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IN THE NEWS

[PTSD Effects On Native Children Who Witness Domestic Violence](#)

Native News Online – July 27, 2021

When we say, "[domestic violence is not traditional](#)," it is to remind Native Americans of a time before colonization. It's a glimpse into a past when times were good. Instead, our memories only extend to the depths of colonization and the devastating impact it had on our people. Whether we know it or not, our words and actions reflect a story from the past.

[Why residential schools in U.S. have remained part of the country's buried past](#)

National Post – July 31, 2021

The U.S. policy designed to forcibly assimilate Indigenous children has until recent weeks received scant attention from non-native society, government and news media.

[Lummi Nation reimagines foster care for Indigenous families](#)

Imprint - August 02, 2021

Several years ago, the Lummi Tribal Council told Diana Phair, the executive director of the tribe's Housing Authority: "We have 200-some children in foster care. We need to bring our children home." What would it take, Phair next asked tribal members of the nation, which sits on Washington's Pacific Coast near Canada, to keep their families healthy and whole, and far from the risk of being separated by child welfare authorities? With the tribal members' input, she and her colleagues devised Sche'lang'en Village, a novel housing arrangement for parents seeking to reunite with their children in foster care, homeless families, those overcoming addictions and women fleeing domestic violence.

[Sixties Scoop survivors call for federal inquiry and apology](#)

CBC News - August 02, 2021

Former Canadian senator Murray Sinclair and a group representing survivors of the Sixties Scoop are calling for a federal inquiry into the actions and policies of governments that led to thousands of Indigenous children being taken from their homes over four decades and placed with non-Indigenous families. "There have been studies on the Sixties Scoop, but we really haven't delved into how far-reaching the effects really are," said Katherine Legrange, volunteer co-ordinator with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada.

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[House rejects extra funding to help tribal courts after McGirt ruling](#)

Indianz – August 2, 2021

The House last week rejected a proposal that would have added \$154 million to the Bureau of Indian Affairs budget to help tribal courts cope with an influx of cases after a 2020 Supreme Court ruling that expanded tribal jurisdiction.

[Bill to improve child support enforcement for tribes passes senate](#)

Columbia Gorge News – August 3, 2021

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and John Thune applauded the Senate for recently passing their bill to improve child support enforcement for Native American tribes by allowing the 60 tribes that operate their own child support agencies to access the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program to collect past-due child support from non-custodial parents.

[Examining the Painful Legacy of Native American Boarding Schools in the US](#)

KQED – August 3, 2021

The recent discoveries of [more than 1,000](#) unmarked graves at Indigenous residential schools in Canada has drawn attention to the troubling legacy of similar institutions in California and elsewhere in the United States.

In June, the U.S. launched [its own investigation](#) into the long history of abuse and loss of life at hundreds of boarding schools for Native American children run by the federal government from the mid-1800s through much of the 20th century. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary, said she wants the investigation to focus closely on cemeteries and possible burial sites at or near the schools.

[Interior and Justice Departments take next steps in implementation of Not Invisible Act](#)

Indian Country Today – August 4, 2021

The Departments of the Interior and Justice today announced the next steps in implementing of the *Not Invisible Act*, including the publication of a [solicitation for nominations](#) of non-federal members to join the Joint Commission. The Joint Commission will focus on reducing violent crimes against American Indians and Alaska Natives and address the long-standing missing and murdered Indigenous person crisis. The agencies are also moving forward with nation-to-nation conduct consultations with Tribal leaders related to the Commission and implementation of the Act.

[Tribal Courts Get First Chance to Adjudicate Contract Dispute](#)

Bloomberg Law – August 4, 2021

A breach of contract suit a former contractor filed against the Indian tribe he worked for must initially be heard in tribal courts, the Tenth Circuit said.

[Jonathan P. Baird: U.S. public knows little about the history of Indian boarding schools in this country](#)

Concord Monitor – August 8, 2021

Native American history, as conventionally told, has big gaps. One gap is the story of how between 1869-1978 the federal government removed hundreds of thousands of Native American children, some as young as five, from their parents. By 1926, 83% of Indian school-age children were attending boarding school.

