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COVID-19 RESOURCES

Judicial Council of California [Coronavirus Updates](#)

The Judicial Council continues to closely monitor the evolving COVID-19 coronavirus situation. Courts have been advised to follow guidance provided by the Department of Public Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit the spread of the virus. Updates will be communicated through local court websites as appropriate.

Visit [Find My Court](#) for links to court websites.

Judicial Council of California [Working Group Releases Pandemic Recovery Resource Guide for Courts](#)

Guide addresses more than 200 questions and topics related to facilities, personnel, jury management, case management and processing, and communications.

California Dependency Online Guide

COVID-19 Information and Resources under the [What's New](#) tab and as new "Browse Topic" [COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Resources From the Children's Bureau, an Office of Administration for Children and Families](#)

A Message on COVID-19 from the Children's Bureau
Given the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, we are aware of the impact that it may have on the populations you serve. As our partners at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) continue to work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, as well as public health partners across the globe to respond to contain COVID-19, we want to inform you that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at HHS continues to provide updates and guidance from medical professionals about how to protect you and those you serve from COVID-19.

[NCAI Action Alert: 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).

California Consortium on Urban Indian Health (CCUIH):
[Resources to Native Americans in response to COVID-19 emergency.](#)

California Department of Social Services (CDSS). 2020:
[Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Information](#) and [Child Welfare and Probation Visitation](#)

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

National American Indian Court Judges Association: [COVID-19 Resources for Tribal Courts](#)

National Center for State Courts: [CCJ/COSCA Family Justice Initiative Virtual Triage, Pathways, and COVID-19: A Pandemic Resource from NCSC](#)

National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges: [COVID-19 Resources and Updates](#)

Natives in Philanthropy: [Coronavirus Resources for Tribes](#)

Turtletalk: [Tribal COVID-19 Orders](#)

Includes Tribal Government Emergency Orders, Tribal Court Emergency Orders & State Court Child Welfare responses.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute: [Indian Country COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Resources Page with links to information and resources concerning relevant tribal, federal, and state issues, initiatives, and resources](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care. 2020: [Information about COVID-19 for CCDF Lead Agencies: Relevant Flexibilities in CCDF Law](#)

National Indian Health Board [Coronavirus Disease 2019 Resource Page](#)

National Indian Child Welfare Association [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resources](#)

U.S House of Representatives, Natural Resource Committee, [Coronavirus in Indian Country Resource Center](#) and [Form](#) to submit information to Committee Chair Raul M. Grijalva on community impact

American Bar Association Webinar: [Issues Affecting Native American Communities During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#)

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.

[Tlingit and Haida talks tribal courts at weekly luncheon](#)

Juneau Empire – June 26, 2020

The sovereignty of the people of Southeast Alaska factored heavily into Tlingit and Haida’s lunchtime chat as participants talked about the tribal court system.

“We keep talking about our tribal values and holding each other up and this is where we can really exercise it,” said Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska President Richard Chalyee Éesh Peterson during the webinar. “I’m really proud of it.”

The tribal courts are part of the tribal government, and are built to provide a user-friendly, culturally appropriate forum that cleaves to Tlingit and Haida’s traditional values.

[Native women law students excluded from so-called “Women of Color in Law Schools” study](#)

Indian Country Today – June 26, 2020

On Wednesday, June 15, 2020, a national press release announced a joint study by The Center for Women in Law and The NALP (National Association for Law Placement) Foundation titled, “Women of Color – A Study of Law Student Experiences.”

The press release stated the analysis within the study was focused on “Asian/Pacific Islander, Black/African-American and Hispanic women/Latinas comprised the majority of the women of color respondent.” Noticeably absent from this list are Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native women who are on every checklist also women of color.

[Montana lawmakers discuss proposals to further address missing Indigenous people](#)

Montana Standard – June 27, 2020

A year after lawmakers passed legislation intended to combat the crisis of missing Native Americans in Montana, legislators are discussing several more potential legislative proposals ahead of the 2021 session.

The [State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee](#) on Friday discussed [four drafted bills](#) during a virtual committee meeting, many based on recommendations made by the Department of Justice, which oversees the Missing Persons Indigenous Task Force.

[Indian Lawmakers: We refuse to stand idle](#)

Indianz.com – June 29, 2020

The senseless death of a black American has ignited civil protests around the globe. We will always remember George Floyd’s name and the eight minutes forty-six seconds that Minneapolis police officers assisted a fellow officer in pinning Floyd’s neck to the ground until he remained motionless.

While viewing current news coverage, it is evident that our nation is on the precipice of major societal change akin to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960’s. Only time will tell if our Nation will build on the victories of that movement and truly live up to the U.S. Constitution’s immortal declaration that “...all men are created equal.” It will be hard to overcome the deep-seated, systemic racism that began with the inception of this nation, but we believe it can and will happen.

[Budget cuts and coronavirus force vital American Indian Services resource center to close after 49 years](#) (Includes audio)

Detroit Metro Times - June 30, 2020

After nearly 50 years of serving metro Detroit’s Indigenous community, American Indian Services is closing its doors on July 10, citing financial instability amid budget cuts and the coronavirus pandemic.

[Appeals court: State retains authority over non-Native suspects, victims on Yakama reservation](#)

Yakima Herald – June 30, 2020

Jurisdiction over crimes on the Yakama reservation involving non-tribal members — victim or suspect — belongs to the state, the U.S. Court of Appeals recently affirmed.

At issue was language in a proclamation signed by Gov. Jay Inslee supporting retrocession — a federal process that returned to the Yakama Nation much civil and criminal authority over Native Americans on the reservation.

[Federal And State Officials Try To Better Understand Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women Cases](#)

Southern Utah News Bureaus – July 2 – 2020

State and federal officials are launching new efforts to address the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Utah, after a nationwide study called attention to the issue in 2018.

The Urban Indian Health Institute surveyed documented cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and found that Utah ranked 8th for the highest number of cases in the U.S.

[B.C.'s Indigenous rights law faces 2020 implementation deadline](#)

Keremeos Review - July 03, 2020

B.C.'s first annual report on its embrace of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is being presented in the legislature next week, while debate continues over the obligations it imposes on the province.

[New UMD-based partnership changes the way Minnesota social workers are trained on Native American child welfare laws](#)

Duluth News Tribune - July 04, 2020

UMD's Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies has partnered with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to train the state's social workers on providing culturally responsible services to Minnesota's Native American families, who are more than 18 times more likely to have children placed in foster care when compared to white children.

[As opioids flooded tribal lands across the US, overdose deaths skyrocketed](#)

Washington Post - July 05, 2020

At the height of the opioid epidemic, Native Americans overdosed and died at a rate that rivaled some of the hardest-hit regions in Appalachia. Nationwide, from 2006 to 2014, Native Americans were nearly 50% more likely to die of an opioid overdose than non-natives, a Washington Post analysis found. In recent months, the novel coronavirus has added to the trials of Indian country, long plagued by health disparities, poverty, housing shortages and isolation. Arizona's White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Navajo Nation, with land that stretches over three Western states, have struggled with some of the highest per capita infection rates in the United States.

