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IN THE NEWS

[Can Indian Country withstand the new Supreme Court?](#)

High Country News – October 1, 2022

The High Court is set to hear a case that will affect thousands of Native kids. qualified to judge?

[Denver Indian Family Resource Center Receives Award to Expand Youth Programming](#) (Press release)

Denver Indian Family Resource Center - October 03, 2022

Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC) was recently awarded \$100,000 of grant funding by The Colorado Health Foundation to support the expansion of youth prevention services for children impacted by the child welfare system. Services support children and families through pandemic recovery support, mental health wellness, sobriety, and life skills through community reconnection, elder mentorship, and cultural activities. DIFRC's mission is to strengthen vulnerable American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children and families through collaborative and culturally-responsive services.

[High Court Allows Longer Arguments In ICWA Dispute](#)

Law360 – October 4, 2022

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear extended oral arguments next month in a case concerning the federal rules around fostering and adopting Native American children, granting a request in which the government said the closely watched litigation involves "numerous issues of constitutional law."

[State of California Sued Over UC Hastings Name Change by Descendants of Namesake, Alumni](#)

The Recorder – October 4, 2022

The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief barring the school from spending further funds on the name change. If that fails, plaintiffs are asking for monetary damages no less than the value of the \$100,000 worth of gold coin paid by school founder Serranus Hastings to the state in 1878.

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit forum's home page
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

[Yurok Tribe hosts summit on missing and murdered indigenous people](#)

TriPLICATE – October 4, 2022

The Yurok Tribe will host the first-ever statewide policy summit on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). The 1st Annual Northern California Tribal Summit on MMIP will bring together tribal leaders, law enforcement officials and MMIP survivors as well as state and federal lawmakers, academic researchers and victim advocates to identify solutions to stop the crisis.

[High Court Allows Longer Arguments In ICWA Dispute](#) (May require subscription)
(Requires free registration)

Law360 - October 04, 2022

The US Supreme Court approved a request that grants the US Department of Justice various Native American tribes extended time for oral arguments in a case concerning Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which established federal standards for state child custody cases concerning Native American children. Texas and other individual plaintiffs claim that the law violates equal protection under the Constitution. "In truth, plaintiffs blue-pencil the Constitution with their own policy views," the tribes argued. "Plaintiffs do not represent Indian tribes, families, or children but fill their briefs with claims about Indians' best interests."

Also: [Native adoption law at center of Supreme Court case used 'every day' in Minnesota](#) (Includes audio)

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

[Minnesota adoption fight over White Earth child helped spur U.S. Supreme Court case](#)

MinnPost - October 07, 2022

This Minnesota custody fight became part of a larger case that has found its way to the Supreme Court, which will hear arguments next month over the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The case, known as Brackeen v. Haaland, has galvanized Indian County. Tribes are concerned the Supreme Court will nullify their right to oversee foster care placements in cases involving Native children. The tribes also fear the justices' decision on the case could reach much further, undermining their special relationship with the federal government as well as stripping them of their sovereignty. The case is a priority for the nation's tribal organizations - including all of Minnesota's tribes and nearly 500 others across the country - who have filed amicus briefs in support of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

[The Indian Child Welfare Act will be before The US Supreme Court next month](#)

(Podcast)

Ideastream Public Media – October 10, 2022

We thought today was timely to look at the status of the Indian Child Welfare Act case, a case that many Native Americans are paying attention to. And we'll also consider the Ohio connection.

[Documentary highlights inequities among Indigenous people in Oregon's foster care system](#) (Video)

KGW - October 10, 2022

'Hope within a broken system' examines inequities among Indigenous people within the foster care system. Brenda Braxton spoke with a woman featured in the film.

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.

