addictive painkillers manufactured by J&J and shipped by the distributors without regard for the clear signs of abuse and death. Overseen by a panel of tribal health experts, the money from this deal would go toward programs that aid drug users and their communities - a help to tribal governments bearing severe financial burdens for the health care, social services, child welfare and law enforcement resources expended during the opioid crisis.

Also: [Tentative Opioid Settlement Reached for 418 Federally Recognized Tribes](#)

[Legislation would keep Native American children in their communities](#)

(Includes video)

KRQE - February 03, 2022

Legislation that aims to keep Native American children in their communities is headed to the house floor for a vote. The Indian Family Protection Act would specify how the state should handle the custody of Native American children while in CYFD care. The bill aims to prevent the placement of Native American children with guardians outside their family or tribe. The legislation's sponsor, Rep. Georgene Louis, says some of this is already covered in part by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, but this legislation goes further.

Also: [HB135: New Mexico 2022, Indian Family Protection Act](#)

[Bill takes on 'excessive removal of Native American children from their homes'](#)

Salt Lake Tribune - February 03, 2022

Utah continues to neglect Indigenous children and families, tribal community leaders and experts told members of the Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions on Monday. Indigenous leaders hope the bill SB28 would fix some of the inequities which have plagued Indigenous residents of Utah for the last 126 years. The bill creates an Office of American Indian-Alaska Native Health and Family Services under the Utah Department of Health and Human Services to make sure that Indigenous children and families get protection when they enter the state's child welfare system. SB28 also moves the Indian Child Welfare Act Liaison and the American Indian-Alaskan Native Health Liaison from two different state agencies and brings both roles into the merging Utah Department of Health and Human Services. The merger is expected to take effect in July.

Also: [SB28](#)

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.

[Native communities need our children](#) (Opinion)

Santa Fe New Mexican - February 04, 2022

As a Native American woman, I know the importance of family and community support firsthand. I became a young mother when I was a sophomore in high school. My incredible intergenerational family offered me support and helped me raise my daughter so I could finish high school then complete my bachelor's and law degrees. Native communities are families, and we have supported each other for generations. As a state legislator, I am proud to carry the critical needs of our tribes, nations and pueblos to the New Mexico Capitol. During this 2022 legislative session, I am working to pass House Bill 135, the Indian Family Protection Act, to ensure Native families in New Mexico have better rights within the child welfare system. Tribal leaders, tribal child welfare workers, advocates, and impacted families have come together to craft the act.

Also: [House Bill 135, the Indian Family Protection Act](#)

[NM House Approves Bill Keeping Native Foster Children With Tribes](#)

(Includes audio)

KSFR - February 06, 2022

The New Mexico House has passed the Indian Family Protection Act. The bill is designed to keep Native American children in the state foster system with their tribes. The federal Indian Child Welfare Act was passed by Congress in 1987 after studies showed a large number of Native American children were being placed outside of their communities even when suitable relatives were available. But that law is before the U.S. Supreme Court and may be struck down. That would leave such rules up to the states. The New Mexico bill is similar to legislation passed in other states. Sponsor Representative Georgene Louis of Albuquerque says the bill will protect Native children and their culture.

Also: [Indian Child Welfare Act Passes House with Bipartisan Support](#)

Also: [HB 135](#)

[The dark legacy of Canada's residential schools, where thousands of children died](#) (video)

60 Minutes – February 6, 2022

Last year, archeologists detected what they believed to be 200 unmarked graves at a residential school in Canada, bringing new attention to one of the country's most shameful chapters. Anderson Cooper reports.

[Canada's unmarked graves: How residential schools carried out "cultural genocide" against indigenous children](#) (Video)

CBS News - February 06, 2022

Last year, when archeologists detected what they believed to be 200 unmarked graves at an old school in Canada, it brought new attention to one of the most shameful chapters of that nation's history. Starting in the 1880's and for much of the 20th century, more than 150,000 children from hundreds of indigenous communities across Canada were forcibly taken from their parents by the government and sent to what were called Residential Schools. Funded by the state and run by churches, they were designed to assimilate and Christianize indigenous children by ripping them from their parents, their culture, and their community. The children were often referred to as savages and forbidden from speaking their languages or practicing their traditions. Many were physically and sexually abused, and thousands of children never made it home.