[This court case could weaken WA's Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Onecut – July 6, 2020

The law protects Native children from being taken from their homes without tribal involvement. The case before the state Supreme Court could tighten those rules.

[Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Begins Exercising Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction](#)

9and10 News – July 6, 2020

The Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians now exercises Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction. It allows the tribe to have authority over domestic violence crimes committed against their citizens, no matter the offender's native status.

Before, if a non-native abused a native on tribal land, tribal police couldn't do much because the offender was non-native. Local police had no jurisdiction because it occurred on tribal land.

Now, this gives the tribe jurisdiction over any domestic violence against a native while also giving the offender due process.

[Ottawa, AFN agreement to map out funding for First Nations child welfare overhaul](#)

Express Informer - July 07, 2020

The federal government will enter an agreement on Tuesday with the Assembly of First Nations to outline how it will fund an overhaul of the First Nations child welfare system - a detail that was left out of recent legislation.

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[Provinces pose challenge to Indigenous child-welfare reform: Bellegarde](#)

Canadian Press - July 07, 2020

National Chief Perry Bellegarde of the Assembly of First Nations says provincial governments that want to cling to their authority over child welfare are one of the biggest barriers to implementing new legislation giving Indigenous communities control over their children's well-being. Bellegarde and Indigenous Services Minister Marc Miller signed what they called a "protocol agreement" in Ottawa Tuesday that is the next step in implementing Bill C-92. That bill, which passed last year and took effect on Jan. 1, recognizes the inherent right Indigenous communities have to oversee child-welfare services.

[State-Tribal Relations Committee Opens 30 Day Public Comment Period on Legislative Proposals](#)

(Press release)

State of Montana Legislature - July 08, 2020

The Montana Legislature's State-Tribal Relations Committee today opened a 30 day public comment period on several legislative proposals related to motor carrier services, federal recognition of the Little Shell, runaway youth, and missing persons.

[New funding for First Nations child welfare agreement will help healing strategy, Cowessess chief says](#)

CBC News - July 08, 2020

According to a 2018 children's advocate report, more than 80 per cent of children in care in Saskatchewan are Indigenous. A federal bill, signed last year, hopes to change that. The Trudeau government last year passed Bill C-92 - officially known as An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families - to reduce the number of youth in care, and allow communities to create their own child welfare systems to bring and keep their youth home. Before this week, there was no funding attached to the bill. But an agreement has now been signed between the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government.

[DDCF awards \\$4.5 million for Native communities across United States](#)

Philanthropy News Digest - July 09, 2020

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation has announced grants totaling more than \$4.5 million to support health and well-being, cultural preservation, and social welfare in Native communities across the United States.

[How the 'only family' argument is used against Indigenous families](#)

High Country News – July 9, 2020

There's a powerful dog whistle attacking American Indian families and tribes who assert their rights to keep Native children with Native families under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Increasingly, foster and adoptive parents are fighting those families and tribes who seek to reunite with their children by claiming to be "the only family the child has ever known."

[Supreme Court Rules Nearly Half of Oklahoma Is Indian Reservation](#)

New York Times – July 9, 2020

The 5-to-4 decision could reshape criminal justice in eastern Oklahoma by preventing state authorities from prosecuting Native Americans.

[Supreme Court Tribal Treaty Decision Praised as Game Changer](#)

Bloomberg Law – July 9, 2020

"We hold the government to its word," Gorsuch writes in American Indian treaty case. Tribe's lawyer says "we'll be quoting passages in this opinion for the rest of our lives". In a landmark 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court affirmed the 19th-century reservation status of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in a criminal case that American Indian law practitioners and scholars are applauding for its powerful affirmations of tribal sovereignty.

[Supreme Court Rules Eastern Oklahoma Land Is An Indian Reservation](#)

Huffington Post - July 09, 2020

"In the long term, outside of the criminal context, there may be some minor changes in civil law, the majority opinion points out assistance with homeland security, historical preservation, schools, highways, clinics, housing, and nutrition programs, as possible changes. The Creek Nation will also have greater

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jurisdiction over child welfare cases involving tribal members," Tahdoahnippah said. "The short term implications of McGirt are largely confined to the criminal context in which the case arose."

[The Supreme Court Determined That Eastern Oklahoma is an Indian Reservation: What Does it Mean for You?](#) (Commentary)

CW Law (Conner & Winters LLP) - July 09, 2020

Generally speaking, Indian tribes have increased criminal, civil, regulatory, and tax jurisdiction within their reservations, which does not exist if the reservation has been disestablished. Tribes also receive additional federal statutory authority on their reservations, such as under those that relate to historical preservation and child welfare. Federal assistance may be available to tribes when activities occur on Indian reservations.

[Supreme Court upholds American Indian treaty promises, orders Oklahoma to follow federal law](#)

The Conversation – July 10, 2020

Land in eastern Oklahoma that the United States promised to the Creek Nation in an 1833 treaty is still a reservation under tribal sovereignty, at least when it comes to criminal law, the Supreme Court ruled on July 9. Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote for the majority, "Because Congress has not said otherwise, [we hold the government to its word.](#)"

[What the Landmark Supreme Court Decision Means for Policing Indigenous Oklahoma](#)

Slate – July 10, 2020

For Indigenous people, cries of "law and order" have always contained a loaded message. Lately, we've heard a lot about the notion of "lawlessness" and the need to restore "law and order" within the United States. For Indigenous nations, "law and order" has a particularly loaded past. Tribes have watched the United States, a country that prides itself on the rule of law, systematically disregard its own laws, unilaterally abrogate its own treaties, and, at times, disregard the decisions of its own Supreme Court.

[Tribes, Oklahoma Committed To Working Together On Matters Of Jurisdiction And Public Safety](#)

KOSU – July 10, 2020

The decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma centered on a Seminole man convicted in an Oklahoma state court. The Supreme Court ruled he should have been tried in the federal system. The sweeping ruling also basically says the eastern half of Oklahoma is Indian Country.

[A closed border, pandemic-weary tourists and a big bottleneck at Glacier National Park](#)

Washington Post – July 11, 2020

As Montana warily reopened last month to pandemic-weary tourists, an isolated community held firm with closures and stay-at-home orders. Few outsiders would have paid much attention but for one detail: The Blackfeet Nation borders Glacier National Park, and its decision blocked access to much of the vast wilderness there.

The result this month has meant throngs of visitors crowding into a tiny corner of Glacier — a crown jewel of the park system — with long lines of cars at what is now the only entry point.

