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Chemerinsky: SCOTUS ruling on Indian Child Welfare Act is win for Native Americans, but key issues remain unresolved

ABA Journal - July 5, 2023

The United States has a long and despicable history of removing Native American children from their families. As Justice Neil Gorsuch observed, "there was mass removal of Indian children from their families during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s by state officials and private parties."

#### DOJ's Regional Outreach program will strengthen investigation of **MMIP** cases in eastern Washington

Northwest Public Broadcasting – July 7, 2023

Eastern Washington is part of the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Regional Outreach Program recently announced by the U.S. Department of Justice. The program will provide more resources and specialized support to address the crisis in the Northwest.

#### **Tracking Efforts to Pass State-Level ICWA Laws**

Imprint - July 10, 2023

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was passed in 1978 as an effort to curtail the disproportionate numbers of Native children being removed from their parents and placed with white adoptive families or sent to boarding schools designed to assimilate them to white culture. When the law was passed, as many as one-third of Indigenous children were torn from their families and tribal communities by the child welfare system. The bedrock law requires states to make active efforts to prevent the removal of Native children into foster care, and for those who are taken from their parents, it requires a placement preference be given to extended family members or fellow tribe members. But the recent Supreme Court case Brackeen v. Haaland threatened to overturn part or all of the law. In June, the justices voted 7-2 to uphold the law, but the uncertainty leading up to the ruling triggered a flurry of state-level legislation to locally codify ICWA.

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#### <u>California Feather Alert Event Educates on Statewide Alert System</u> <u>for Missing Native Americans</u>

Red Lake Nation News – July 11, 2023

Tribal leaders, local law enforcement, and lawmakers gathered in Northern California on Thursday to learn about Feather Alert, a statewide alert system for missing Native Americans.

### Native American leaders visit site of archeological dig to find remains of boarding school students (Includes video)

Associated Press - July 11, 2023

A grandmother wearing beaded necklaces of bright red, yellow and blue watched Tuesday as archeologists searched a remote site in central Nebraska for the remains of children - including her aunt - who died decades ago at a former Native American boarding school. The search for a hidden cemetery near the former Genoa Indian Industrial School in Nebraska gained renewed interest after hundreds of children's remains were discovered at other Native American boarding school sites across the U.S. and Canada in recent years, said Dave Williams, the state's archeologist whose team is digging at the site. The dig in Genoa began Monday and is expected to last through the week. Williams said they have yet to uncover any human remains.

### The Indian Child Welfare Act is a cornerstone of Virginia tribal sovereignty (Commentary)

Virginia Mercury - July 12, 2023

The Supreme Court of the United States last month upheld the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), a federal law designed to protect Native American children and keep them connected to their heritage. Four Virginia Indian tribes that signed on to a brief supporting the ICWA in the face of a challenge to its constitutionality say it is still a vital tool for the preservation of their communities and culture and is a cornerstone of tribal sovereignty in the state. Four of Virginia's seven federally recognized Indian tribes - the Monacan Indian Nation, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe - signed the amicus brief supporting the ICWA in the 2022 Haaland v. Brackeen lawsuit. The ruling was a critical recognition of the tribes' right to decide what is in the best interest of their children, said Chief Robert Gray of the Pamunkey Tribe.

### What is Indian Child Welfare Act Court? (Includes video) (Commentary) KRQE - July 12, 2023

Indian Child Welfare Act Court is the first of its kind in New Mexico. It's a result of efforts by the Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD) to apply the law to protect Indian children and their families. The court strives to honor and comply with the spirit of the law that protects Indian families in a supportive and welcoming environment. The Second Judicial District Court's ICWA Court is committed to ensuring that Indian families and their tribes are benefitting from the protections of the ICWA and the Indian Family Protection Act (IFPA) and the New Mexico Children's Code. Stakeholders commit to working with Indian families in the abuse and neglect system to achieve better outcomes for these families.

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.