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Also: [Indian Child Welfare Act Passes House with Bipartisan Support](#)

Also: [HB 135](#)

[A Gladue report changed his life. Like many other marginalized offenders, he didn't know it was his right](#)

CBC – February 6, 2022

Gladue reports present circumstances of a self-identified Indigenous accused's life for a judge to consider while deciding on a sentence. These can include personal and community histories, and traumas such as colonialism

and its ongoing impacts. Even though Gladue reports are a right for every Indigenous person who appears in court — thanks to two court decisions from 1999 and 2012 — not everyone is aware of their right to them, or has access to Gladue report writers. Saskatchewan in particular ranks near the bottom of the country for the use of Gladue reports, according to data from the Aboriginal Legal Society, which intervened in the landmark 1999 court case.

[Rep. Golden introduces bill to allow Maine tribes to benefit from future federal Indian laws](#) (Includes audio)

Portland Press Herald - February 10, 2022

Rep. Jared Golden introduced a bill Thursday that would allow Maine's Indian tribes to benefit from new federal laws that might dilute Maine's jurisdictional authority over them. Maine tribes have been excluded from federal laws and programs under an agreement negotiated with the state decades ago, and have long sought to benefit from changes to federal law that apply to all other tribes. The measure proposed by Golden, a Democrat representing Maine's 2nd Congressional District, was announced along with statements of support from the chiefs of three of Maine's four tribes. It would only apply to future laws, though it has language that will allow the Houlton Band of Maliseet and Aroostook Band of Micmacs (also spelled Mi'kmaq) to join the other two Maine tribes in benefiting from the Indian Child Welfare Act. That 1978 law increases a tribal court's authority in child custody matters and limits a state's ability to remove Indian children from their families.

[Introduction of VAWA Reauthorization Bill is a Major Step Forward For Tribal Communities](#)

Friends Committee on National Legislation – February 11, 2022

On Feb. 9, Sens. Lisa Murkowski (AK), Dianne Feinstein (CA), Joni Ernst (IA), and Dick Durbin (IL) finally introduced their bipartisan bill (S. 3623) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The legislation represents a significant step forward for tribal nations, where domestic and sexual violence occurs at unparalleled rates, and where cases involving murder or sexual assault frequently go unprosecuted.

[Keeping Native children in community is cultural preservation](#)

KRWG Public Media – February 12, 2022

Indigenous people across New Mexico have a clear understanding and memory of the disastrous effects that family separation has had on the development of our communities, especially the removal of our children, leading to many deep wounds that we continue to try and heal. This 30-day legislative session, Indigenous families and leaders are sending the clear message that the protection of Native children's connection to their people and community is vital for their, and their communities well being. This message comes through House Bill 135 –the 'Indian Family Protection Act'. Because ensuring that our Native children remain in their communities is integral to our cultural guardianship.

[Path to Federal Foster Care Prevention Funds Overlooks Tribal Programs, Experts Say](#)

Imprint - February 15, 2022

When Indigenous communities seek to support and heal their wounded children and families, they often turn to time-tested practices that haven't been measured by statistical models, causal inferences and confounding factors. But under a sweeping change to federal funding for the child welfare system, only programs that meet rigorous, Western-defined scientific standards can expect to draw on the potentially unlimited entitlement funds. Proponents say that ensures the programs are grounded in solid evidence, and merit the public spending.

[VAWA bill in Senate would expand power of up to 30 Alaska tribal courts](#)

Alaska Public Media – February 15, 2022

To help tackle the high rates of violence in Alaska Native villages, a [bill](#) in Congress would expand tribal court jurisdiction for up to 30 Alaska tribes. Tribes in the pilot program would be able to try and sentence anyone who commits domestic violence, rape or related crimes in their villages, even if the offender is non-Native.

[Killing the Indian in the Heart of the Child | Storyteller](#)

TRT World – February 16, 2022

The Indian Act, or “Acte des Sauvages”, adopted in 1876 and which remains in effect, conferred sweeping powers over First Nations people by the federal government of the time, so that it could voluntarily reject their civilisation and culture in the name of a policy of forced assimilation. The spearhead of this policy was a brutal child education programme. For over a century, tens of thousands of young Indigenous children were forcibly taken from their parents and placed in boarding schools run by religious communities, where they were prey to violence and humiliation. They had to “kill off the Indian in them”.

[9th Circ. Says Ex-Nooksack Citizen Is Under Tribal Jurisdiction](#)

Law 360 – February 16, 2022

The Ninth Circuit has ruled that the Nooksack Indian Tribe's court has jurisdiction in criminal proceedings against a former tribal citizen, saying that despite her claims of harassment by the tribal court's chief judge, she hasn't shown that the judge had acted in bad faith.