And the bottleneck won't disappear anytime soon. Tribal leaders recently announced they would keep the eastern entrances and roads to Glacier, which lie on reservation land, closed at least through August.

"Our number one objective is to keep people alive," said Robert DesRosier, who leads the tribe's covid-19 response team. "We don't want one person to die. Our elders are the keepers of the culture, and we can't afford to lose them."

[Wisconsin Department of Justice creates missing and murdered Indigenous women task force](#)

Fox 11 News – July 10, 2020

Nationally, murder is the third-leading cause of death for young Indigenous women and girls, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data.

"When we look at MMIW (missing and murdered Indigenous women), we have to understand that it goes back to 500 years ago upon contact. But it's just become an issue now in mainstream society. I think about the Kozee family here in Ho-Chunk territory. And right here on the Menominee Indian Reservation we have Katelyn Kelley who has been missing for three weeks now," Menikanaehkem MMIW Coordinator Kristin Welch said.

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[The McGirt Case Is a Historic Win For Tribes](#)

The Atlantic – July 12, 2020

For federal Indian law, this might be the Forsuch Court.

[Understanding the Supreme Court's Ruling on Tribal Sovereignty in Eastern Oklahoma](#)

The Takeaway – July 13, 2020

Last week, the Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation still has criminal jurisdiction over Eastern Oklahoma, land that was designated to them through treaties in the 1800s.

While the decision in McGirt vs. Oklahoma does not grant land ownership back to the tribal nation, the ruling could potentially be the most significant decision the court has ever made on Federal Indian law.

[Anishinabek Nation 'seen as a leader' in creating Indigenous child welfare system](#)

CBC News - July 13, 2020

Indigenous communities across Canada wanting to create their own child welfare system may be looking to the Anishinabek Nation in Ontario for advice. This week, further developments were announced in an agreement between the federal government and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) allowing Indigenous communities in Canada to create independent child welfare agencies. Bill C-92: An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families was passed last year.

[Reservation Mathematics: Navigating Love in Native America](#)

National Museum of the American Indian – July 16, 2020

Blood quantum requirements for tribal enrollment pose many challenges for Native Americans. The concept of using so-called “blood quantum”—or amount of tribal affiliation in a person’s ancestry—to determine tribal enrollment eligibility has no basis in Native American traditions. In early 1900s, the U.S. government began imposing this system on tribes as a means of defining and limiting citizenship. While some tribes still use this method for determining eligibility for tribal enrollment, other Native nations use documentation of a person’s descent from an enrollee on a designated tribal roll or census records.

[Half of Oklahoma is “Indian Country.” What if All Native Treaties were Upheld?](#)

The Intercept – July 17, 2020

The U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision last week that altered the map of Oklahoma. The eastern half of the state, including much of Tulsa, is now, for legal purposes, Indian country. The Supreme Court decision was uncommon — Indigenous people have seen few victories so sweeping in the high court — but treaty violations like those that occurred in Oklahoma are not.

[Why Tribes Should Have the Power to Enforce Strict Coronavirus Policies](#)

The Atlantic – July 18, 2020

American Indians face a grave ordeal in the COVID-19 pandemic. With awful poverty, dire rates of preexisting health conditions, and an already-broken rural health-care system, the death rates on reservations are sure to be higher than just about anywhere else in the country. One additional factor is making fighting the pandemic even harder for tribes: the legal complexities that govern American Indian reservations.

[This 19th-Century Law Helps Shape Criminal Justice in Indian Country: And that’s a problem — especially for Native American women, and especially in rape cases.](#)

New York Times – July 19, 2020

There was something of a scramble, after the Supreme Court ruled in McGirt v. Oklahoma that much of Eastern Oklahoma was now officially Indian Country.

Under the doctrine of tribal sovereignty, the state of Oklahoma could no longer prosecute serious felony cases involving Native Americans on reservation land. But there was little clarity about other critical jurisdictional questions.

[The Native American Critique Of New Law School Study](#)

Above the Law – July 22, 2020

When you hear that the NALP Foundation and the University of Texas School of Law’s Center for Women in Law recently conducted a study on the experiences of women of color in law schools, you’d probably think that The Jabot podcast — dedicated to issues of diversity in the legal profession — would be all over that. But it pretty quickly came to my attention that despite the no doubt good intentions of the study, there was something pretty important missing — specific data about Native American women in law school.

[The Oklahoma decision reveals why Native Americans have a hard time seeking justice](#)

Washington Post – July 22, 2020

Congress won't let tribes fully punish non-Native American criminals — but federal prosecutors often won't pursue crimes against Native Americans.

On July 9, [the Supreme Court ruled](#) in [McGirt v. Oklahoma](#) that 19th century treaties that the United States signed with the [Muscogee \(Creek\) Nation](#) (MCN) remain binding, and the MCN Reservation that Congress promised in 1866 exists today. Critics of the decision, [such as Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt](#) (R), claim *McGirt* will disrupt Oklahoma's criminal justice system and free dangerous criminals.

[Supreme Court Upholds Treaty Obligations, a Landmark Victory for Native Americans](#)

Between the Lines – July 22, 2020

On July 9, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 in a case that indigenous people and their advocates are calling the most important in at least half a century. The decision held that the eastern half of Oklahoma is part of the Muskogee Creek reservation, with major implications for indigenous tribes' legal jurisdiction.

However, the ruling does not mean property owners in that part of the state will lose their land.

[McGirt v. Oklahoma: A tribal member and tribal judge's view](#)

National Judicial College – July 24, 2020

Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the treaty-established Muscogee (Creek) reservation in Oklahoma – which together with four other tribes' reservations spans nearly half the state – was never *disestablished* by Congress, so it remains “Indian country” for the purposes of federal Major Crimes Act prosecutions. However, the Court's opinion, which came in the case of *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, isn't the earthshattering usurpation of states' rights that some folks (including the dissent) seem to perceive.

[Statement from Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee on the release of the Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Service System report](#) (Press release)

Indian Health Service - July 25, 2020

The Task Force report complements ongoing work by the HHS Office of Inspector General, examining the sufficiency and implementation of IHS patient protection policies and procedures. The IHS has fully cooperated with the Task Force as well as the HHS Office of Inspector General to provide interviews and all information requested by them in the course of their work. Together the reports will be used to continue to make improvements to ensure protection of our patients and prevent their harm to the best of our ability.

[Manitoba First Nation takes first steps to get jurisdiction over children in care](#)

Canadian Press - July 29, 2020

A Manitoba First Nation has begun the process of creating its own child welfare system under controversial federal legislation that allows Indigenous groups to enact their own laws. Opaskwayak Cree Nation has retained a Winnipeg law firm and says it will consult with members in the coming months to develop the law to take charge of their children in care.