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

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[Residential schools were a key tool in America’s long history of Native genocide](#)

The Washington Post – August 10, 2021

The recent discovery of unmarked mass graves of [1,300 Indigenous children](#) buried in five former residential schools has forced Canada to come to grips with a legacy of cultural and physical genocide against Native people.

[Legal group backs U.S. review of Indigenous boarding schools](#)

PBS News Hour – August 10, 2021

The American Bar Association’s policymaking body has voted in favor of a resolution supporting the U.S. Interior Department as it works to uncover the troubled legacy of federal boarding schools that sought to assimilate Indigenous youth into white society.

[At Schools Where Native American Children Died, New Hope for Answers](#)

Wall Street Journal – August 12, 2021

Researchers studying fate of young people forcibly taken from homes want help from an Interior Department review following the discovery of mass graves in Canada.

[How Native students fought back against abuse and assimilation at US boarding schools](#)

The Conversation – August 12, 2021

As Indigenous community members and archaeologists [continue to discover](#) unmarked graves of Indigenous children at the sites of Canadian residential schools, the United States is reckoning with its own history of off-reservation boarding schools.

[The disturbing history of how conservatorships were used to exploit, swindle Native Americans](#)

The Conversation – August 13, 2021

Perhaps nowhere has the impact been so grave than with respect to Native Americans, who were [put into a status of guardianship](#) due to a system of federal and local policies developed in the early 1900s purportedly aimed at protecting Native Americans receiving allotted land from the government. Members of the [Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma](#) – Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole nations – were particularly impacted by these practices due to the discovery of oil and gas under their lands.

[Little justice for child sex abuse victims in Indian Country](#)

Federal News Network – August 16, 2021

Child sexual abuse is among the worst scourges on Indigenous communities in North America, yet little hard data exists on the extent of the problem. Some researchers estimate it could be as high as one in every two children.

[California Senate approves measure to make Native American Day a paid holiday](#)

Native News Online – August 18, 2021

On Tuesday, the California Senate unanimously approved a bill introduced by the state’s first Indigenous lawmaker to grant judicial employees the first-ever paid holiday recognizing Native Americans. California Native American Day will grant state court employees a paid state holiday on the fourth Friday in September. Though that date has previously been recognized by the state and tribal communities, it’s never counted as a judicial holiday.

[Seattle council backs investigation of Indigenous human rights violations](#)

My Northwest – August 18, 2021

Seattle City Council approved [a resolution this week](#) supporting the U.S. Department of Interior’s Boarding School Initiative and the Truth and Healing Commission.

[Why is the US right suddenly interested in Native American adoption law?](#)

The Guardian – August 23, 2021

A 1978 law tried to remedy adoption practices created to forcibly assimilate Native children. Now conservative lawyers are arguing that the law constitutes ‘reverse racism’.

[Season 2 of ‘This Land’ Uncovers Rightwing Efforts to Dismantle the Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Native News Online – August 23, 2021

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The second season of the award-winning “This Land” podcast, hosted by Native American journalist Rebecca Nagle (Cherokee Nation), returns today.

“Following the extraordinary success of season one, ‘This Land’ returns with another deep dive into an underreported legal battle with the potential to do outsized harm to American Indian tribes and Native people across the county,” according to a statement from [Crooked Media](#), the media company that distributes the podcast.

[Boarding School Healing Coalition Presses for Mental Wellness Resources to Deal with Intergenerational Trauma](#)

Native News Online – August 23, 2021

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) says more mental wellness support resources are needed for Native Americans dealing with trauma associated with the discovery of graves at Indian residential schools in Canada earlier this year.

[Feds drop hundreds of child sex abuse cases in Indian Country, leaving victims without justice: Chapter 4 – Pathways to justice](#)

Gila Herald – August 23, 2021

Despite the problems of tribal authorities and limitations on their courts, many former U.S. attorneys believe the tribal justice system would be the most effective in dealing with crimes, such as child sexual abuse.