[New Mexico's first Native family court points to success keeping kids in tribal communities](#)

Youth Today - February 21, 2022

Veronica Krupnick, a member of the Hopi Tribe who also has Navajo and Jemez Pueblo heritage, was six years old when she entered New Mexico's child welfare system, ultimately severing her connections to her family, community and culture. Today, a case like Krupnick's would come before New Mexico's Native family court, which was inaugurated in January, 2020, with the intention of helping prevent the separation of Indigenous children from their families and tribes. The court, based in Albuquerque, is dedicated to hearing child welfare cases that fall under the Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA. Child welfare advocates, attorneys and court officials say the court has already achieved success in keeping families together by strengthening tribal involvement.

[Tribe grapples with missing women crisis on California coast](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – February 20, 2022

A 2021 report by a government watchdog found the true number of missing and murdered Indigenous women is unknown due to reporting problems, distrust of law enforcement and jurisdictional conflicts. But Native women face murder rates almost three times those of white women overall — and up to 10 times the national average in certain locations, according to a 2021 summary of the existing research by the National Congress of American Indians. More than 80% have experienced violence.

[Congress Could Finally Bring Some Justice for Native Women](#)

New Republic – February 21, 2022

The proposed reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act would allow tribal authorities to prosecute non-Native offenders for crimes against women and children.

[Court will assess double-jeopardy claim with implications for tribal sovereignty](#)

SCOTUS Blog – February 22, 2022

On Tuesday, in [*Denezpi v. United States*](#), the Supreme Court will examine whether a previous action in the Court of Indian Offenses of the Ute Mountain Ute Agency for criminal acts committed on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation prevents the United States from bringing criminal charges against a defendant in federal court for the same act. The Fifth Amendment of U.S. Constitution protects individuals from being prosecuted twice for the same offense – the right to be free of double jeopardy. Merle Denezpi, the defendant in the underlying cases, asserts that his prosecution in federal court after a conviction in the Court of Indian Offenses violated his right under that constitutional provision. The outcome of the case will depend on what sovereign – tribal or federal – is the source of authority for Denezpi's initial prosecution in the Court of Indian Offenses.

[UAA researchers hope to move child welfare away from separation and toward community building](#)

Alaska Public Media - February 23, 2022

When a child enters the foster care system, it often means being removed from their family, a traumatic process that disproportionately impacts Native children. A new study from the University of Alaska Anchorage explores alternative child welfare strategies to limit family separation. Of the more than 3,000 Alaska children in out-of-home care, roughly two-thirds of them are Alaska Native or American Indian. Alaska Native people only make up a fifth of the state's population.

Also: [A Connectedness Framework: Breaking the Cycle of Child Removal for Black and Indigenous Children](#)

[Native activists hail passage of New Mexico Indian Family Protection Act](#)

Youth Today - February 23, 2022

New Mexico lawmakers have passed a bill that strengthens protections for Native American children in state care. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham is expected to sign it into law soon. The New Mexico Indian Family Protection Act enshrines in state law key provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, which gives preference to Native families and communities when it comes to fostering or adopting Indigenous children.

Also: [HB 135: Indian Family Protection Act](#)

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[Calif. Judge Says Tribe Can't Block Judgments In Casino Row](#)

Law 360 – February 24, 2022

The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians cannot use a federal court to appeal pending judgments made in a California state court as part of a decade-long dispute over a since-abandoned casino project, according to a judge being sued by the tribe.

[High Court To Hear Indian Child Welfare Act Case](#)

Law 360 – February 28, 2022

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday agreed to take up four petitions challenging a highly complicated en banc Fifth Circuit decision on the Indian Child Welfare Act, with Texas and other opponents claiming the law is unconstitutionally race-based and tribes and the federal government saying the law draws on political classifications that are backed by the high court's precedent.

[Supreme Court to Hear Challenge to Law on Adopting Native American Children](#) (May require subscription)

New York Times - February 28, 2022

The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to hear a challenge to the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, which makes it hard to remove Native American children from their parents, their tribes and their heritage. The law, which calls for special procedures in adoptions, was rooted in the sovereignty of Indian nations and a history of abusive child welfare practices involving Native American children. Before the law was enacted, hundreds of thousands of Native children were taken from their homes, sometimes by force, and placed in institutions or with families with no ties to their tribes.