[U of M professors outline what's at stake for tribes with pivotal adoption law before SCOTUS](#)

Michigan Advance - October 10, 2022

Speaking of a series of connected cases currently before the U.S. Supreme Court - the outcomes of which could have profound implications on tribal law and jurisdiction - University of Michigan professor Matthew L.M. Fletcher on Monday described the foundational Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) as a "wounded animal" that is "uniquely vulnerable" to the attack it now faces. Litman noted that Michigan has its own version of this law, the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA), which runs parallel to ICWA and fills in some gaps for the state. Guidelines for that law were created and implemented by Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, chief judge of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court and an LTBB citizen.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

Also: [Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act](#)

[In wake of Castro-Huerta ruling, tribes propose varied paths forward for criminal justice system](#)

NPR KOSU – October 10, 2022

The U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the United States says they want to better understand the relationship between tribal governments and state governments around criminal justice matters.

It's a response to the 5-4 majority opinion in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*, in which the Court determined [state governments have concurrent criminal jurisdiction with tribal governments in Indian Country](#).

[Fact Sheet for tribal child welfare officials](#) (Press release)

U.S. Children's Bureau - October 13, 2022

Round four of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) is about to begin. We are supporting the Children's Bureau with disseminating the Fact Sheet for Tribal Child Welfare Officials to invite tribal involvement and partnership in the CFSRs.

[The Indian Child Welfare Act faces a crucial test before the U.S. Supreme Court](#)

Pennsylvania Capital-Star - October 13, 2022

The Indian Child Welfare Act, passed in 1978, is one of those efforts. It protects Native children by keeping them connected to their families, identities and culture. It also works to reduce the overrepresentation of Native children in the child welfare system, and it serves to underscore and affirm tribal nations' rights to self-governance. Now, the act is under threat. This fall, its constitutionality will be challenged in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Haaland v. Brackeen*, with arguments scheduled to begin on Nov. 9. The well-being of our children, the sovereignty of tribal governments and the promises that have been made to our people are, once again, at stake.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

['The Value of an Indigenous Life': Yurok Tribe's MMIP symposium focuses on action, solutions](#)

North Coast Journal – October 13, 2022

Abby Abinanti, chief justice of the Yurok Tribal Court, says the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People epidemic is a symptom, not the cause of an illness in "our homelands."

[Buried Secrets: America's Indian Boarding Schools Part 1](#) (Podcast)

Reveal – October 15, 2022

After decades of stripping away Native American identity from its students, a Catholic boarding school seeks to help the community heal.

[Tribal Leaders Vow to Protect Their Families from Separation as Indian Child Welfare Law Heads to the Supreme Court](#)

Imprint - October 17, 2022

"We will not go back to a time when our children were stolen from our communities without cause." These were the determined words on Monday of Charles Martin, chairman of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Martin joined other tribal leaders and legal professionals at a virtual press conference to express support for the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, which faces a challenge next month before the U.S. Supreme Court. California's Morongo Band of Mission Indians is one of five tribes that have intervened in the *Brackeen v. Haaland* case, scheduled for oral arguments Nov. 9.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

[Why the Supreme Court Must Uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Opinion)

Imprint - October 18, 2022

This fall, the Supreme Court will take up *Brackeen v. Haaland*, a case in which the law being challenged is the Indian Child Welfare Act, also known as ICWA, which sets federal requirements that apply to state child custody proceedings involving an American Indian or Alaska Native child. Since ICWA's passage, its central tenet of keeping children with relatives whenever possible has become a best practice that is increasingly codified into state and federal law. The outcome of the *Brackeen* case will have far-reaching impacts not just for the welfare of Native children and their families, but for the sovereign status of tribal nations that has been recognized for centuries.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

[AFN Convention tackles painful topic of Native boarding schools](#)

Alaska News Source – October 21, 2022

Echoes of a painful past is how one Alaskan who attended a native boarding school described the experience he says is [still affecting generations of Alaska Natives](#).

Vice President of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition [Jim LaBelle, Sr.](#) spoke at a panel discussion at the Alaska Federation of Native Convention in downtown Anchorage Friday.

[Buried Secrets: America's Indian Boarding Schools Part 2](#) (Podcast)

Reveal – October 22, 2022

A Catholic boarding school on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is seeking forgiveness for its troubled history. But school survivors want justice first.