[Erasing Native American culture](#)

Week - August 23, 2021

The U.S. and Canada are starting to face their history of forcing indigenous children into abusive boarding schools. In the 19th and 20th centuries, the U.S. government and religious leaders used compulsory boarding schools to force young Native Americans to give up the languages and cultures of their ancestors, which were considered self-evidently inferior to a Christian, Western-style upbringing. Boarding schools were made mandatory for Native American children in 1891. Canada also coerced at least 150,000 indigenous children into a network of residential schools that were mostly run by the Catholic Church; last June, researchers uncovered 1,148 unmarked graves on the grounds of three schools.

[Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Is Focus of Dateline NBC Special](#)

People Magazine – August 25, 2021

The Secrets of Spirit Lake features the case of Carla Yellow Bird, who was murdered in 2016 on the Spirit Lake reservation in North Dakota.

[Native foster care nonprofit earns prize for child advocacy work](#) (Includes video)

KMTV - August 25, 2021

A grassroots nonprofit advocating for Native youth in the child welfare system was recently granted a highly competitive prize to further their efforts. In 1978 the Indian Child Welfare Act set federal regulations to prioritize the specific needs of native children and their communities, regulations that the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition aims to protect and upkeep here in Nebraska. According to the Nebraska Foster Care Review Office's latest quarterly report Native children only make up 1.1% of the population, but make-up nearly 3.9% of foster children placed out of home or trial placement. They also make up nearly 5.9% of probation-supervised youth.

[Study of Native Children's Justice Needs Will Likely Get a Two-Year Extension](#)

Imprint - August 25, 2021

A bill granting the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Tribal Justice two additional years to complete a study on the needs of Native children is on its way to President Joe Biden's desk for his signature.

[The U.S. delves into the pain inflicted on Indigenous communities through boarding schools](#)

Los Angeles Times – August 27, 2021

Ground-penetrating radar this year [revealed](#) hundreds of unmarked graves at former residential schools in Canada. The harrowing discovery — remnants of a government policy that sought to eradicate Indigenous cultures by separating an estimated 150,000 children from their families from the 19th century through the 1990s — prompted reaction from religious leaders and public officials worldwide.

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In the U.S., Interior Secretary Deb Haaland [wept](#) when she saw the headlines from Canada. She is a member of the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, and her maternal grandparents were among the children subject to a similar policy on this side of the border. The Interior Department, which she now runs, oversaw hundreds of boarding schools for more than a century.

PUBLICATIONS

[Taking Children: A History of American Terror.](#)

Laura Briggs, University of California Press (2020)

Abstract: This book argues that for four hundred years the United States has taken children for political ends. Black children, Native children, Latinx children, and the children of the poor have all been seized from their kin and caregivers. As this text's sweeping narrative shows, the practice played out on the auction block, in the boarding schools designed to pacify the Native American population, in the foster care system used to put down the Black freedom movement, in the US's anti-Communist coups in Central America, and in the moral panic about "crack babies." In chilling detail we see how Central Americans were made into a population that could be stripped of their children and how every US administration beginning with Reagan has put children of immigrants and refugees in detention camps.

[Tribal Crime Data Collection Activities, 2021](#) (Technical Report)

U.S. Department of Justice – July 2021

This report, the 11th in a series that began in 2011, describes activities by BJS to collect and improve data on crime and justice in Indian country. It summarizes funding to enhance tribal participation in national records and information systems and highlights data collection activities covering tribal populations. This report meets the requirement of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (TLOA; P.L. 111-211, 124 Stat. 2258 § 251(b)) to report annually on BJS's activities to establish and enhance a tribal crime data collection system.

[Tribal Courts in the United States, 2014 – Statistical Tables](#)

U.S. Department of Justice – July 2021

This report summarizes the administration and operations of tribal court systems located in the lower 48 states, including the number and types of courts, subject- and person-level jurisdiction exercised, and sources of operational funding. Findings are based on data from BJS's 2014 National Survey of Tribal Court Systems, the first complete enumeration of tribal court systems operating in the United States.