Also: [Four National Native Organizations Statement on U.S. Supreme Hearing Challenge to ICWA](#)

PUBLICATIONS

The [Healing Indigenous Lives: Native Youth Town Halls](#) report is available online. The report highlights juvenile justice and public safety concerns and recommendations from Tribal youth ages 14–24.

Held in July 2020, the youth-led town hall meetings are part of the Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative, supported by OJJDP and [United National Indian Tribal Youth](#) (UNITY). More than 155 Native youth participated and provided feedback. Their input will help OJJDP develop programs to improve outcomes for Native youth, enhance public safety, promote accountability, and empower communities.

In fiscal year 2021, OJJDP [awarded](#) \$14.2 million for Tribal youth initiatives. OJJDP continues to support Tribal youth programs and initiatives, including the [Tribal Youth Program](#) and [Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts](#) under the Department of Justice's [Fiscal Year 2022 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

[Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women: New Efforts Are Underway but Opportunities Exist to Improve the Federal Response](#) GAO-22-104045; GAO Report to Congressional Requesters. United States Government Accountability Office. 2021

[Assessing Legal Issues and Challenges Faced in Indigenous Legal Advocacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Interim Report \[Canada\]](#). Snyder, Emily. Anderson, Christy. Indigenous Bar Association. 2021

[Joint Jurisdiction Courts Needs Assessment Summary](#)

[Joint Jurisdiction Courts Needs Assessment: Findings \(Full Report\)](#)

Tribal, state, federal and local courts have overlapping jurisdictions and face common challenges and resource limitations. To address these concerns, several jurisdictions have come together in a joint jurisdictional model that acknowledges each other's autonomy, while sharing resources for better outcomes for everyone. In September 2019, the [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#), in collaboration with the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#), disseminated a needs assessment survey to the joint jurisdiction courts known to be operational. TLPI gathered information on (1) the courts' approach, design, and development; (2) the courts' operations; (3) the court-connected services; (4) the court collaboration and coordination; (5) court record management and evaluation; and (6) techniques to sustain the courts. TLPI developed [a full report of findings](#), as well as [a summary report](#). The needs assessment survey

responses showed that these courts share similar characteristics and face similar challenges. The [full report](#) provides details on the findings of the needs assessment survey, including an overview of the lessons learned, the effectiveness of joint jurisdiction courts, and the funding needed to support their implementation, sustainability, and growth.

[Cultural Adaptation of the Mothers and Babies Intervention for Use in Tribal Communities](#)

Erin A Ward, Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs, Emma E. Gier, Linda Littlefield, S. Darius Tandon: *Frontiers In Psychiatry*

Objective: While one in five women may experience mood and anxiety disorders during pregnancy and postpartum, Indigenous identity increases that risk by 62%, especially among younger Indigenous women. The need for evidence-based perinatal mental health interventions that provide culturally relevant well-being perspectives and practices is critical to improving maternal, child, and community outcomes for Indigenous peoples, and reducing health inequities.

Methods: Through a collaboration between community maternal and child health professionals, intervention researchers, and a cultural consultant, our workgroup developed cultural adaptations to Mothers and Babies, an evidence-based perinatal depression prevention intervention. Applying a cultural interface model, the workgroup identified existing intervention content for surface adaptations, as well as deep, conceptual adaptations to incorporate traditional teachings into this evidence-based intervention.

Results: This collaboration developed a culturally adapted facilitator manual for intervention providers, including guidance for implementation and further adaptation to represent local tribal culture, and a culturally adapted participant workbook for Indigenous perinatal women that reflects cultural teachings and traditional practices to promote well-being for mother and baby.

[Indigenous Bar Association in Canada 2020-2021 Annual Report: First Annual Report.](#) Indigenous Bar Association. 2021

[Statistical Briefing Book Updates Data Snapshot on Teen Dating Violence](#)

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) with a new [Data Snapshot](#) on teen dating violence. The snapshot draws on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System](#) to document the trends and characteristics of exposure to dating violence reported by high school students. The data show the prevalence of physical and sexual dating violence reported by students declined overall between 2013 and 2019.

[2021 Trafficking in Persons Report: The Impact COVID-19 Had on Sexual Exploitation](#)

This year's TIP report sends a strong message—[global crises like the COVID-19 pandemic compound existing vulnerabilities](#) to exploitation and create an ideal environment for human trafficking to evolve and flourish.