[ACF Commitment to Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribes](#) (Press release) (Includes audio)

Office of January Contreras, Assistant Secretary of U.S. Administration for Children and Families - October 24, 2022

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) values our government-to-government relationship with American Indian Tribes and recognizes that robust tribal consultation is important to our responsibility to improve the well-being of children and families across the country. Through ACF's programs, we will continue to develop policy that is responsive to feedback from tribal leaders, and to award grant funding to tribes, tribal organizations, and Native American organizations each year to strengthen the well-being of Native American children and families.

[In the 1950s, thousands of Native American children were placed in Mormon homes for 'racial assimilation.' Now, experts fear an upcoming Supreme Court ruling could allow that to happen again.](#)

Insider - October 24, 2022

The Supreme Court's ruling on ICWA could have a domino effect on other laws that protect Native American rights, experts said. If it rules that ICWA is racially discriminatory and thus unconstitutional, it could jeopardize laws that guarantee Indian lands and grant tribes self-governance, since they also rely on the definition of Native Americans as a legal - not racial - category of people, according to Dan Lerewenz, assistant professor at the University of North Dakota School of Law. "The implications cannot be overstated," Lerewenz said. "The plaintiffs are calling for a seismic shift in Indian law, which is a seismic shift in American governance."

[Access to Prison Creates a Path Home for Indigenous Inmates](#) (Press Release)

Washington State Department of Corrections – October 25, 2022

At a signing ceremony today, [the Tulalip Tribes](#) and the [Department of Corrections](#) officially entered into a historic agreement, the first of its kind, that will allow individuals convicted in tribal court to serve their sentences in DOC jurisdiction. The agreement is the result of [SHB 5694](#), which was signed into law by Gov. Jay Inslee on March 31, 2022. It allows individuals sentenced in tribal courts for longer sentence terms to access the services the [Department of Corrections](#) offers that local jail settings cannot provide.

[B.C. poised to recognize Indigenous communities' right to provide child welfare](#)

Canadian Press - October 26, 2022

A proposed overhaul of legislation would make British Columbia the first province in Canada to legally recognize the right of Indigenous communities to provide their own child welfare systems, the government says. The current provincial legislation does not allow the B.C. government to hand over the case of a child entering care to an Indigenous government or step back if an Indigenous government is prepared to take over an ongoing case, said Mitzi Dean, the minister of children and family development. The changes would include establishing a new Indigenous child welfare director at the Children's Ministry, and allowing for information sharing and consent agreements between the province and Indigenous governments.

['You know who you are': One Alaska adoptee on why ICWA matters](#) (Opinion)

KTOO - October 28, 2022

On Nov. 9, the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear *Haaland v. Brackeen* - a case that has been recognized as the most prominent challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act since its creation in 1978. ICWA was established to grant tribal authority for adoptions of Native children in order to preserve Native families and culture. In August, a bipartisan group of 87 members of Congress - led by four senators, including Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski - filed a brief to the Supreme Court in support of ICWA. In the case headed to the Supreme Court, several states and individual plaintiffs, including the Brackeen family, alleged that ICWA is unconstitutional and racially discriminatory. In 1978, right around the time ICWA was passed but before it was actually enacted, Jennifer Quinto was adopted from an Athabaskan family into a multicultural Lingit household in Juneau.

[Sovereign Nations: U.S. Indian Affairs official speaks of Indigenous students, issues they face](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle - October 29, 2022

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland returned to his home state to speak on issues Indigenous students face in higher education. On Thursday evening, an intimate group of students, staff, and community members gathered at Grand Valley State University to listen to Newland at the event facilitated by the office of multicultural affairs and the Native American Student Association. Newland leads the Federal Boarding School Initiative under Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), that recently made their third stop on their year-long "The Road to Healing" Tour to listen and gather federal testimony from survivors and descendants.

PUBLICATIONS

[The Reports of My Death Are Greatly Exaggerated: The Continued Vitality of *Worcester v. Georgia*](#)

Dylan Hedden-Nicely, forthcoming in the *Southwestern Law Review*, on SSRN.