[Tribal Crime in the United States Extracts, 2019](#)

Bureau of Justice Statistics – July 2021

This data table presents summary counts of violent and property crimes reported to tribal law enforcement agencies by state and year, including—

- overall violent crime, murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault
- overall property crime, burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Findings are based on data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

[Has Federal Indian Law Finally Arrived at “The Far End of the Trail of Tears”?](#)

Ann Tweedy – 37 Ga. St. U.L. Rev. 739 (2021)

Abstract

This Article examines the United States Supreme Court's July 9, 2020 decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, which held that the historic boundaries of the Creek reservation remain intact, and argues that the decision may signal a sea change in the course of federal Indian law of the magnitude of *Obergefell v. Hodges* in the LGBT rights arena. The Article shows how the opinion lays a very strong foundation for a much-needed return to traditional federal Indian law principles, respectful treatment of tribal governments as a third sovereign in the American system, and an understanding of fairness from the perspective of tribes and Native individuals.

[Domestic violence, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and Alaska Natives: How domestic violence is weaponized against Alaska Native survivors.](#)

Bouadi, Sumaya [33 Yale J.L. & Feminism 169](#) (2021)

Abstract: After the forced separation of Indian families, Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to create heightened procedural protections to maintain and preserve Indian families. Following *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*, 570 U.S. 637 (2013), courts have indicated concern that the heightened

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standards of ICWA may be overbroad and harm Indian children. This Note provides an empirical counter to that concern, illustrating that, under similar circumstances, Alaska Native parental survivors of domestic violence lose custody of their children at considerably higher rates than non-Alaska Natives. The continued disparate treatment suggests that ICWA continues to serve an important purpose in protecting Indian families and ought to be strengthened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Check for Us-FOSTER YOUTH Ages 14-26](#)

Apply by: September 30, 2021

Check For Us is a national outreach campaign run by current and former foster youth to simplify the process of connecting YOU with pandemic relief funds that you may be eligible for and other paid opportunities. Current and former foster youth between the ages of 14-26 qualify for over \$400 million in federal stimulus funds BUT you gotta apply before September 30, 2021.

[Judicial Council of California Judicial Diversity Summit 2021](#)

The “Stronger Together: Judicial Diversity Summit 2021” will be held remotely on three Tuesday evenings on September 14, 21 and 28, 2021. This Judicial Diversity Summit is co-sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, California’s Lawyers Association and California Judges Association and has been held every five years since 2006 to assess the efforts to increase judicial diversity in California, and to make recommendations for future activities and initiatives to diversify the judiciary. The intended audience for the summit is judicial officers, attorneys and law students.

[Call for Proposals - NCJFCJ 2022 National Conferences](#)

Please [complete the online application](#) no later than **Friday, October 1, 2021**, for the 2022 National Conference on Juvenile Justice and **Monday, November 15, 2021**, for the 85th Annual Conference. The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will be holding two national conferences in 2022, the *NCJFCJ Celebration Tour*. The NCJFCJ Curriculum Committee is now accepting proposals for workshop sessions at the **2022 National Conference on Juvenile Justice** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, home of the NCJFCJ's National Center for Juvenile Justice, **March 13-16**, and the **85th Annual Conference** in Reno, Nevada, home of the NCJFCJ, **July 17-20**.

[Call for Presentations: 17th National Indian Nations Conference](#) [Submit Presentation Proposals by December 1, 2021](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is seeking subject matter experts to present at the 17th National Indian Nations Conference. The Conference is scheduled for March 22-25, 2022, on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California. Selected presenters will have the opportunity to share their expertise with tribal, state, local, and federal personnel responsible for meeting the needs of victims of crime in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This national conference will focus on the unique needs of tribal communities and will honor resiliency, encourage unity, and empower victim service providers and justice allies to promote healing and justice for all.