### Indigenous Human Remains, Mostly Boarding School Children, Reported In 3 States This Week Imprint - July 12, 2023

Indigenous communities in three states this week are mourning the human remains discovered in their area. Some have been waiting for confirmation that Native children were buried at the sites of local boarding schools, while other remains were discovered by sheer accident. In southern Utah on July 11, twelve children's bodies were found at a burial site at Panguitch Boarding School east of Highway 89 - becoming the only school among at least eight operated in Utah where student deaths and burials at the school have been verified. The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and its five sovereign bands are "devastated" by what was unearthed by Utah State University using ground-penetrating radar.

#### Yellowstone County ICWA court celebrates first graduate (Includes video)

KTVQ - July 14, 2023

One Billings graduation this week is more than a ceremony, it's an inspiration. Kyle Spang became the first graduate of the Yellowstone County Indian Child Welfare Act Recovery Court on Wednesday in a courtroom ceremony attended by members of the treatment program, the justice system, her family, and supporters. "It has been a hard journey, but one that was so worth it to find ... to dig deep inside within myself, to heal all those hurts that kept me out there lost, allowing God to be first in my life and to heal all of that," Spang said.

### <u>The Cherokee Phoenix Breakdown: Haaland v. Brackeen Ruling Review</u> (Commentary) (Includes audio) (Includes video)

Cherokee Phoenix - July 14, 2023

In this episode of The Cherokee Phoenix Breakdown, Executive Editor Tyler Thomas is joined by Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. as the two discuss the recent U.S. Supreme Court case Haaland v. Brackeen ruling and its impact on Indian Country. On June 15, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected challenges to the Indian Child Welfare Act by a vote of 7-2. ICWA was enacted in 1978 and gives Native American families priority in foster care and adoption proceedings involving Native children. Three white families, the state of Texas and a small number of other states challenged the act, claiming it is based on race and therefore unconstitutional under the equal protection clause.

Also: Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's charged mission of healing (Requires subscription):

### <u>Senators Ben Ray Luján, Susan Collins Reintroduce Legislation to Protect Native American Children</u>

Los Alamos Daily Post - July 18, 2023

U.S. Senators Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) reintroduced the Native American Child Protection Act (NACPA), bipartisan legislation that authorizes three programs that ensure Tribes have the tools needed to treat, prevent, investigate and prosecute Native American child abuse and neglect. These programs were originally authorized in 1990 as part of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to fill funding gaps in Tribal child welfare services, but the programs were never truly funded and have not been reauthorized by Congress.

### <u>Child Advocacy: The Indian Child Welfare Act and Maryland</u> (Commentary) (May require free registration)

Daily Record - July 19, 2023

On June 15, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of The Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA"), The Indian Child Welfare Act, Public Law 95-608 codified at 25 U.S.C. §§1901-1963 (1978), in the case of Haaland v. Brackeen, US Supreme Court Docket Number 21-376, decided June 15, 2023. ICWA was enacted in 1978 after congressional studies found that over one third of all Native American children had been removed from their homes, often without evidence of abuse or neglect, and placed with nonnative families, severing any ties to their original tribes. Although Maryland does not have any federally recognized tribes, there are 45,327 American Indians currently living in Maryland, ranking Maryland's Native American population as 26th in the nation. (2010 US Census). These families may have traveled to Maryland from another state, which makes them eligible for ICWA protections when a local department of social services ("local department") makes a removal of a child and petitions the juvenile court. Once a child has been found to be eligible pursuant to ICWA, the local department must contact the tribe and notify the tribe of its right to intervene, which includes the right to transfer jurisdiction to the tribe.

### <u>U.S. Government to investigate effects of PL 280 on tribal nations in California, other PL 280 states</u>

KRCR ABC 7 – July 20th, 2023

On Wednesday, state and federal legislators including local Representative Jared Huffman shared that the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) will be investigating the <a href="effects of Public Law 280 on tribal nations">effects of Public Law 280 on tribal nations</a>.