Abstract: Rumors abound among the academy, practitioners, and the judiciary about the death of *Worcester v. Georgia* since the Court's recent decision in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*. The misunderstanding is compounded by those that fail to take the time necessary to appreciate the rich nuance of Chief Justice John Marshall's decision or in the subtle ways the Court has since modified its holding from *Worcester*. However, the importance of this case, which is integral to our entire system of federal Indian law, to major components of our constitutional system, as well as to our claim to leader in the human rights arena, mandates we proceed with caution and demand precision in its treatment. We cannot presume the abrogation of such a significant case based on veiled rhetoric that stitches together dicta built upon dicta. Instead, we should proceed by acknowledging the broad scope of *Worcester's* original holding and carefully examining where and how the Supreme Court has since circumscribed its breadth.

[Department of Justice Tribal Justice, Safety, and Wellness Resources](#) (Tribal Grants Fact Sheet)

DOJ – September 2022

This report presents summary descriptions of grant and resources programs administered by various agencies of the U.S. Justice Department for the benefit of U.S. tribal nations and tribal partners serving the security needs of American Indian and Alaska Native. The described resources are available through the U.S. Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). In this report, the grant programs and resources are profiled under the criminal justice fields of corrections; courts; crime prevention; drugs and substance abuse; justice system; juvenile justice; law enforcement; research, evaluation, and statistics; sex offenders; and victims of crime. A comprehensive directory of Department of Justice grant programs for which tribes are eligible to apply is available on the Justice Department's Tribal Justice and Safety website.

[The rule of law : *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and the recognition of the Muscogee \(Creek\) Reservation](#) (Reprint).

Hager, C. Steven; *American Indian Law Review*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (2022).

McGirt is a case that on surface addresses a narrow question: what Court should have tried Jimcy McGirt, a Creek man whose crimes were committed within the traditional Creek reservation? There is no question of guilt in this case.

[Race to property : Racial distortions of property law, 1634 to today.](#)

Berger, Bethany R.; Arizona Law Review, Vol. 64, Issue 3 (June 2022).

Race shaped property law for everyone in the United States, and we are all the poorer for it. This transformation began in the colonial era, when demands for Indian land annexation and a slave-based economy created new legal innovations in recording, foreclosure, and commodification of property. It continued in the antebellum era, when these same processes elevated nationalized property transactions over other rights; and gained new tactics after the end of slavery through the early twentieth century, when the pursuit of racial hierarchy expanded private owners' rights to exclude and tied occupation of physical space to status. The influence of race on property became even more insidious in the modern era. As twentieth century courts and legislatures incrementally outlawed de jure discrimination, a new regime took its place. This hidden Jim Crow first transformed home finance and zoning to make residence in exclusionary enclaves central to family wealth, and then tied public goods like schools, recreation, transportation, and welfare to residence in those fragmented communities.

[The reservation and the rule of law : A short primer on Indian country's complexity.](#)

Crepelle, Adam; Louisiana Bar Journal, Vol. 70, No. 3 (October / November 2022).

The rule of law is vital to social stability and economic development. The Supreme Court's 2020 decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma cast a cloud of uncertainty over which law to follow in eastern Oklahoma — tribal, state or federal.

[Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country, 2021](#) - The Bureau of Justice Statistics has released the 2021 Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country dataset through the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. This survey collects data on all known adult and juvenile facilities (such as jails, confinement facilities, detention centers, and other correctional facilities) operated by tribal authorities or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

[UCLA Law, Native Nations Law and Policy Center, 2021-2022 Annual Report](#)

This Annual Report highlights the work of the NNLPC over the course of the 2021-22 academic year.