[Not Invisible Act Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians Call for Nominations](#)

The U.S. Department of the Interior is seeking public nominations for its Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians (Commission) as outlined in Section 4 of the Not Invisible Act of 2019. The Commission will develop recommendations for the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and the Attorney General on actions the Federal Government can take to increase intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crime on Indian lands and against Indians. The DOI is soliciting comments and nominations for qualified individuals to serve as non-Federal Commission members

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Disaster Legal Assistance Collaborative \(DLAC\)](#)

Free legal help for survivors of California disasters, and resources for volunteers, provided by trusted California nonprofit legal aid providers. DLAC is a coalition of organizations and law firms in Northern California working together to offer free legal services to the communities in the aftermath of natural disasters. Survivors of disasters such as wildfires face a wide variety of legal and financial needs ranging from insurance claim assistance to requests for government programs such as FEMA assistance.

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[Peer Recovery Support Services in Tribal Communities](#) (Recorded Webinar)

National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College – Recorded July 21, 2021
Discussed an overview of peer recovery support services (PRSS) as part of a comprehensive program to address substance abuse within tribal communities. Explored specific models of PRSS implementation within tribal communities. Identified benefits of PRSS as well as common challenges and barriers. Examined important considerations related to building comprehensive intervention strategies to respond to alcohol and substance abuse issues in tribal communities including PRSS.

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 (CalDOG)

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](#).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

[CSEC Action Team Meeting re Expecting and Parenting Youth](#)

September 8, 2021, 1:00pm-4:00pm (Virtual Meeting)

California Child Welfare Council's Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Action Team

The September CSEC Action Team meeting is focusing on supporting expecting and parenting youth experiencing commercial sexual exploitation. Given your work with EPY, we would love to invite you to attend and anyone else who is interested. The CSEC Action Team is a multidisciplinary body, comprised of substantive experts from across the state, including survivors, dedicated to researching and identifying promising prevention and intervention practices, collaborating with survivors, providing guidance to county agencies and community partners, and conducting evaluation to ensure policies improve outcomes for children. The Action Team meets on a quarterly basis and each meeting is focused on different topics relevant to youth experiencing CSE.

[Webinar-Full Faith & Credit and Enforcement of Tribal Court Protective Orders](#)

September 9, 2021, 11:30am-1:00pm

Tribal Law & Policy Institute

The third and final webinar in the Judicial Council of California sponsored webinar "Domestic Violence and the Tribal Courts" series will be presented by Kelly Stoner, Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI). This webinar will discuss issues of enforcement; legal requirements for full faith and credit of tribal protection orders under federal law; and steps that should be taken to ensure that victims are most effectively protected when a tribal court issues a protection order in California.

[12 hour Webinar Training - The Pursuit of Permanency: The First 90 Days](#)

University of San Diego School of Law's Children's Advocacy Institute

Day 1 - Friday, September 10, 2021: 8:00 am-12:30 pm

•Cornerstone Advocacy Training; •Pre-Detention Activities and How They Impact Permanency

Day 2 - Wednesday, September 15, 2021: 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

•Advocating for Reunification During the First Stages of Dependency; •The First 90 Days: Ethical Considerations and Obligations; •Indian and Native American Children and Families: Inquiry and Notice
•Indian and Native American Children and Families: Placement

Day 3 - Friday, September 24, 2021: 8:00 am-12:30 pm

•Neurodevelopmentally-Informed Decision Making for the First 90 Days; •Finding Permanency for Older Youth; •Recent Policy Changes Impacting Permanency During the First 90 Days; •Bias in the Child Welfare System: How it Impacts Permanency During the First 90 Days

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The University of San Diego School of Law's Children's Advocacy Institute is pleased to offer a 12-hour training program on promising and effective practices and strategies to positively impact permanency* efforts and outcomes, with a special focus on the first 90 days of a child welfare case. Sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, this training is intended for judicial officers, attorneys, child welfare professionals, probation officers, tribal representatives and advocates, community advocates, CASAs, and other interested persons. **This MCLE- & BBS approved training is offered at no cost to the participants.**

[Webinar: Investigation of Sexual and Domestic Violence Against American Indian/Alaska Native Elders and Vulnerable Adults](#)

September 13, 2021

Southwest Center for Law and Policy

This webinar is designed to teach law enforcement and victim advocates how to recognize signs of elder and vulnerable adult sexual and domestic violence abuse cases. One hour of Free Continuing Legal Education Units is available upon request.

[National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking \(NJDCST\)](#)

September 17 & 24, 2021

Location: Virtual

Only state and tribal court judges and judicial officers (commissioners, magistrates, referees, etc.) are eligible to attend the program.

This interactive training is for *Judges* or *Judicial Officers* uses hypothetical case scenarios, small group discussions, and "mini" lectures to provide new and experienced judges with the tools they need to develop or enhance their ability to identify children who are being trafficked or are at risk for victimization. Participating judges will also learn effective intervention strategies that respond to the individualized needs of each victim and a stronger sense of their courtroom and community roles to help prevent and end domestic child sex trafficking. ***There is no registration fee for the program***

[Exploitation of Males - Factors of Resiliency for Male Survivors of Exploitation](#)

September 22, 2021, 1:00pm-4:00pm

County of Los Angeles

Learn about vulnerabilities that lead to victimization of boys and men, the impact of stigmatization and the tumultuous pathway from trafficking victim to self-actualized "Thrivers." Russell's message will highlight his personal journey as a male CSEC survivor and former foster child, including practical tips and tools to engage youth.

[State Enforcement of Tribal Court Protection Orders](#)

September 29, 2021 10:00 am to 12:30pm

Northern California Tribal Court Coalition

The Hon. Christine Williams, Chief Judge, Wilton Tribal Court, will present an overview and the legal landscape of Tribal Court Protection Orders. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Director of the State Attorney General's Office of Native American Affairs, will discuss the State of California's role in Tribal Court Protection Order Enforcement, including upcoming Department of Justice Initiatives. Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal will share law enforcement best practices to ensure victim safety. Angi Cavaliere, Supervising Staff Attorney of the Yurok Tribal Court will share the Yurok Tribe's experience and procedures with issuing and enforcing Tribal Court Protection Orders, and will lead participants in common fact pattern exercises to identify scenarios around jurisdiction, service, and other common issues. Credits: 2.5 General MCLE Credits for Attorneys*

[34th Annual Indian Law Symposium](#)

October 1, 2021 and April 21 and 22, 2022

University of Washington School of Law

UW Law's Indian Law Symposium, an annual tradition for 33 years, will be held in two parts for the 2021-2022 academic year. Part 1 will be held on **Friday, October 1, 2021** and will feature a full set of topics with panelists from across the country. We are planning for the program to be held in a hybrid format which will allow panelists and the audience to attend live or virtually. We are requesting approval for **7.5 CLE credits, with 6.75 General and .75 Ethics**. Part 2 will be held on **April 21 and 22, 2022** and will focus exclusively on the forthcoming Restatement of [The Law of American Indians](#). The presenters will all be from the group of experts who participated in the drafting of the Restatement. The event will be cosponsored with the [Washington Law Review](#) and supported by the [American Law Institute](#). More details will be available for Part 2 during the fall of 2021.

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[21st Annual California Indian Law Conference and Awards Dinner in 2021](#)

This year's event will take place **in-person** at the **Conference Center located at Morongo Casino Resort & Spa** on **Wednesday, October 6 through Friday, October 8, 2021**. The agenda at-a-glance is available [here](#). A direct link to the registration site is [here](#).

[NAICJA 52nd Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference](#)

October 19 - 21, 2021

Virtual Conference

National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) is hosting its 52nd annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference virtually October 19-21, 2021. NAICJA continues its conference tradition of delivering top-notch training, cutting-edge information and invaluable opportunities to network with and learn from their colleagues. The virtual conference will span three days with morning plenaries and afternoon concurrent breakout sessions. Each session is one hour, and attendees are only asked to commit to four hours per day. Attendees will also have opportunities to network with colleagues and make new connections during evening social events, including a silent auction.

[Registration for the 10th Annual Judicial Gathering in California](#)

October 22, 2021

Virtual Gathering

Please register for the 10th Annual Judicial Gathering of California scheduled for Friday, Oct 22, 2021. We are inviting all tribal leaders, tribal court and state court judges in California, court clerks, officers, child welfare directors, supervisors, and social workers, and ICWA champions. Pre-recorded updates of activities and partners will be from noon – 1pm, and the live event from 1-4pm. Once you have registered you will automatically receive updates and a zoom link to enter the Judicial Gathering. A commemorative poster titled History of Justice for Tribal Families in California will be emailed to everyone who registers, suitable for printing on 18" x 24" sized paper. Be sure to complete the physical address if you would like one mailed to you.

[18th Annual Indigenous Law Conference](#)

Michigan State University College of Law

November 4-5, 2021

Register here: <https://tica.wildapricot.org/event-4338363>

The conference's main goal is to provide useful information for Tribal In-House Counsel. In the past, conferences have centered on a variety of themes. Save the date flyer [here](#). Tentative agenda is available [here](#)

[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

Date: March 22–25, 2022

Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California

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

Bay Area ICWA Symposium

Judicial Council of CA—San Francisco Office, Lower Level & Virtual

April 8, 2022

****Save the date information coming soon**

Symposium goals: •Build ICWA champions •Highlight ICWA best practices •Enhance skills to improve outcomes for Native American families •Strengthen relationships between tribes, urban American Indian/Alaska Native communities, courts, county child welfare agencies and schools of social work •Provide legal updates

*If you have questions, comments or workshop ideas, please contact: Vida Castaneda at vida.castaneda@jud.ca.gov

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS

Deadline: September 30, 2022

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

[SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Program Activities](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
OS-PAW-20-001

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

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

Please Contact:

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[NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19](#)

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

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

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

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

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

[GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM](#)

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

[FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

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

[Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

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

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Firearms Technical Assistance Project Pilot Sites Initiative Solicitation](#)

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2021-05002

Grants.gov Deadline: September 20, 2021

Application JustGrants Deadline: September 22, 2021

OVW funding will support projects that will help communities address challenges with implementing domestic violence firearms laws and establishing a localized response that correlates to the distinct needs of their community. This pilot project will take a comprehensive, culturally specific approach to addressing firearm relinquishment to enhance victim safety by addressing the nexus of firearms and domestic violence.

[Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6500-N-23

Deadline: October 25, 2021

The primary objective of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low-and moderate-incomes. See the ICDBG regulations at 24 CFR 1003.2, the full text of which is available at 24 CFR part 1003.

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

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6500-N-48

Deadline: December 1, 2021

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

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

CDC-RFA-DP22-2201

Deadline: March 16, 2022

This funding opportunity offers support for the implementation of tribal practices and cultural traditions to build resiliency and connections to community and culture to improve physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and wellbeing.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects](#)

National Archives and Records Administration

ARCHIVAL-202110

Deadline: October 6, 2021

The NHPRC seeks projects that will significantly improve online public discovery and use of historical records collections. The Commission encourages projects centered on collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history.

[HEAL Initiative: Novel Targets for Opioid Use Disorders and Opioid Overdose](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-DA-22-031

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

Deadline: October 19, 2021

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research projects focusing on the identification of druggable new targets and discovery of optimizable probes for development of safe and efficacious medications to prevent and treat opioid use disorders (OUDs), opioid overdose, and opioid-polysubstance use comorbidities.

[Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinating Center](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-ZSICC-0001

Deadline: October 29, 2021

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to build capacity of ZSI projects to improve the system of care for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention in Indian Health Systems.

[Domestic Violence Prevention Program: Forensic Healthcare Services](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-FHC-0001

Deadline: December 31, 2021

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant is to provide access to treatment for American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of domestic and sexual violence by supporting the development of and/or expansion of Forensic Healthcare (FHC) services that are culturally appropriate and trauma informed. This also includes promoting treatment, intervention, and prevention efforts for the social, spiritual and emotional well-being of victims including child maltreatment. To address domestic and sexual violence, including victims of sexual exploitation/human trafficking, applicants are encouraged to use a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) approaches.

[Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-SAPTA-0001

Deadline: December 31, 2021

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of substance use and decrease the overall use of addicting and illicit substances among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations.

[Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-SPIP-0001

Deadline: December 31, 2021

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

CDC-RFA-DP22-2201

Deadline: March 16, 2022

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

[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.