PUBLICATIONS

Title: [Report of the Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Service System. July 23 2020](#)

Executive Summary

On March 26, 2019, President Donald J. Trump formed a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Service System (“Task Force”) to investigate the institutional and systemic breakdown that failed to prevent and stop after detection a predatory pediatrician working at the Indian Health Service (IHS) from sexually assaulting children. President Trump broadly charged the Task Force with identifying means to better protect Native American children and improve IHS's ability to provide quality healthcare to the more than 2.6 million Native Americans served by IHS. The Task Force carried out its mission as directed by President Trump and in accordance with his commitment to fixing broken, bureaucratic institutions.

During its investigation, the Task Force found fundamental and longstanding deficiencies at IHS that included:

- Employees not understanding child abuse reporting obligations;

- Inadequate training of employees regarding child sexual abuse reporting;
- Confusing policies, procedures, and jurisdictional issues when reporting suspected child abuse;
- Systemic issues of low-morale, lack of leadership, and inability to recruit and retain enough qualified healthcare professionals; and
- Deficiencies in verifying and credentialing processes.

Although the concluding recommendations primarily seek to address the findings above, they also provide guidance to correct some of the overarching issues at IHS that will assist the agency to improve as a whole, especially under the leadership of recently confirmed Rear Admiral Michael Weahkee. It should be noted that while this report highlights some failures at IHS, the vast majority of employees encountered by the Task Force were dedicated public servants who worked tirelessly to fulfill the agency's mission. The Task Force is appreciative of their commitment to Native American communities and their continued efforts to improve the safety of children who receive care.

Title: [Running for missing and murdered Native women: Expansion of Tribal Court Criminal Jurisdiction](#)

Author: Saunooke, Robert O.

Source: [59 No. 2 Judges' J. 22](#) (2020)

Currently there are over 4,000 murdered and missing indigenous women in the United States and Canada that no one is looking for or trying to find. Two indigenous women, Rosalie Fish and Jordan Marie Daniel, are running--physically running--for their people to draw attention to a tragedy that has, for the most part, been overlooked and ignored.

Title: [The Greenbook And The Overrepresentation Of African American, Hispanic, And Native American Families In The Child Welfare System.](#)

Author(s): Howze, Karen Aileen.;McKeig, Anne K.

Source: [Juvenile and Family Court Journal v. 70, 4, December 2019, p. 103-118](#)

Abstract: Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice (the Greenbook) provided a valuable framework for child welfare agencies, domestic violence agencies, and the courts to work together to address the co-occurrence in families of child maltreatment and domestic violence. It did not specifically address the overrepresentation of families of color in the child welfare system or the disparity of outcomes for these families. Yet the Greenbook's approach to systems change can be used as a foundation to implement strategies to reduce overrepresentation and to improve safety, permanency, and stability for children and families.

Title: [A Critical Resource at Risk: Supporting Kinship Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond.](#)

Author(s): Houshyar, Shadi.

Source: Center for the Study of Social Policy

Title: Living in the blast zone: Sexual violence piped onto Native land by extractive industries.

Author: Grisafi, Lily

Source: [52 Colum. J.L. & Soc. Probs. 509](#) (2020)

Abstract: This brief explains the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on kinship carers, many who have been historically and systematically denied the supports they need. It notes 1.6 million children are currently being raised by a grandparent, relative, or close family friend with no parent in the home, and nearly 128,000 children are being raised by kin caregivers who are also licensed foster parents. The challenges faced by three categories of kinship caregivers who may need economic or other supports during the COVID-19 pandemic are then discussed: caregivers who voluntarily step in to help their family members, often with little or few benefits or supports; unlicensed kinship caregivers who step in after child welfare involvement but are sometimes unaware of their eligibility for, or are excluded from, receiving available benefits through the child welfare system; and kin who become licensed foster parents in child welfare systems. Recommendations are made for policy changes that would strengthen supports for kinship caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial crisis and in the future. These recommendations include: increase funding for Kinship Navigator Programs; increase funding for the National Family Caregiver Support Program; utilize Medicaid waivers to support kinship caregivers and the children in their care; utilize temporary licensing authority; require State to waive non-safety standards for licensing kin; provide financial support to kinship caregivers outside of the child welfare system; provide access to technology to ensure that children and kinship caregivers can stay connected to family;

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ensure full compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and provide additional funding to tribes; and support immigrant kinship caregivers through licensing policies and State subsidies.

Announcements

[Indian Country Counts: Census 2020](#)

NCAI's Indian Country Counts Announces Upcoming Events and Grants Reopening
Indian Country Counts is proud to announce we are reopening our community grant applications to Indian Country. Please click here (link to application) to learn more and apply for funds today. We are also proud to share with you the upcoming dates for our continuing "Taking Action" webinar series. Please see below for [upcoming dates and past webinars](#) you may have missed."

[Empowering tribal communities in the time of COVID-19](#) (Press release)

Bay Mills Indian Community - July 29, 2020

Picking up where last year's training left off, Bay Mills set out to hold its second annual Noojimo'iwewin: A Violence Against Women Act and Indian Child Welfare Act Training to once again meet to focus on issues of child welfare, domestic violence, and community healing. This year, the training continues to focus on healing communities from trauma. This year's training will be held on August 5-7, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET via Zoom.

[Children's Legal Rights Journal Call for \(Positive\) ICWA Papers](#)

The Children's Legal Rights Journal out of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law is now accepting papers that discuss the beneficial aspects of ICWA for Native American children, families, and tribes. Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis. Please see the call for papers [here](#).

[Consultation Framing Paper on the Juvenile Justice Reform Act and Tribal Youth Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Programs](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Through this consultation, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is seeking input on how it can collaborate with tribes to implement applicable provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA). The Office also seeks to increase tribes' awareness of and access to juvenile justice funding. This consultation will be conducted remotely via webinar. In addition, OJJDP is accepting written comments at OJJDP Tribal Consultation@ojp.usdoj.gov

Online Resources

Tribal Youth Resource Center

Online Learning Event: [Free Juvenile Policy and Code Development Virtual Learning Series](#)

July 31, 2020 – Session 1: Beyond Transformative Designing Your Tribal Juvenile Justice System/Laws-Big Picture Considerations

This session will cover topics such as developing juvenile justice systems that define and separate dependency and delinquency provisions, specifically address juvenile delinquency/status offenses, and address the broad spectrum of the juvenile justice process to support Tribal youth.

August 28, 2020 – Session 2: Philosophy of Your System Findings and Purpose Provisions that Represent the Values of the Community

This session will engage participants in a discussion toward the development of juvenile justice processes that reflect local values, desired impacts and preferred outcomes. Participants will review and discuss system development processes that provide for meaningful behavior change, fairness and accountability. Participants will additionally discuss ineffectual system responses that may thrust youth toward harm, further delinquency and even the adult criminal justice system.