[Human Trafficking Data Collection Activities, 2022](#)

This report describes BJS's activities during 2021 and 2022 to collect data and report on human trafficking as required by the Combat Human Trafficking Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. § 20709(e)). It details ongoing and completed efforts to measure and analyze the nationwide incidence of human trafficking, to describe characteristics of human trafficking victims and offenders, and to describe criminal justice responses to human trafficking offenses. Additionally, it provides information on human trafficking suspects referred to and prosecuted by U.S. attorneys, human trafficking defendants convicted in U.S. district court, and admissions to state prison for human trafficking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Presidential Proclamation on National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month 2022](#)

On September 30, 2022, President Biden proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (DVAM) and called on all Americans to speak out against domestic violence and support victims, survivors, advocates, and service providers.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[The History & Future of the Indian Child Welfare Act: Implications for tribal sovereignty and native family preservation. Session 1: Thursday, September 29, 2022](#)

Across the country, there are 574 federally recognized Native American tribes that have a government-to-government relationship with the United States. As sovereign nations, they have legal jurisdiction over their lands and citizens. However, until the passing of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), the authority of Tribes to exercise their exclusive jurisdiction over their Native children in child custody proceedings was not recognized. ICWA established procedural guidelines for placement and removal protocols that mandate notice to Native families and Tribes in all pending child custody proceedings to prioritize family integrity and adhere to tribal sovereignty. In recent years, ICWA has been a legal battleground between non-native families seeking to adopt native children and native families trying to

keep children connected to their culture and communities. The current legal challenge to ICWA is headed to the Supreme Court, which could either reaffirm the constitutionality of the law acknowledging the special relationship between tribes and the federal government or strike it down as an unconstitutional “race-based” law in violation of equal protection and states’ rights.

[Hownikan Podcast: Brackeen v. Haaland and Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

October 13, 2022

On November 9th, the Supreme Court of the United States hears arguments in the Haaland v. Brackeen case. It challenges the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act passed in 1978, which outlined standards for Native American children being removed from their homes and places in foster care. It also set placement preferences for those children — first, with a member of their extended family; second, with a foster home licensed and specified by their Tribe; and third, with another Native family.

[JustGrants](#): JustGrants is the Department of Justice's grants management system. The JustGrants Resources website allows applicants and grantees to access [training](#), find answers to [frequently asked questions](#), and [sign up for updates](#). Get started by gaining an understanding of the [application process in JustGrants](#).

[OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#): This resource contains information to help you prepare and submit applications for OJP funding and offers guidance on award administration.

[OJP Funding Resource Center](#): Find current opportunities, solicitation requirements, forms and worksheets, and post-award instructions to help as you apply for and manage OJP awards.

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#): Learn about the laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of an OJP award.

[Child Trafficking Response Team Newsletter](#)

The Child Trafficking Response Team (CTRT) would like to welcome you to the Second Quarter FY 22/23 CTRT Newsletter. We hope that you found the information in the first edition helpful. Our hope is that this is a way to continue to streamline information and communication with all of you as partners in the Commercial Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Program.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

[Broadening Your Circle of Support: Resources to Help Healing in Your Tribal Community](#)

Office for Victims of Crime & Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center

November 2, 2022 -12:00pm to 1:15pm

Join a live webinar discussion on broadening your circle of support. Ask panel members questions about available federal funds and how they can be used to manage program operations, offer culturally sensitive services and healing programs, and pay for emergency service support such as housing and transportation.

[California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: 2022 Virtual Shifting the Lens 7th Annual Conference](#) ***Shifting the Lens: Survivors and Families Coming into Focus (Virtual)***

November 7-9, 2022

In November 2022, we will continue to broaden the focus and engage a larger community to find answers to pressing questions that impact survivors, families and communities. What happens when we shift the lens and look at domestic violence with a broader view that includes discussions with opposing and unified viewpoints?

[ICWA Courts & Collaboratives: How they work in California and why every court should have one](#)

November 10, 2022 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

California is home to more individuals who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native than any other state. Courts and agencies continue to encounter issues meeting the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act. ICWA collaborations and ICWA courts can help courts address these issues and improve outcomes for Indian children and families. Our panel of Judicial Officers will discuss their experiences with tribal collaborations and ICWA courts, including how they work, how to get one started, and the benefits to the court and the community of undertaking one.

[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

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.