[Federally Backed Human Trafficking Task Force Model Yields Progress, and Opportunities for Continued Growth](#)

- This article summarizes the Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) to Combat Human Trafficking task force study, with a focus on major findings and conclusions, and recommendations for policy and practice. The ECM task force model was developed and implemented by the federal Office for Victims of Crime and Bureau of Justice Assistance. | [NIJ](#)

[Healing Indigenous Lives Native Youth Town Halls Report](#) - Tribal youth ages 14-24 provide community insight, feedback and recommendations for juvenile justice and public safety. | [OJJDP](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OJJDP is accepting applications to serve on the [Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice](#) (FACJJ). Composed of members of state advisory groups (SAG) on juvenile justice, the committee advises the President and Congress on matters related to juvenile justice, evaluates the progress and accomplishments of juvenile justice activities and projects, and advises the OJJDP Administrator on the work of OJJDP. All eligible SAG members are invited to apply. Candidates must be SAG members at the time of application and throughout their entire term. Selected FACJJ members will serve a 2-year term with the possibility of renewal for another 2-year term. Download and submit the [membership application](#) along with a [Certification of No Conflict and Non-Disclosure form](#) and resume to Maegen Currie at

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Maegen.Currie@ojp.usdoj.gov. For additional information, contact Cara Blair at Cara.Blair@ojp.usdoj.gov. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2022.

[The California Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) (Cal ICH) is seeking partnership with federally recognized tribes and stakeholders in the development of a tribal grant program, including an application process that meets the needs of tribal communities, and is seeking feedback as to how Cal ICH can best support federally recognized tribes in their goals to prevent and end homelessness in their communities. The Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program includes a \$20 million tribal allocation of flexible funding for each of the next two years to assist federally recognized tribes to help prevent and end homelessness within their communities in culturally appropriate, meaningful ways. This includes, but is not limited to, strengthening crisis response systems, services coordination, strengthening partnerships between systems, permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, prevention, interim sheltering, and more. Listening Sessions will be held in **March 2022** regarding the development of an application and Notice of Funding Announcement that meets the needs of tribal communities. Reach out to Vevila.Hussey@bcsh.ca.gov for additional information.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Faith and Native Communities: Fighting for Freedom of – and from – Religion](#)

Columbia Law School (Live event filmed February 24, 2022)

Matthew Fletcher and April Youpee-Roll

The U.S government has long restricted—and even criminalized—many faith practices of Native American communities. Today, tribes across the country continue to bring religious liberty suits to defend their members' religious exercise: most notably, to protect religious sites from environmental and spiritual degradation. At the same time, laws intended to protect religious exercise can also harm Native people by making them vulnerable to discrimination by religiously affiliated groups, such as foster care agencies.

In this panel, Professor Matthew Fletcher and attorney April Youpee-Roll discussed protecting Native American communities' right to religious exercise and their right to be free from religiously motivated discrimination. The discussion was moderated by Liz Reiner Platt, Director of the Law, Rights and Religion Project at Columbia Law School. This event is hosted by the Law, Rights and Religion Project and Columbia Law School's NALSA Chapter.

[Tribal Oriented Policing Strategies Online Training Program](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center - Fox Valley Technical College

The Tribal Oriented Policing Strategies Online Training Program fosters the use of organized problem-solving law enforcement and community teams to address key challenges, improve public safety, and enhance community quality of life. Review key principles learned during the TOPS classroom training. Topics include: defining community policing, successful community policing strategy, fostering positive community ethics, partnership building, and communication strategies. You will also learn about a six-step problem-solving model you can use to address specific needs in your community that brings results.

[Gun Violence Resource Hub Available](#) - Developed with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance team has launched a new resource, the Gun Violence Resource Hub (GVRH). The GVRH is a compilation of approaches to combating gun violence from across the nation. It includes approaches that are implemented by law enforcement agencies as well as a broad range of other organizations such as hospitals, community organizations, and prosecutors' offices. | [BJA](#)

[OVC Launches Materials to Support Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking](#) - Designed for youth, aged 12–18, these new materials include three graphic novels that feature young characters who are involved in the justice system as a witness or victim of human trafficking, and a companion piece about a victim's or witness' rights and the roles of the people they might meet. | [OVC](#)

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

[The 36th Annual Coming Together of Peoples Conference: Past, Present and Future: The 20 Years of the Tribal Supreme Court Project](#)

**The Indigenous Law Students' Association Wisconsin Law School
Virtual Event – March 3-5, 2022**

The 36th Annual Coming Together of Peoples Conference is taking place March 3rd through March 5th. This conference is the longest-running Federal Indian Law conference in the country. The areas of Federal Indian law that this year's conference encompass a multitude of subjects, cases, and experts, such as: the success of tribes at the United States Supreme Court; the newly amended Oneida gaming compact and its impact on the future of Wisconsin gaming; the current state of ICWA; an Ethics panel, and more. Aurene Martin (UW '93), Managing Partner and Founding Member of Spirit Rock Consulting will deliver the keynote address. The conference has been approved for 11 (1.5EPR) CLE credits in the state of Wisconsin, CLE credits are pending for the state of Minnesota.