#### Tribes, state look to improve Wyoming's Indigenous child custody laws

Gillette News Record - July 21, 2023

A legislative task force is considering ways to improve a law designed to keep Indigenous children connected to their families, communities and cultures amid custody disputes. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, which set federal standards for custody proceedings involving children from federally recognized tribes, was recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Haaland v. Brackeen. Uncertain how the high court would rule, the Wyoming Legislature enacted a mirror version of the federal law during the 2023 session in the event federal protections dissolved.

### <u>Wind River documentary humanizing MMIP epidemic receives national and international attention</u> at film festivals

BBC Newshour - July 21, 2023

The Wind River-based documentary "Who She Is" won Best Animated Film and was a finalist for Most Inspirational Film at the Oregon Documentary Film Festival this June.

The documentary brings faces and voices to four Indigenous women caught in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) epidemic – Abbi Washakie (Eastern Shoshone), Sheila Hughes (Northern Arapaho), Jocelyn Watt (Northern Arapaho) and Lela C'Hair (Northern Arapaho).

### <u>Supreme Court Cases May Impact Child Welfare, Water Rights for Montana Tribes</u> (Commentary) Flathead Beacon - July 24, 2023

Following a legislative session that some Indigenous lawmakers say was defined by currents of anti-Native racism and discrimination, the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee met in Helena for the first time July 19 to iron out the most pressing issues for Montana's 12 Native tribes and set an agenda for the interim period. Over the course of the daylong meeting, lawmakers discussed a host of newly passed bills, as well as two U.S. Supreme Court cases that may impact child welfare and water rights for the state's Native population. During the July 19 meeting, lawmakers heard presentations from legal staff on two recent U.S. Supreme Court cases - Haaland v. Brackeen, which upheld the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and Arizona v. Navajo Nation, which ruled that the United States is not obligated to secure water rights for the Navajo Nation. In discussing both cases, legislators and state legal representatives foreshadowed possible consequences for Native communities and tribal lands in Montana.

### Should Wyoming's Indian Child Welfare Act apply to juvenile delinquency cases? Task force takes on that question, more

KDLY - July 26, 2023

Wyoming's new Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force is weighing whether juvenile delinquency cases should be covered by the state's new ICWA statute. The legislation that incorporated ICWA into state law this year included a "generalization" that indicates the statute might apply in juvenile delinquency cases, Wyoming Department of Family Services director Korin Schmidt told the task force during a meeting this month in Riverton. The federal ICWA law does not apply to juvenile delinquency, she noted, asking the task force to "have a conversation about removing delinquents as part of the ICWA codification (in) state law."

#### Gorsuch pauses tribal jurisdiction fight over speeding ticket

Court News - July 26, 2023

The Supreme Court's recent rulings on tribal sovereignty in Oklahoma have brought a challenge to how the city of Tulsa applies its laws to Native Americans.

#### Federal Commission Concludes Nationwide Tour Gathering MMIP Testimony in Billings, MT

Native News Online - July 27, 2023

On July 26th, the Not Invisible Act Commission (NIAC) wrapped up its final stop on a seven-city nationwide tour gathering testimony from Native Americans affected by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) crisis.

### <u>Guardianship barriers for Native Americans eased through State legislation: Calhoun County</u> Tribal Leadership plays key role

Second Wave Southwest Michigan – July 27, 2023

The financial burden for Tribal members who care for children of relatives or friends who are members of Native American Tribes throughout Michigan has been eased through bipartisan legislation ensuring that Native American children will benefit from guardianship assistance. This includes permanent placement with guardians instead of temporary foster care.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

The Road to Brackeen: Defending ICWA 2013-2023, Kathryn Fort 72 Am. U.L. Rev 1631 (2023) From 2013 to 2023, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was challenged in the courts more than the Affordable Care Act. This Article lays out the history of the fight over ICWA from Baby Girl to Haaland, from my perspective as a clinical professor who has been involved with every major ICWA case since 2013, as well as my observations about why ICWA was so vulnerable to an organized litigation attack despite continued bipartisan and widespread support of the law.

#### Washington State Bar News: The Indian Law Issue

Articles include:

<u>Justice Unveiled</u>: The Attorney General's new Cold Case Unit for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and People embarks on a grim trail for answers.

<u>Castro-Huerta: A New Era of Indian Law?</u>: The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision may signal a massive shift in the legal relationship between tribes and the states.

<u>Indian Law Resource Guide</u>: A collection of resources for legal research in Federal Indian and Tribal law.

### <u>Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP): Overview of Recent Research, Legislation, and Selected Issues for Congress.</u>

Version 6. Updated July 3, 2023. CRS Report R47010 Hanson, Emily J., United States. Congressional Research Service. 2023

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### <u>Strengthening the Indian Child Welfare Act:</u> The Department of Interior, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Justice Seek Input from Tribal Leaders on ICWA

In response to requests by Tribal leaders for updates on our collective efforts, the DOI, HHS, and DOJ invite Tribal leaders to provide input on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and what steps the agencies can take to promote federal protections for Indian children and their parents and caregivers.

- Dear Tribal Leader Letter
- Tribal Consultation Session 1: August 7, 2023 (Virtual)
- Tribal Consultation Session 2: August 11, 2023 (Hybrid)

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

#### Child Trafficking Response Team CTRT Newsletter | July 2023

#### **California Department of Social Services**

Welcome to FY 23-24! It's hard to believe we are entering our tenth year of the CSEC Program. In that time certainly many things have changed, and while many challenges have remained the same, our team is in awe of all that each of you face daily and the innovation it takes to serve our youth and families well.

#### **Informational Video: Engaging Native Families**

#### **Capacity Building Center for Tribes**

This <u>10-minute video</u> created by the Capacity Building Center for Tribes is a presentation recording of Dr. Marilyn Bruguier Zimmerman at the Child Welfare Virtual Expo 2020: Strengthening Families Through Prevention and Collaboration.

#### Essentials for Childhood Initiative Resource: New California Child Wellbeing Coalition e-Guide

California Department of Public Health, Injury and Prevention Branch (CDPH/IVPB)
California Department of Social Service, Office of Child Abuse Prevention's (CDSS/OCAP)

The e-Guide was developed for all those who are serving Californians and interested in collaborating or connecting with local coalitions, boards, and other organized bodies who are working to achieve child wellbeing through policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change.

#### **UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS**

#### **Culture as Prevention: Indigenous Knowledge and Tribal-Based Practices**

National Indian Country Training Initiative Online Training Announcement August 29, 2023, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

In this presentation, participants will learn about the Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge issued by the White House on November 30, 2022. See <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/OSTP-CEQ-IK-Guidance.pdf">https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/OSTP-CEQ-IK-Guidance.pdf</a>. The guidance offers support for federal departments and agencies in recognizing and including Indigenous Knowledge in research, policy and other decision making. Tribal knowledge of this guidance is important to make certain that their work with the federal government agencies requires acknowledgment of these principles. In addition, participants will learn about promoting, evaluating and sustaining Tribal-based practices in their work. Tribes and their citizens have utilized culturally specific practices which reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for a wide variety of behavioral and health problems for hundreds of years.

#### **2023 Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training**

#### September 12-14, 2023

#### Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in Palm Springs, CA

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) looks forward to welcoming new and returning attendees in-person for the 13th Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training (Wellness Court Training). This year's Wellness Court Training will be held September 12-14, 2023 on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in Palm Springs, California. The Wellness Court Training this year will focus on the theme: Celebrating 25 Years of Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts.

#### 23rd Annual California Indian Law Conference

California Indian Law Association October 1-3, 2023 Graton Resort and Casino

Join us for CILA's Annual Conference. This year's theme is "Protecting Tribal Resources."

#### **COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### \*New\* STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center (STTARS)

ARP Housing 90EV0537 25

Increase the availability of COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and other COVID-19 mitigation strategies for survivors. NIWRC will allocate pass through funds to tribal organizations addressing housing and domestic violence that we have previously connected with through our National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. These funds will be utilized for COVID-19 mitigation activities (such as testing, PPE, staff related needs, health and wellness supplies for advocates and survivors, and additional resources to specifically address COVID-19 impacts and ongoing advocate pandemic fatigue). Applications will be reviewed in a timely fashion and on an on-going/rolling basis.

#### **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 <u>here</u>. NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, *Vice President of Development*, <u>cweaver@ncai.org</u>

#### 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 <u>here</u>.
- 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.

#### **NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### Awards to Expand Children's Advocacy Centers in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

National Children's Alliance (NCA)

Deadline: August 31, 2023

A Children's Advocacy Center is a child-friendly facility in which law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy professionals work together to investigate abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable. NCA, under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), will administer federal funds to expand Children's Advocacy Center services to American Indian tribal areas and Alaska Native villages to better meet the needs of child victims and their families living on tribal lands, Alaskan villages, and more remote areas not easily accessible to Children's Advocacy Centers.

#### **Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program**

**Department of Commerce** 

NTIA-ICG-TBCPO-2023-2008098

Deadline: January 23, 2024

The TBCP provides new federal funding for grants to Eligible Entities to expand access to and adoption of: (i) broadband service on Tribal Land ;or (ii) programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources.

#### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

#### State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Information Sharing Technical Assistance Program

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance O-BJA-2023-171802

Grants.gov Deadline: August 07, 2023 JustGrants Deadline: August 14, 2023

The BJA State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Information Sharing Technical Assistance Program seeks applications to support the standardization of information-sharing practices and the identification and sharing of state, local, Tribal, and territorial information-sharing exchange promising practices and lessons learned.

#### **Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Program**

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance O-BJA-2023-171804

Grants.gov Deadline: August 07, 2023

**JustGrants Deadline: August 14, 2023**BJA seeks applications for funding to strengthen and improve the representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases and indigent respondents in civil causes of action under the jurisdiction of Indian tribes, with the ultimate goals of enhancing the operations of tribal justice systems and improving access to those systems by tribal citizens.

#### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2023-171790

Grants.gov Deadline: August 24, 2023 JustGrants Deadline: August 31, 2023

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to award Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds to eligible units of local government.

#### Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program-Tribal

**California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)** 

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Deadline: September 15, 2023

BHBH Program funding will make available up to \$50,000,000 total to California Tribal entities for use in the planning and implementation of bridge housing services for individuals in Tribal communities experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions (serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder).

#### 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless

**Demonstration Program Grants** 

**Department of Housing and Urban Development** 

FR-6700-N-25

Deadline: September 28, 2023

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program [24 CFR part 578] is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)], and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

### Initiation of a Mental Health Family Navigator Model to Promote Early Access, Engagement and Coordination of Needed Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents

**Department of Health and Human Services** 

**National Institutes of Health** 

PAR-23-094

Applications accepted now

Deadline: July 5, 2024

Applicants are required to develop and test the navigator model's ability to promote early access, engagement, coordination and optimization of mental health treatment and services for children and adolescents as soon as symptoms are detected. Applicants are also required to identify and test components of navigator models that drive improvements in mental health care; detect and interrogate tailoring variables that optimize the 'personalized match' between the unique mental health needs of youth to the appropriate level of intensity and frequency of mental health services; and utilize emerging

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novel technologies to track and monitor the trajectory of clinical, functional and behavioral progress toward achieving intended services outcomes.

#### **NIDA Research Center of Excellence Grant Program**

Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health PAR-23-076

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): August 25, 2023

Deadline: November 18, 2025

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for research Centers that (1) conduct substance use and addiction research in any area of NIDA's mission, including the intersection of substance use/addiction and HIV, (2) foster outstanding innovative science, (3) are multidisciplinary, thematically integrated, and synergistic, and (4) serve as national resource(s) to provide educational and outreach activities to relevant research communities, educational organizations, the general public, and policy makers.