September 25, 2020 – Session 3: History of Juvenile Justice and the Courts- Individual Rights Innovations in the Model Tribal Juvenile Justice Codes

This session will cover a history of juvenile justice system and related implications for modernization and revision of Tribal juvenile justice system law and policy. The session will survey historic juvenile justice process, the development of contemporary youth rights as exhibited in the Model Indian Juvenile Code,

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and discuss adolescent brain development science as a compelling consideration for Tribal justice system innovation.

October 30, 2020 – Session 4: Integrity of Tribal Juvenile Court Process as a Foundation- Implications of Rights and Evidence in Juvenile Court Process

This session will survey the rights provisions and protections within the Model Indian Juvenile Code. Participants will engage in and discuss evidence provisions and the implications of more clearly defining processes and procedures related to confessions, interrogations, and admissions. The session will also cover the potential for increased statutory rights for juveniles within a Tribal juvenile justice system (from the Indian Civil Rights Act to the Model Indian Juvenile Code provisions), as well as the right to counsel.

November 20, 2020 – Session 5: Integrity of Tribal Juvenile Court Process as a Foundation- Adjudication Alternatives

This session will discuss system development in which systems direct eligible youth toward diversion opportunities rather than toward adjudication and disposition. Participants will review processes that allow for contemporary rehabilitative and treatment focused diversion opportunities. Participants will engage in dialogue related to the development of the juvenile justice system that engages innovation with respect to local Tribal tenets.

Register [here](#)

National American Indian Child Welfare Association

[New Toolkit for Grandfamilies](#)

Over the past several years, NICWA and [Generations United](#) have been working with grandfamilies through a project called Grand Voices: Strengthening and Elevating African American and Native American Grandfamilies. We are pleased to announce a new resource, [American Indian & Alaska Native Grandfamilies: Helping Children Thrive Through Connection to Family and Cultural Identity](#).

This toolkit is designed to give resources and tips to child welfare agencies, other government agencies and nonprofit organizations, so they can better serve all American Indian and Alaska Native grandfamilies regardless of child welfare involvement. It will explore some unique strengths and challenges of these grandfamilies, which agencies and organizations need to recognize in order to provide culturally appropriate supportive services. In recognition of the intersection of identities within our families, here is an additional resource, [African American Grandfamilies: Helping Children Thrive through Connection to Family and Cultural Identity](#).

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

[Celebrating 50 Years of American Indian Self-Determination](#)

By Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan

Newslinks

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

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

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

California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)

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

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Webinars & Podcasts

[The Ruling](#)

This Land – July 16, 2020 (Podcast)

The Supreme Court has ruled, delivering a historic decision on the reservation status of Eastern Oklahoma. Rebecca Nagle talks to the lawyer who argued the case at the High Court, Native law professors, scholars, and journalists to break down the significance of this decision and share what it means to the future of Muscogee (Creek) Nation and all Five Tribes.

[Supreme Court Upholds Treaty Obligations, a Landmark Victory for Native Americans](#)

Between the Lines – July 22, 2020 (Podcast)

Interview with Sarah Deer, a lawyer, professor of women, gender, and sexuality studies at the University of Kansas, conducted by Melinda Tuhus

On July 9, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 in a case that indigenous people and their advocates are calling the most important in at least half a century. The decision held that the eastern half of Oklahoma is part of the Muskogee Creek reservation, with major implications for indigenous tribes' legal jurisdiction. However, the ruling does not mean property owners in that part of the state will lose their land.

[National Association of Women Judges Webinar - The Critical Roles of Child Welfare Judicial Leadership and Community Collaboration: Building Resilience in the Wake of COVID-19](#)

August 12th, 2020

1:00 PM EDT / 12:00 PM CDT / 11:00 AM MDT / 10:00 AM PDT

National Judicial Leaders will discuss the pandemic's impact on vulnerable children and families in the child welfare system. Panelists will discuss how courts and communities are building resiliency through innovative solutions and strong stakeholder collaboration.

Topics will include discussion of the current national child welfare landscape and four states' innovative judicial system responses to safeguarding children and family well-being.

2020 BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING WEBINAR SERIES:

[Truth in History: Examining Indian Boarding Schools in California](#) [Series Overview & Registration](#)

With the generous support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) presents a three-part webinar series exploring the ongoing legacy of the U.S. Indian Boarding School era. Offering crucial insights into current efforts directed through education, advocacy, and healing, NABS is eager to engage the Tribal Nations of California in a national discussion on learning, leading, and healing from this under-examined period. While the "Truth in History" webinar series features the historical analysis and ongoing research and development of programs directed by NABS, representatives and researchers from Tribal communities from California will offer their voice to this dynamic series.

Information on how to register for the webinars will be coming soon!

PART 2: REVIEWING THE RECORDS AND HISTORIES OF INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PDT

This session invites a panel of California leaders, researchers, and archivists to provide context and feedback on a variety of issues related to Indian Boarding School records, including where records might be, what types of records should be searched for, and what should be done with the records. NABS will introduce finding aides, inventories, and other resources that accompany known collections, as well as objects that have already been digitized. Information shared in this episode will contextualize how insights produced from this collaborative work of locating and bringing awareness to these resources has charted crucial pathways toward community-led healing.

PART 3: SHARING AND CONTEXTUALIZING SHERMAN INDIAN MUSEUM

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PDT

Offering valuable context for the experiences and histories of Sherman Institute, this session features the work of the Sherman Indian Museum led by curators, Lorene Sisquoc and Amanda Wixon. Though Sherman Institute was the first off-reservation boarding school in California under the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the museum exists today as a non-federally operated entity. In addition to sharing a brief historical analysis of Sherman Institute, the process and impact of the Sherman Indian Museum's digitization project will be explored, as well as how the

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museum has navigated curation protocols and ethical considerations regarding the digitization of Indian boarding school materials.

[Noojimo'iwewin: A Virtual VAWA and ICWA Training](#)

August 5-7, 2020

The Bay Mills Indian Community (Gnoozhekaaning) will host this virtual conference. Streamed digitally via Zoom, the conference invites law enforcement officials, attorneys, and social work advocates from all communities to look forward from domestic violence. This training is tuition free.

[Register here.](#)

[Press release, Noojimo'iwewin: VAWA and ICWA Training 2020](#)

[PDF save the date, Noojimo'iwewin: VAWA and ICWA Training](#)

[Domestic Violence and Pets – NIWRC](#)

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

12:00 p.m. PT

There is a clear and established link between animal cruelty and human violence. This webinar will focus on implications for pets in the context of domestic violence. This is important since studies have shown that 48% of domestic violence victims delay leaving or remain in abusive situations because of their pets. Yet fewer than 10% of domestic violence shelters house pets and almost half of all victim/survivors do not want to be separated from their pets. During this webinar we will discuss advocacy, safety planning, resources, model policies for co-sheltering and review legal protections for animals.