[2022 National Child Abuse and Neglect Institute](#)

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
March 29 - April 1, 2022**

Time: 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST / 10:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges \(NCJFCJ\)'s Child Abuse and Neglect Institute \(CANI\)](#) has been providing training to judges overseeing dependency cases for over 20 years. Taught by expert judicial faculty and other subject matter experts, CANI aims to deliver exemplary instruction on the knowledge and skills necessary to preside over effective child abuse and neglect court processes and to improve outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system.

[40th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

**National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)
April 3-6, 2022**

Location: Orlando, Florida Or Virtual Attendance

The conference will host more than fifty 90-minute presentations, which are selected to lead vigorous dialogue about best practices, current research, advocacy efforts, policy implications, and other lessons learned with over 1,400 conference attendees.

[Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Legal Update](#) (Webinar)

**Judicial Council of California, Tribal/State Programs Unit
April 6, 2022 12:15pm – 1:15pm**

Speakers: Judge Shawna Schwarz, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; and Judge Mark Vezzola, Chief Judge of the Pala Band of Mission Indians and Chemehuevi Indian Tribal Courts
Over the last several years there have been changes to California law implementing the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act, and in particular the requirements concerning inquiry and tribal engagement and notification. These were once again the subjects of appellate review this last year. Our experts will examine the themes in these cases, what courts are struggling with, and possible solutions and best practices around inquiry, notice and tribal engagement and participation more generally.
Qualifies for 1:00 hour MCLE, Court staff and Judicial Officers.

Bay Area ICWA Symposium

**Virtual Symposium--*Registration Link Coming Soon*
April 7-8, 2022**

Symposium goals: •Build ICWA champions •Highlight ICWA best practices •Enhance skills to improve outcomes for Native American families •Strengthen relationships between tribes, urban American Indian/Alaska Native communities, courts, county child welfare agencies and schools of social work •Provide legal updates
*If you have questions, comments or registration questions, please contact: Vida Castaneda at vida.castaneda@jud.ca.gov

[International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimagining Justice](#)

**End Violence Against Women International
Virtual & In-Person
April 19-21, 2022**

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

Our annual conferences focus on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. We consistently bring together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

[34th Annual Indian Law Symposium: Restatement of the Law of American Indians-Part 2](#)

University of Washington, School of Law

Virtual & In-Person

April 21-22, 2022

Part 2 will focus exclusively on the forthcoming Restatement of [The Law of American Indians](#). The presenters will all be from the group of experts who participated in the drafting of the Restatement. The event will be cosponsored with the [Washington Law Review](#) and supported by the [American Law Institute](#).

We will be requesting 13.5 Law & Legal CLE credits total for Part 2 of the 34th Annual Indian Law Symposium.

[2022 California Foster Youth Education Summit](#)

April 25-26, 2022

Hyatt Hotel Monterey

We are looking for workshops that can help create hope and resilience for our youth in foster care. Workshops are 90 minutes in length. If you would like to submit a workshop proposal, [click here to complete the online form](#). Submissions are due by December 13, 2021.

[4th Annual BAA Trauma Conference](#)

Virtual Conference

April 27-28, 2022 & May 4-5, 2022

This conference will present innovations in resilience-building and understanding of the cultural impact of trauma and an examination of the Child Welfare System to promote improved outcomes. The conference aims to inspire and inform participants, from frontline workers to executive leadership, regarding trauma-informed services and strategies that promote resilience and whole-person approaches in public agencies that serve historically traumatized communities. **Deadline** for [proposal submissions](#) is Sunday, January 16, 2022, 11:59 pm PST.

[2022 California Statewide I.C.W.A. Conference](#)

June 13 & 14, 2022

Presented by the California Tribal Families Coalition, The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and the California Department of Social Services

Hybrid Format - online and in person at 5469 Casino Way - El Cajon, CA 92019

[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

****Rescheduled Date to: December 6-9, 2022**

Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California

OVC has rescheduled the 17th National Indian Nations Conference for December 6-9, 2022.