[2022 National Tribal Youth Conference](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) & Tribal Youth Resource Center

December 14-15, 2022

San Diego, California

This meeting is a national gathering of OJJDP Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court grantees as well as other interested federally recognized Tribes, tribal service providers, and state entities that serve tribal communities. Training topics at this event will support participants working in Tribal-and-State Collaboration, Tribal Juvenile Reentry, Tribal Youth Prevention, Intervention and Diversion, Court-Based Services, Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts, and other programs that support Tribal Youth. [Register Now](#)

[2023 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

March 19-22, 2023

Dallas Renaissance Addison Hotel

The conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting edge topics that will inspire you, broaden your knowledge, and provoke discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. Plenary and breakout sessions on juvenile justice, trafficking, child welfare, all while highlighting court best practices, innovative solutions, and self-care.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[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.

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[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

[988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SM-22-020

Deadline: November 8, 2022

The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to provide resources to improve response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in Tribal communities and/or activated by American Indians/Alaska Natives. This program aims to: (1) ensure American Indians/Alaska Natives have access to culturally competent, trained 988 crisis center support; (2) improve integration and support of 988 crisis centers, Tribal nations, and Tribal organizations to ensure there is navigation and follow-up care; and (3) facilitate collaborations with Tribal, state and territory health providers, Urban Indian Organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects Tribal sovereignty.

[Funding for Older Americans Act Title VI Native Americans Programs](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2023-ACL-TITLEVI-2301

Deadline: December 6, 2022

The purpose of Title VI of the OAA is to promote the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver services to American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians that are comparable to services provided under Title III of the OAA. The goal of these programs is to support the independence and well-being of tribal elders and caregivers living in their communities with nutrition, supportive and caregiver services consistent with locally-determined needs.

[Children's Safety Network](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA-23-080

Deadline: January 4, 2023

The purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of Title V agencies¹ to adopt and implement evidence-based child and adolescent safety programs, practices, and policies, with a specific focus on injury and violence prevention-related Title V performance and outcome measures, such as injury hospitalizations, bullying, safe sleep, and suicide, as well as leading causes of injury-related deaths among children and adolescents (e.g., motor vehicle crashes, firearms, and poisonings). The overarching goal of this program is to reduce infant, child, and adolescent injury hospitalizations and deaths.

[Advancing Equity in Child Support](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - OCSE
HHS-2023-ACF-OCSE-FD-0022
Deadline: May 25, 2023

State and tribal child support agencies applying for this funding will be expected to engage with other state and tribal agencies and related entities (public assistance agencies, courts, employment programs, domestic violence organizations, fatherhood organizations, military and veterans' associations, etc.), as well as equity experts to assess current inequities in a sample of jurisdictions.

[State-Tribal Partnerships to Implement Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
HHS-2023-ACF-ACYF-CW-0055
Deadline: June 21, 2023

These five year grants are intended to generate evidence for how best to effectively implement child welfare practices and ongoing active efforts to maintain AI/AN families by funding state and tribal partnerships to jointly design and operate Indian child welfare best practice implementation demonstration sites.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The [Fiscal Year 2022 Department of Justice Grants Program Plan](#) summarizes details about OVC funding opportunities that we expect to release, or have released, this fiscal year. The Program Plan also provides information about funding from other Department of Justice grant-making Components.

[Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) Competitive Grant Program](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development
FR-6600-N-48
Deadline: November 17, 2022

Under the program, eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) receive grants to carry out a range of affordable housing activities. Grant funds may be used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas and carry out other affordable housing activities.

[Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
HRSA-23-090
Deadline: December 21, 2022

The purpose of the program is to expand the number of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, and social workers trained to provide mental and substance use disorder services in underserved community-based settings that integrate primary care and mental and substance use disorder services.

[AmeriCorps State and National Native Nations Planning Grants](#)

AmeriCorps
AC-08-18-22
Deadline: April 5, 2023

AmeriCorps is committed to working on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Native Nations and upholding the federal government's Tribal trust responsibility. AmeriCorps planning grants provide support to a grant recipient to develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in implementing evidence-based interventions to solve community problems.

[AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Grants](#)

AmeriCorps
AC-08-19-22
Deadline: April 5, 2023

AmeriCorps is committed to working on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Native Nations and upholding the federal government's Tribal trust responsibility. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations

(See Section C. 1 Eligible Applicants) proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in interventions/practices 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 successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

[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.

[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.