[Domestic Violence and Disabilities – NIWRC](#)

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

12:00 p.m. PT

We know that American Indian/Alaska Native women experience some of the highest rates for domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking, homicide at the hands of an intimate partner, and missing & murdered. Women with disabilities are of double risk for violence and abuse. This webinar will offer data on American Indian/Alaska Native disabilities in equal access, fair accommodations, and an opportunity to make powerful contributions to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Pre-Recorded Webinars:

[Facility Dogs: Community Policing and Tribal Court Partners](#)

[Tribal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention: Successful Strategies](#)

[Tribal Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention Strategies](#)

[Youth Engagement Strategies: Fostering Development of Tomorrow's Tribal Criminal Justice Leaders](#)

[Building Better and Stronger Tribal Justice Systems: Part 1- Sovereignty Considerations as Part of Planning](#)

[Building Better and Stronger Tribal Justice Systems: Part 2- Customs, Traditions, and Values as Part of Planning](#)

[Indicators for At-Risk Native American Children](#)

[Integrated Tribal Domestic Violence Court](#)

[Interview Strategies with Native American Children](#)

[Restorative Justice / Restorative Practices Webinar Series: Part 1](#)

[Restorative Justice / Restorative Practices Webinar Series: Part 2](#)

[Restorative Justice / Restorative Practices Webinar Series: Part 3](#)

[Child Welfare Information Gateway Podcast Series](#)

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

Upcoming Conferences and Trainings

Native American Rights Fund

Peacemaking Colloquium: Shift out of the Box Into the Circle

August 5–6, 2020 – Zoom Convening

August 5th 4:00 – 5:30 Introduction and Justice Film;

August 6th 9:00 am – 4:30 pm (Mountain)

RSVP To: katrina@nmpovertylaw.org for zoom invite and agenda (forthcoming).

National American Indian Court Judges Association Takes Annual Conference Virtual

October 20-23, 2020 - Tribal Court Justice in 2020: Tribal Court Resiliency, Change and Shaping Law

The National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) is taking its annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference to a virtual platform on October 20-23, 2020. NAICJA joins many tribal organizations moving to online meeting spaces in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, and the organization intends to continue its conference tradition of delivering top-notch training, cutting-edge information and invaluable opportunities to network with and learn from their colleagues.

39th Annual Protecting our Children Conference

April 11–14, 2021

Seattle, Washington

National Indian Child Welfare Association:

Join us as we gather for the Annual Protecting Our Children Conference, the premier national event addressing tribal child welfare. Each year, NICWA hosts the largest national gathering on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child advocacy issues. With over 1,400 attendees—and growing every year—this four-day conference has become the premiere national event addressing tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to youth with lived experience in child welfare systems. [Conference agenda](#)

Community Workshop on Child Sex Trafficking in Tribal Communities

National Criminal Justice Training Center – Fox Valley Technical College

Join first responders, community members, and child protection officials for this eight-hour workshop to combat trafficking and exploitation of minors. During this workshop, you will learn the dynamics of trafficking and participate in a focus group discussion on the efforts to identify, prevent, and respond to human trafficking, as well as the special considerations related to the abduction, trafficking, and exploitation of Native women and children. The workshop will conclude with a survivor's perspective to the community's response to protect our children.

Training available on request: [here](#)

2020 CalSWEC Title IV-E Summit

NEW DATE: April 22 & 23, 2021

Hilton Oakland Airport Hotel

Oakland, CA

This is an annual event that convenes child welfare social work practitioners, educators, and CalSWEC Title IV-E students. The Summit is intended to provide opportunities for a diverse group of child welfare stakeholders to

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network and learn from one another. Summit's theme — *Take it to the Top: Bridging the Disconnect between Policy and Practice in Child Welfare*.

Registration link will be available in 2021. Email calswec_events@berkeley.edu if you have questions about event logistics. Email Rose Chahla, Title IV-E Assistant Director, at rose.chahla@berkeley if you have questions about the Summit content or eligibility.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Emergency Awards: RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center \(CDCC\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-OD-20-013

Deadline: August 7, 2020

NIH is issuing this FOA in response to the declared public health emergency issued by the Secretary, HHS, for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This emergency cooperative agreement funding opportunity announcement (FOA) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides an expedited funding mechanism as part of the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics-Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) initiative, a consortium of community-engaged research projects to understand factors that have led to disproportionate burden of the pandemic on the underserved and/or vulnerable populations so that interventions can be implemented to decrease these disparities. This FOA seeks to fund a single Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC) as an integral part of the consortium. The funding for this supplement is provided from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, 2020.

[NIA Multi-site COVID-19 Related Clinical Trial Implementation Grant on Aging-Related Topics in at-risk Older Adult Populations](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-20-234

Deadline: February 1, 2021

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for implementation of investigator-initiated multi-site clinical trials (all phases or stages) of interventions focused on specific aging-related issues to reducing transmission, risk, morbidity, mortality, severity, or complications of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[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)). OASH/LDWG seeks proposals for projects that will further enable the coordination and development of testing and associated products that meet the current and future needs, and the effective transition of technology into broad use without impediments. 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.

When posted, the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will provide guidance for applicants on the submission of short white papers, which after review, may be followed by full proposal submissions for consideration for funding. Applicants will have the option of forgoing the white paper submission for direct submission of a full proposals. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis to address immediate public needs. Applicants must submit white papers and applications through Grants.gov according to the instructions in the FOA. Applicants must have an active SAM registration at the time of submission and maintain an active registration throughout the review process and during any award that may result.

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BACKGROUND: On January 31, 2020, HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus, now known as SARS-CoV-2, or COVID-19. Testing is vital to prevent and contain outbreaks that may occur as economic and social activities expand across the country. Accordingly, the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139) provides funding to HHS to “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...” As part of the response to this requirement, and in order to administer agency actions to mitigate the pandemic, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) complements existing efforts within the Department. To meet current and future challenges with the least possible risk, the nation needs more testing - with increasingly diverse, accurate, and affordable platforms – that are tailored to specific use cases.

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](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Public Engagement with Historical Records](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

ENGAGEMENT-202010

Deadline: August 8, 2020

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that encourage public engagement with historical records, including the development of new tools that enable people to engage online. The NHPRC is looking for projects that create models and technologies that other institutions can freely adopt. In general, collaborations between archivists, documentary editors, historians, educators, and/or community-based individuals are more likely to create a competitive proposal. Projects that focus on innovative methods to introduce primary source materials and how to use them in multiple locations also are more likely to create a competitive proposal. Projects might create and develop programs to engage people in the study and use of historical records for institutional, educational or personal reasons. For example, an applicant can:

- Enlist volunteer “citizen archivists” in projects to accelerate access to historical records, especially those online. This may include, but is not limited to, efforts to identify, tag, transcribe, annotate, or otherwise enhance digitized historical records.
- Develop educational programs for K-12 students, undergraduate classes, or community members that encourage them to engage with historical records already in repositories or that are collected as part of the project.
- Collect primary source material from people through public gatherings and sponsor discussions or websites about the results.
- Use historical records in workshops for artistic endeavors. This could include K-12 students, undergraduate classes, or community members. Examples include projects that encourage researching and writing life stories for performance; using record facsimiles in painting, sculpture, or audiovisual collages; or using text as lyrics for music or as music.
- Develop technologies that encourage the sharing of information about historical records.

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[American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families – OHS
HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HI-1853**

Deadline: August 9, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$3 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low income American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services. ACF solicits applications from public entities, including states, or private non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 42 U.S.C. § 9840A of the Head Start Act. Interested applicants may email OHSTech@reviewops.org for additional information.

[Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - OHS
HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HP-1852**

Deadline: August 9, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of approximately \$100 million to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services.

[BJA FY 20 Law Enforcement Training & Technical Assistance Response Center](#)

**Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA-2020-18813**

Deadline: August 10, 2020

BJA seeks to fund a national training and technical assistance provider to act as a single point of contact for law enforcement agencies at the state, local, and tribal levels to address issues currently affecting the law enforcement community.

BJA requires the assistance of demonstrated national leaders in the field of law enforcement. Working with a one-stop TTA provider with deep knowledge of the law enforcement profession and constituency groups, acting as the dedicated repository and response center, they will pool their collective knowledge and expertise to provide TTA to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies on the day-to-day issues that they face. Leveraging the experience and resources of these national organizations via this response center will increase cooperation and provide real-time support on issues that a single organization may not have had experience within the past.

[Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant](#)

**Department of Agriculture
Business and Cooperative Programs
RBCS-SDGG-2020**

Deadline: August 10, 2020

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service announces the availability of \$3,000,000 in competitive grant funds for the FY 2020 Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant (SDGG) program. The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to Socially-Disadvantaged Groups in rural areas. Eligible applicants include Cooperatives, Groups of Cooperatives, and Cooperative Development Centers. This program supports Rural Development's (RD) mission of improving the quality of life for rural Americans and commitment to directing resources to those who most need them.

[Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services \(OSERS\): Office of Special Education Programs \(OSEP\): Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program: Stepping-up Technology Implementation](#)

**Department of Education
CFDA Number 84.327S
ED-GRANTS-062520-001**

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Deadline: August 14, 2020

The purposes of the Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program are to (1) improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom for children with disabilities; (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom; and (4) provide accessible educational materials to children with disabilities in a timely manner.

[FY20 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund \(TTPSF\)](#)

**Department of Transportation
DOT Federal Highway Administration
FHWA-TTPSF-2020**

Deadline: August 20, 2020

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF) has been published. This notice announces the availability of approximately \$9.2 million for projects in three categories: safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities; and infrastructure improvement and other eligible activities as listed in 23 U.S.C. 148(a)(4).

[FY 2020 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program](#)

**Department of Transportation
DOT/Federal Transit Administration
FTA-2020-007-TR**

Deadline: August 24, 2020

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in funding provided by the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)), as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), Public Law 114-94 (December 4, 2015). This is a national solicitation for project proposals and includes the selection criteria and program eligibility information for Fiscal Year 2020 projects. The primary purpose of these competitively selected grants is to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services. Funds distributed to Indian tribes under the TTP should not replace or reduce funds that Indian tribes receive from states through FTA's Section 5311 program.

[Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing](#)

**Department of Housing and Urban Development
FR-6400-N-44**

Deadline: August 24, 2020

The purpose of the HHP program is to assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards. This program will assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to develop comprehensive programs to identify and remediate housing issues that contribute to health and safety issues in urban, tribal communities.

[Tribal Management Grant Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service
HHS-2020-IHS-TDM-0001**

Deadline: August 24, 2020

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant program is to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TOs) in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services and activities (PFSAs) through a Title I Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) contract and assist established Title I ISDEAA contractors and Title V ISDEAA compactors to further develop and improve management capability. In addition, Tribal Management Grants are available to T/TOs under the authority of 25 U.S.C. § 5322(e) for the following: (1) obtaining technical assistance from providers designated by the T/TO (including T/TOs that operate mature contracts) for the purposes of program planning and evaluation, including the development of any management systems necessary for contract management, and the development of cost allocation plans for indirect cost rates; and (2) planning, designing, monitoring, and evaluating federal programs serving T/TOs, including federal administrative functions.

[Living Languages Grant Program \(LLGP\)](#)

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**Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIA-2020-LLGP
Deadline: August 28, 2020**

IEED is soliciting proposals from tribes for grants to fund Native Language instruction and immersion programs for Native Students not enrolled at BIE-funded schools.

[Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESE\): Office of Indian Education \(OIE\): for Indian Education Discretionary Grants Programs: Native American Language \(NAL@ED\) Program](#)
CFDA Number 84.415B

**Department of Education
ED-GRANTS-071420-002
Deadline: August 28, 2020**

The purposes of this program are to (1) support schools that use Native American and Alaska Native languages as the primary language of instruction; (2) maintain, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans and Alaska Natives to use, practice, maintain, and revitalize their languages, as envisioned in the Native American Languages Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. 2901, et seq.); and (3) support the Nation's First Peoples' efforts to maintain and revitalize their languages and cultures, and to improve educational opportunities and student outcomes within Native American and Alaska Native communities.

[Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities and Demonstration and Training Programs: National Technical Assistance Center on Transition for Students and Youth with Disabilities](#)

**Department of Education
CFDA Number 84.326E
ED-GRANTS-062920-001
Deadline: August 28, 2020**

The purpose of the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing TA, supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research.

[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-2020-ACL-AOA-DASG-0364
Deadline: September 7, 2020**

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 of the United States declares a Major Disaster and may only be used in those areas designated in the Major Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

[American Indian and Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - OHS
HHS-2020-ACF-OHS-HI-1853
Deadline: September 21, 2020**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of \$3,567,886 to be competitively awarded for the purpose of expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low income American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services. ACF solicits applications from public entities, including states, or private non-profit organizations, including community-based or faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies that meet eligibility for applying as stated in section 42 U.S.C. § 9840A of the Head Start Act.

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[Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2020-IHS-IPP-0001

Deadline: October 1, 2020

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) cooperative agreement is to address the disparity in injury rates by encouraging Tribes to implement focused, community-based injury prevention programs and projects using evidence-based strategies. Injury prevention evidence-based strategies are prevention methods that have been scientifically evaluated and proven to prevent injuries, including strategic changes to the environment (for example, roadways, elder homes for fall hazards, smoke alarms) and strategies to promote behavior change (such as car seat use, float coat use). Injury prevention programs and projects are most effective when based on these model practices. The use of well-planned, promising, and innovative injury prevention strategies is also recommended.

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

EDITIONS-202010

Deadline: October 8, 2020

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as law (including the social and cultural history of the law), politics, social reform, business, military, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience, or may be centered on the papers of major figures from American history.

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Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families – OCSE

HHS-2021-ACF-OCSE-FD-1858

Deadline: October 21, 2020

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) forecasts inviting eligible applicants to submit applications developing interventions to educate teens and young adults about the financial, legal, and emotional responsibilities of parenthood. The primary goal of the grant projects is to leverage the child support program's expertise on the legal and financial responsibilities of parenting to educate and motivate teens and young adults to postpone parenthood until after they have completed their education, started a career, and entered a committed relationship. The target populations for these three-year grant projects are teens and young adults ages 13-25, including unmarried parents and those who have not yet started families. The grant project design should identify existing public and private entities serving similar populations and establish and/or leverage partnerships to connect educational and motivational programs to additional supportive services promoting economic stability and healthy family formation. Grant project designs will build on, adapt, and enhance existing responsible parenting, paternity, and child support awareness models as well as develop new educational materials and tools. Grantees are expected to collaborate with state or tribal universities to evaluate their projects and to share project materials and resources, intervention lessons, and promising practices for outreach developed as part of the grant project with other state and tribal IV-D agencies.

[Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-AG-21-024

Deadline: October 29, 2020

This FOA supports applications for Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAICs), centers of excellence in geriatrics research and research education to increase scientific knowledge leading to better ways to maintain or restore independence in older persons. The OAIC awards are designed to develop or strengthen awardee institutions programs that focus and sustain progress on a key area in aging research related to the mission of the OAIC program.

[Head Start/Early Head Start Grantee -- Communities in the state of California](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OHS

HHS-2021-ACF-OHS-CH-R09-1860

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Deadline: November 6, 2020

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start will solicit applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit organizations that wish to compete for funds to provide Head Start and/or Early Head Start services to eligible children and families. Funding may be available in two individually defined service areas within the state of California. Interested applicants should visit the website noted in the "Link to Additional Information" to view the list of projected service areas and their corresponding funding levels in this state. These service areas are subject to change until a funding opportunity announcement is published. Applicants may email the OHS Operations Center at OHSTech@reviewops.org for additional information.

[Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-20-237

Deadline: December 1, 2020

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications to implement and evaluate community interventions testing 1) the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups; and 2) already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, behavioral, and socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups.

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Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OCSE

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[Media Projects](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities

20200812-TD-TR

Deadline: January 6, 2021

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Public Programs is accepting applications for the Media Projects program. The purpose of this program is to support collaboration between media producers and scholars to develop humanities content and to prepare documentary film, television, radio, and podcast projects that engage public audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. All projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship. Media Projects makes awards at two levels: Development and Production.

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[Detecting and Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
PAR-18-479**

Deadline: January 7, 2021

This initiative supports research to test the effectiveness of combined strategies to both detect and intervene to reduce the risk of suicide behavior, suicide ideation, and non-suicidal self-harm (NSSI) by youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. Opportunities for detection and prevention start at early points of contact (e.g., police interaction, the intake interview) and continue through many juvenile justice settings (e.g., pre-trial detention, juvenile or family court activities, court disposition, placement and on-going care in either residential or multiple community settings.) This FOA invites intervention strategies that are designed to be delivered in typical service settings using typically available personnel and resources, to enhance the implementation of interventions that prove effective, enhance their future uptake in diverse settings, and thereby reduce risk of suicide and self-harm in this population. This FOA is published in parallel to a companion R34 FOA (PAR-xx-xxx) supporting pilot studies in preparation for the larger-scale studies described here.

[Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

**Department of Veterans Affairs
VA National Cemetery Administration
VA-GRANTS-NCA-FY2021-1**

Deadline: July 1, 2021

Cemetery Grants are only available to states, territories and federally recognized tribal governments. This program operates in accordance to 38 CFR Part 39.

[NICHD Research Education Programs](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
PAR-20-250**

Deadline: May 25, 2022

This FOA will support creative educational activities that focus primarily on research skills development. Although activities focused primarily on mentoring activities or professional skills development are not within the scope of this funding announcement, the informal mentoring activities and professional skills development that are usually associated with courses for research skills development are permitted.

[Device-Based Treatments for Substance Use Disorders](#) (UG3/UH3, Clinical Trial Optional)

**Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
PAR-20-279**

Deadline: August 10, 2023

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to accelerate the development of devices to treat Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). The continuing advances in technologies offer unprecedented opportunities to develop neuromodulatory or neurophysiological devices that are safe and effective SUD treatments. The objective is to move devices to their next step in the FDA approval process, with the ultimate goal of generating new, FDA approved device-based treatments for SUDs.

[FY 2019 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. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019...".

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To be competitive, applications must clearly incorporate principles for enhancing the resilience (as defined under Section A.4, below) of the relevant community/region or demonstrate the integration of resilience principles into the investment project itself. Resilience is an essential component of any strategy for mitigating the potential for future disaster-related losses and adverse economic impacts for communities. Therefore, inclusion of resilience principles in the project is a necessary step to improve the capacity of the region to recover more quickly from future disaster events. Applicants must include a narrative attachment as a part of their application materials, describing in detail the nexus between their proposed project scope of work and disaster recovery and resilience efforts. The strength of the nexus to the disaster is drawn from the consequences of the relevant disaster(s) and the intended project outcomes that fulfill the community's specific post-disaster needs.

[Guidance for Invited Applications for Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program for Crime Victim Compensation and/or Assistance](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

Deadline: Open

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) supports victims of mass violence and terrorism through the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP). This program is designed to supplement the resources and services of entities responding to these acts when a jurisdiction has been overwhelmed after such an incident. Funding for this program comes from the Antiterrorism Emergency Reserve (the Emergency Reserve).

This is a restricted invitation because the program is intended to respond to specific cases of terrorism and mass violence. Only after OVC has consulted with an eligible organization can an application be submitted. Further program guidance is set out in the AEAP Guidelines (available from OVC, or at in the Federal Register at 67 Fed. Reg. 4822 (Jan. 31, 2002) and 79 Fed. Reg. 59298 (Oct. 1, 2014)). (See <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR2002-01-31/pdf/02-2299.pdf> for details.)

[Incorporating cost effectiveness & societal outcomes into FDA opioids model \(U01\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

FOR-FD-20-008

Deadline: Not Listed

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to incorporate social outcomes (quality of life, untreated pain, etc.) and cost effectiveness into FDA's existing model and policy analysis tool. Work resulting from this funding opportunity should provide more holistic insight into the opioid crisis and enhance decision makers' ability to propose and consider policy options. Such work will require the integration of new structural components, new data, and new analyses into the model. Given the paucity of data surrounding opioids interventions, this effort will also require studies to collect information about the costs, social outcomes, and other details associated with potential policies.