This conference will focus on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and provide training for victim service providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; judges; medical and mental health professionals; social workers; and victim advocates at the tribal, federal, state, and local levels. If you have questions, please email IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com.

Call for Presentations

OVC is seeking subject matter experts to present at the conference. If interested, review the [presentation guidelines and requirements](#) and submit your proposal for consideration. All presentations will be considered for the rescheduled date.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT–STATE COURT FORUM

EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS

Deadline: September 30, 2022

EDA's American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities NOFO is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. For additional information: <http://www.eda.gov/>

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Program Activities

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

OS-PAW-20-001

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

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19..." (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

Please Contact:

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

[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19

With the continued spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), NCAI is committed to supporting Indian Country and lifting up our communities as we continue to combat this global pandemic. Keeping in mind the needs of our tribal nations, NCAI is awarding \$5,000 to various tribal nations that have been affected by this pandemic through NCAI's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for Indian Country.

Applications guidelines are located [here](#). NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, Vice President of Development, cweaver@ncai.org

Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

- FEMA assistance for tribal nations related to COVID-19, click [here](#).
- What expenses qualify as Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, click [here](#).
- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI's COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM

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

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

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

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized a new [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). This benefit will provide a discount of \$50 per month for eligible low-income households or \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands to cover internet bills, as well as provide discounts on some devices. This program can also be combined with Lifeline benefits. The FCC has developed a [consumer FAQ](#), which provides information about eligibility and program details.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171029

Deadline: March 22, 2022

Through the OVW Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Program (Tribal Jurisdiction Program) (CFDA# 16.025), Indian tribes receive support to exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) and technical assistance (TA) for planning and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise the jurisdiction. The program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, probation, victim service providers, and other partners to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders in the Indian country of the participating tribe are held accountable.

[Native American Elder Justice Initiative](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2022-ACL-AOA-IERC-0070

Deadline: March 26, 2022

The Native American Elder Justice Initiative (NAEJI) will address the need for more culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in Indian Country.

[Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Solicitation](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171079

Deadline: March 28, 2022

Funds may be used to: develop or enhance population specific victim services; develop or enhance outreach strategies to reach underserved survivors; build the capacity of population specific organizations to serve survivors of these crimes; build the capacity of victim service providers to provide victim services that are population specific; train and educate community partners and the criminal justice system on the needs of survivors from underserved populations; and develop culturally and linguistically appropriate materials for underserved survivors.

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

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171053

Deadline: March 28, 2022

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 20122. The goal of the Disability Grant Program (CFDA# 16.529) is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that improves the response to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable.

[Services Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

TI-22-003

Deadline: April 4, 2022

The purpose of this SAMHSA grant program is to provide comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services, recovery support services, and harm reduction interventions to pregnant and postpartum women across a continuum of specialty SUD residential and outpatient levels of care, based on comprehensive, individualized screenings and assessments that inform treatment planning and service delivery in a continuous care model.

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

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171085

Grants.gov Deadline: April 07, 2022

Application JustGrants Deadline: April 12, 2022

The Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (EM) Program solicitation is one of two solicitations issued under the Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men (CYEM) Program (CFDA# 16.888), which is authorized by annual federal appropriations acts. The other program solicitation is the Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program (CY). Applicants interested in developing projects to serve children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking should submit a proposal under the OVW FY 2022 CY Program solicitation.

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

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171033

Grants.gov Deadline: April 07, 2022

Application JustGrants Deadline: April 12, 2022

The Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth (CY) Program solicitation is one of two solicitations issued under the Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men (CYEM) Program (CFDA# 16.888) appropriation, which is authorized by annual federal appropriations acts. The other program solicitation is the Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (EM) Program. Applicants interested in developing projects to engage men and boys as allies should submit a proposal under the OVW Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 EM solicitation.

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

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171078

Deadline: April 7, 2022

The Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) (CFDA# 16.589) supports efforts to enhance the safety of rural victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

[Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171039

Grants.gov Deadline: April 19, 2022

Application JustGrants Deadline: April 21, 2022

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C § 12511(e). The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) (CFDA # 16.024) supports efforts to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by Tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. TSASP supported projects provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, or police departments), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

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

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171036

Deadline: April 21, 2022

The Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) (CFDA # 16.528) supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older (hereinafter "older victims").

[Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(Tribal HHAP\) Grants Program](#)

California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Deadline: June 30, 2022

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is seeking partnership with federally recognized tribes and stakeholders in the development of a tribal grant program, including an application process that meets the needs of tribal communities, and is seeking feedback as to how Cal ICH can best support federally recognized tribes in their goals to prevent and end homelessness in their communities.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Living Language Grant Program FY2022](#)

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs

LLGP-FY-2022

Deadline: March 7, 2022

The funding will focus on small or start-up programs whose objective is to document or build the capacity to preserve Native languages that are losing users, but which still have active users at the grandparent generation.

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Behavioral Health Care Technical Assistance](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA-22-064

Deadline: March 9, 2022

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to strengthen, through technical assistance (TA), rural organizations' capacity to develop multi-sector consortia that can plan, implement, and sustain programs that improve access to and quality of behavioral health care services, including substance use disorder (SUD)/opioid use disorder (OUD) services.

[U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fiscal year 2022](#)

Competitive Grant Announcement

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2022-171017

Deadline: March 10, 2022

CTAS combines many of the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) existing tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into a single solicitation requiring only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium. This approach reduces the number of applications required to access funds and provides federally recognized tribes, tribal consortia, and tribal designees the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues.

[MCH Adolescent and Young Adult Health Research Network](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA-22-077

Deadline: March 15, 2022

The purpose of this program is to grow and extend a national, multi-site, collaborative Research Network that will accelerate the translation of research into Maternal and Child Health (MCH) AYA practice; promote scientific collaboration; and develop additional research capacity in the AYA health field (serving adolescents and young adults ages 10–25).

[Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

CDC-RFA-DP22-2201

Deadline: March 16, 2022

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to improve cultural connectedness among American Indians and Alaska Natives. This funding opportunity offers support for the implementation of tribal practices and cultural traditions to build resiliency and connections to community and culture to improve physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and wellbeing.

[Local Food Purchase Assistance Program](#)

Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA-AMS-10182-LFPA0000-22-0001

Deadline: April 5, 2022

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will establish cooperative agreements with state and Tribal governments for the purpose of supporting local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers through food purchasing under the “Build Back Better Initiative.”

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OCC

HHS-2022-ACF-OCC-TH-0074

Deadline: April 15, 2022

Funds will support 63-month grants (cooperative agreements) between ACF and federally-recognized Indian tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations to: conduct community needs assessments; develop the infrastructure needed for widespread planning, adopting, implementing, expanding, enhancing, and sustaining of evidence-based maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs; and provide high-quality evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women and families with young children aged birth to kindergarten entry.

[Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach Program – \(VHT-SO\) Pacific Region Demonstration Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2022-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-ZV-0038

Deadline: April 18, 2022

Under the VHT-SO Pacific Region Demonstration Program the following activities are required: a) provision of comprehensive, culturally and linguistically responsive, case management to foreign nationals who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; 2) outreach efforts to increase identification of foreign nationals who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; 3) training to service providers and community partners.

[AmeriCorps State and National Tribal Grants](#)

AmeriCorps

AC-09-15-21

Deadline: May 4, 2022

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities.

[Risk and Protective Factors of Family Health and Family Level Interventions](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-21-358

Deadline: May 7, 2025

The purpose of this initiative is to advance the science of minority health and health disparities by supporting research on family health and well-being and resilience. The NIMHD Research Framework recognizes family health, family well-being, and family resilience as critically important areas of research.

[Trafficking Victim Assistance Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2022-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-ZV-0150

Deadline: May 19, 2022

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is announcing funds for the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP). TVAP's goal is to directly fund time-limited comprehensive case management services to foreign national adult confirmed and potential victims of a severe form of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended, who are seeking or have received Health and Human Services (HHS) certification. TVAP must also establish local regional presence to coordinate project activities and direct services.

[Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities \(VHT-NC\) Demonstration Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2022-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-0035

Deadline: May 19, 2022

Under the VHT-NC Demonstration Program the following activities are required: 1) provision of comprehensive, culturally and linguistically responsive, case management to Native Americans who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; 2) outreach efforts to increase identification of Native Americans who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; and 3) training to service providers and community partners.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2022-ACL-AOA-DASG-0068

Deadline: September 6, 2022

Grants awarded under this announcement are to provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to those State Units on Aging (SUAs), and federally recognized Tribal Organizations who are currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended. These funds only become available when the President declares a Major Disaster under the Robert T. Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and may only be used in those areas designated in the Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

[EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2019-DISASTER

Deadline: None

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO.