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FORUM NEWS

[Native judge awaits movement on historic nomination to federal bench.](#)

Indianz.com – March 7, 2022

The [Senate Committee on the Judiciary](#) has once again scheduled a meeting to advance the nomination of another Native woman to the federal bench. [Sunshine Suzanne Sykes](#), a citizen of the [Navajo Nation](#), has been waiting for committee movement for more than a month. Her [confirmation hearing took place on February 1](#), when she spoke of her immense pride in her tribal background.

[Judicial Council of California Invitations to Comment](#)

During the Spring 2022 cycle, the Judicial Council of California will circulate twenty-five rules and forms proposals for public comment. The proposals have not yet been posted, but will be posted later this week. These include a proposal from the Tribal Court-State Court Forum and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee entitled Family Law: Recognition of Tribal Court Orders Relating to Division of Marital Assets. All proposals may be reviewed on the Judicial Council Invitations to Comment page at: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/policyadmin-invitationstocomment.htm>. To view the proposals from specific Advisory Committees scroll down to that Advisory Committee. Comments must be received no later than May 13, 2022.

IN THE NEWS

[ICWA expert says law is 'the gold standard'](#)

Indian Country Today – March 1, 2022

The [Indian Child Welfare Act is a 44-year law](#) that defends Native children. Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear *Texas vs. Haaland*. It is a case that aims to overturn this hallmark law. Sarah Kastelic, Alutiiq, is the executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. Dan Lewerenz, Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska, is an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund. They join the ICT newscast to discuss the implications of the upcoming decision by the high court.

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[New Mexico Could Enact Indian Families Protection Act](#)

Imprint - March 01, 2022

New Mexico state lawmakers have sent the governor a bill that would ensure Native American children remain able to maintain close tribal ties if they are placed in foster care. That protection may be at risk on a federal level in a case that the U.S. Supreme Court will take up. Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has expressed support for Mexico's House Bill 135, a similar version of which failed in the Senate last session. It largely mirrors preemptive legislation enacted in other states. New Mexico is home to roughly 10% of the nation's Native American population, and Native kids are greatly overrepresented in the state's child welfare system.

Also: [House Bill 135](#)

[New legislation aimed at improving support for tribal foster youth](#)

Lake County News - March 01, 2022

A bill to recruit and support homes for Native American foster youth and another bill to improve county compliance with state and federal child welfare laws have been introduced by Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland). "These measures will increase stability and care for Native American who have among the lowest rates of placements and permanency for children and youth in our foster care systems," said Ramos, the first and only California Native American serving in the state's legislature. AB 1862 would fund eligible tribes and tribal organizations that recruit and approve homes for foster or adoptive placement of Indian children. AB 1950 aims to improve county compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, and its California counterpart. The bill would provide counties with increased funding for remaining in compliance with state and federal laws.

Also: [AB-1862 Tribally Approved Homes Compensation Program](#)

Also: [AB-1950 Child welfare: Indian children](#)

[Do salmon have rights?](#)

Grist – March 1, 2022

A legal battle between Seattle and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe could test the Rights of Nature movement.

[Marin tribal interests monitor child welfare litigation](#)

Marin Independent Journal - March 1, 2022

Tribal members representing Marin said they will keep a watchful eye as the Supreme Court prepares to hear a challenge to a key child welfare law. The high court [agreed](#) Feb. 28 to hear a case challenging the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), which makes it hard to remove Native American children from their parents, their tribes and their heritage.

[SCOTUS Cert Recap: The Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Includes video)

National Law Review - March 02, 2022

The U.S. Supreme Court issued an order list on Feb. 28 that added one more case to its docket for its next term: a constitutional challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), a federal law that regulates custody proceedings involving "Indian children." The unusually complicated case, *Haaland v. Brackeen*, caused the en banc U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to issue a splintered set of opinions spanning 325 pages that accepted some of the challengers' arguments and rejected others.

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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.

[Mich. State Judge Claims Immunity In Federal Court Tribal Suit](#)

Law 360 – March 2, 2022

A Michigan state judge urged a federal court to dismiss a lawsuit by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' gambling authority seeking to halt state court proceedings in a dispute involving the same gambling authority and two casino developers.

[Quapaw Nation asserts criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians](#)

Fox 23 News – March 2, 2022

The Quapaw Nation Business Committee unanimously approved a law exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) over non-Indians Wednesday. The Quapaw Nation invoked special criminal jurisdiction over criminal conduct that occurs within the Quapaw Nation Reservation.

[Governor signs historic legislation providing protection for Native American children and families](#) (Press release)

New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department - March 03, 2022

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Thursday signed legislation that will strengthen and expand protections for Native American children and families in the child welfare system. House Bill 135, the Indian Family Protection Act (IFPA) institutionalizes protections for Native American children and families, preventing the arbitrary removal of Indian children from their homes and Tribes.

Also: [HB135](#)

[Calif. State Judge Wants Tribe's Federal Casino Suit Axed](#)

Law 360 – March 3, 2022

A California state judge being sued by the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians urged a federal judge to toss the suit against her and other defendants named in a decadelong dispute over a since-abandoned casino project, saying the district court is the wrong venue for the litigation.

[Indian Law Hall of Fame](#) (Podcast)

Strict Scrutiny – March 3, 2022

In This Episode: Leah recaps *Denezpi v. United States*, an important case about tribal sovereignty, with [Matthew Fletcher](#) (Michigan State University & Chief Justice of the Pokagon band of Potawatomi Indians Court of Appeals) & [April Youpee-Roll](#) (Munger Tolles & Olson), which may involve Neil Gorsuch's heel turn in Indian law.

[High Court hears Native law cases](#)

Indian Country Today – March 4, 2022

In back-to-back oral arguments, the Supreme Court heard two distinct cases dealing with Federal Indian law.

[High Court hears Native law cases](#) (Commentary)

Indian Country Today - March 04, 2022

Each term, the Supreme Court of the United States hears around 80 cases a year. Two or three of which deal with federal Indian law that carry an impact across Indian Country. The court recently heard two such cases back-to-back, each dealing with unique aspects of Indian Country. In other Supreme Court news, the court also agreed to hear another major case related to Indian Country in *Texas v. Haaland*. The case will review the 1978 federal law that is seen as the golden standard for child welfare policy, the Indian Child Welfare Act. A statement from the National Indian Child Welfare Association said this is a coordinated attack on Native children and a blatant attempt to undermine tribal rights. "The far-reaching consequences of this case will be felt for generations," the statement said

Also: [US Supreme Court Will Hear Challenge to ICWA](#) (Press release)

Also: [Supreme Court to review ICWA case](#)

Also: [Supreme Court to review Native American child adoption law](#)

[Tribe Says Calif. Court Threatens Sovereignty In Casino Row](#)

Law 360 – March 7, 2022

The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians urged a California federal court to issue an injunction and block a state's judge's orders while asserting jurisdiction over a dispute involving a since-abandoned casino project, saying the case isn't just about money but also threatens the tribe's sovereign immunity.

[Redefining how we care for children on the Cheyenne River Reservation](#) (Audio)

SDPB - March 07, 2022

The Simply Smiles Children's Village on the Cheyenne River Reservation is a first-of-its-kind approach to serving Native American children in foster care. The organization says this village fulfills the spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act by ensuring children remain with kin and community. Marcella Gilbert is the newly appointed Director of the Simply Smiles Children's Village.

[US Supreme Court to take up Texas challenge to Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (audio)

Texas Standard – March 7, 2022

Texas argues states should have more say in child placement. Proponents of the law say it's a “gold standard” for Native child welfare.

[New legislation in Colorado would create Office of Missing, Murdered Indigenous Relatives](#)

ABC Denver 7 – March 7, 2022

A new bill introduced Tuesday in Colorado aims to create an office to focus solely on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) epidemic in the state, something that advocates say is a long-time coming. The Senate bill, titled End the Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, would create an Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) within Colorado's Department of Public Safety to improve the coordination and response, as well as awareness, around MMIR cases.

[Washington Legislature OKs alert system for missing Indigenous women](#)

KNKX Public Radio – March 7, 2022

The Washington Legislature on Monday approved an alert system to help identify and locate missing Indigenous people. The system, which Attorney General Bob Ferguson said is the first of its kind in the nation, will be similar to so-called “silver alerts” that are currently in place for missing vulnerable adults.

[Keeping Native children in community is best practice](#) (Commentary) (Includes video) (May require subscription)

Albuquerque Journal - March 08, 2022

Indigenous people across New Mexico have a clear understanding and memory of the disastrous effects that family separation has had on the development of our communities, especially the removal of our children, leading to many deep wounds we continue to try to heal. This 30-day legislative session, Indigenous families and leaders sent a clear message that the protection of Native children's connection to their people and community is vital for their and their community's well-being. This message came through House Bill 135 - the Indian Family Protection Act. Ensuring our Native children remain in their communities is integral to our cultural guardianship. All of their stories and their placements are complex, but what was clear to see was they were removed from their families, their communities and lost a part of themselves in the process. This is why we believe IFPA is vital legislation. This bill will codify in state law many of the protections found in the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 - meaning this legislation will uplift tribal sovereignty and self-determination by ensuring tribal communities are first in deciding how to care for their children in need, without the risk of them being taken away from their community.

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

[The US must confront its failures of Native children in foster care](#) (Opinion)

Hill - March 08, 2022

The effect of undoing ICWA would be catastrophic. The era of genocidal warfare and forced displacement of Native peoples to reservations and boarding schools may have ended, but the disruption of Native communities continues today. Now it's done bureaucratically, through agency procedures, court hearings and paperwork in modern-day child welfare systems. This truth is painfully reflected in the disproportionately large number of American Indian and Alaska Native children in the state foster care systems. While one percent of children in the U.S. are American Indian and Alaska Native, they make up two percent of the children in foster care, and eight percent of the children in families where one or both parents are not present.

[Native issues pending at the U.S. Supreme Court](#)

Native American Calling – March 9, 2022

The U.S. Supreme Court says it will hear a case from Texas that challenges the Indian Child Welfare Act. ICWA supporters worry about the threat of diluting what has been considered the gold standard of Indian law for more than 40 years. The High Court is also hearing arguments on two other cases that speak to the heart of tribal sovereignty.

[VAWA reauthorization headed to president's desk](#)

Indian Country Today – March 11, 2022

Tribal nations are celebrating the reauthorized Violence Against Women Act.

Congress passed the omnibus spending [package](#) for the 2022 fiscal year late Thursday, which included major tribal provisions. It passed in the Senate with a [68-31 vote](#). The bill will now head to the president's desk to be signed.

This means that tribal nations “will continue to increase safety and justice for victims who had previously seen little of either,” said Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians in [a statement](#).

Here is a breakdown of the [VAWA reauthorization](#):

- Reaffirmation of tribes' jurisdiction to prosecute non-Native perpetrators of sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, child violence, and obstruction of justice
- Gives tribes authority to prosecute non-Natives who assault tribal law enforcement officers
- Tribal nations in Maine and Alaska can exercise tribal jurisdiction under the act
- Non-Native defendants must exhaust all tribal court remedies
- Funding for and ensuring tribes can access national crime information systems via the [Tribal Access Programs](#)
- Increased resources for tribes “to exercise Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction and establish a reimbursement program to cover tribal costs”
- Re-establishes the [Tribal Prisoner Program](#)

[Chief Chat: Social workers are Cherokee Nation's unsung heroes](#) (Opinion) (Includes video) (May require subscription)

Claremore Daily Progress - March 11, 2022

In the Cherokee Nation, we love to celebrate our achievements in education, business and the arts. We should hold a special place of honor for those focused on helping Cherokees outside of the spotlight, during some of the lowest moments of their lives. Social workers change lives every day. They serve our people - from newborns to elders - when they most need help. Many who go on to become the most highly successful Cherokees only made it because a social worker stepped in at the right time. They are the backbone of our tribal government and our communities. March is Social Worker Appreciation Month, and I want to thank our Cherokee Nation staff who fulfill this crucial social work mission.

[A Win In Defending Tribal Sovereignty](#)

NARF News – March 11, 2022

In a big win for the Tribe, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals [affirmed Crow tribal sovereignty in a March 11, 2022, decision in *Big Horn County Electric Cooperative v. Alden Big Man, et al.*](#) From the decision, “In *Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Adams*, 219 F.3d 944 (9th Cir. 2000), we determined that the BHCEC’s “voluntary provision of electrical services” on the Tribe’s reservation and its contracts with tribal members to provide electrical services created a consensual relationship, within the meaning of *Montana*. 219 F.3d at 951. ... Put simply, the winter electric regulation conditions one aspect of the consensual relationship.”

[What You Need To Know About the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Native American Families and Tribes It Prioritizes](#) (Commentary)

Parents Magazine - March 11, 2022

A long history of United States government policy has separated Indigenous children from their families and communities. The Indian Child Welfare Act was created to stop this without a good cause. It's now being challenged. Leading child advocacy groups, including the National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association and the National Association of Social Workers, call ICWA the "gold standard" of child welfare policy. It's considered a best practice because it emphasizes cultural identity and protects family relationships and units. It also ensures that Native American families receive culturally-appropriate services and protections from state child welfare organizations.

[Tribes see progress with Violence Against Women Act and more funding](#)

Indianz.com – March 14, 2022

A long-overdue [update to the Violence Against Women Act](#) is being celebrated as an important step in ongoing efforts to protect women, children and elders in tribal communities.

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[Maine tribes gain power to prosecute domestic violence crimes under federal overhaul](#)

Bangor Daily News – March 14, 2022

Maine’s tribes won expanded jurisdiction over certain domestic violence and sexual violence crimes committed on their land in the \$1.5 trillion spending bill signed into law by President Joe Biden on Friday.

[State Supreme Court accepts cases on Indian child protections, redacted video tape](#) (May require subscription)

Colorado Springs Gazette - March 15, 2022

The Colorado Supreme Court has agreed to hear two cases that implicate federal protections for the children of tribal nations and the ability of suspects to potentially make up self-serving statements to use for their benefit at trial. The latest announcements from the state's highest court continue a recent trend of granting appeals involving the Indian Child Welfare Act, a four-decade-old federal law Congress enacted to address the fact that Indigenous children were being removed or adopted from their homes at rates far above the norm.

[Picturesque California conceals a crisis of missing Indigenous women](#)

National Geographic – March 15, 2022

Indigenous families are demanding justice for crimes they say stem from centuries of oppression.

[‘These stories should matter.’ True-crime podcast in NC focuses on missing and murdered Indigenous women](#)

Fox 8 North Carolina News – March 15, 2022

On a Sunday afternoon in the mountains of western North Carolina, a sewing room becomes something else...a discussion space for three women who, over the last several months, have had a lot of conversations. The conversations range from dark subject matter to lighter fare, but always serious. The conversation is for a podcast called “We Are Resilient”, a true-crime podcast focusing on missing and murdered Indigenous women, also known as MMIW.

[Fact Sheet: Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#)

White House Statement – March 16, 2022

This week, President Biden signed into law the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, bipartisan legislation passed by Congress as part of the Omnibus appropriations package.

[President Biden Addresses Nation After Signing the Violence Against Women Act of 2022, Notes New Tribal Court Jurisdiction](#)

Native News Online – March 16, 2022

Shortly after 2pm on Wednesday, President Joe Biden [addressed the nation](#) after signing into law the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2022, legislation with specific provisions to enhance protections for Indigenous women. The updated legislation contains a major win for Indian Country sovereignty.

[VAWA reauthorization expands tribe’s ability to hold abusers accountable](#)

Smoky Mountain News – March 16, 2022

“The historic tribal provisions in this bill attest to years of powerful, collaborative efforts between survivors, tribal leaders and allies across Indian Country,” National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp said in a [statement](#). “We commend Congress’ momentous action to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act and now, by exercising our inherent sovereignty and jurisdiction, Tribal Nations will continue to increase safety and justice for victims who had previously seen little of either.” The expanded authority in VAWA covers crimes that commonly co-occur with domestic violence incidents, but, under the current structure must be split off as separate state or federal cases.

[Congress extends reach of tribal courts over sex assault, trafficking cases](#)

The Oklahoman – March 17, 2022

Tribal courts can now prosecute all people accused of sexually assaulting and trafficking Native Americans on tribal lands. They can also try non-Native defendants charged with abusing Native children, stalking Native people, obstructing justice and assaulting tribal police.

[Haaland: Report on Indigenous boarding schools expected soon](#)

Great Falls Tribune – March 17, 2022

The Interior Department is on the verge of releasing a report on its investigation into the federal government's past oversight of Native American boarding schools. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland told journalists during a call

Wednesday that the report will come out in April but didn't specify a date. She first outlined the initiative in June, saying it would [uncover the truth about the loss of life and the lasting consequences of boarding schools](#).

[Revitalization of Indigenous laws in Québec a priority for the Government of Canada](#)

Cision – March 17, 2022

The Government of Canada is committed to walking the shared path of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and remains focused on renewing this relationship. This includes recognizing Indigenous peoples' right to self-determination, supporting the revitalization of Indigenous legal systems and traditions, as well as acknowledging the integral role that Indigenous communities and organizations play in the development, use and understanding of Indigenous laws.

[Reauthorized Violence Against Women Act will give tribes tools to fight domestic violence](#)

AZCentral – March 17, 2022

Statewide leaders addressing Indigenous peoples' efforts to deal with the nationwide epidemic of domestic violence and the missing and murdered Indigenous women and persons issue celebrated a partial victory as President Joe Biden signed a bill reauthorizing the [Violence Against Women Act](#) on Wednesday.

[California's Longest Serving Death-Row Prisoner On Pain, Survival and Native Identity](#)

The Marshall Project: Life Inside – March 18, 2022

Douglas Ray Stankewitz, a 63-year-old Monache and Cherokee Indian, has spent decades on California's death row. Even though his sentence was commuted to life-without-parole in 2019, he's still in a death-row cell, for his own safety, he says. Now he and his legal team are trying to gain his release for a 1978 murder and carjacking he insists he did not commit. Stankewitz says it's gotten tougher, but not impossible, to practice his faith at San Quentin State Prison. "Being Native gives me the strength to overcome all of this — not just for me, but for all our brothers and sisters. Society cannot break our spirit," Stankewitz tells Richard Arlin Walker in the latest in our "Life Inside" series, this one in collaboration with Indian Country Today.

[Ute Banishment Case Belongs In Tribal Court, 10th Circ. Says](#)

Law360 – March 18, 2022

The Tenth Circuit on Friday revived a case over a group of Ute Indian Tribe members' five-year banishment but said the lower court ought to have found the exiled elders cannot sue their tribe in federal court if they haven't exhausted all tribal remedies.

[Go Down Clutching the Constitution](#) (Podcast)

Strict Scrutiny – March 21, 2022

Rebecca Nagle, host of [This Land](#), joins Leah and Kate to discuss the issues at stake in *Brackeen v. Haaland*, a case challenging the Indian Child Welfare Act that the Supreme Court will hear next term.

[Colorado Supreme Court to Hear Appeal Involving Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Imprint - March 21, 2022

The Colorado Supreme Court has agreed to tackle a case that will decide one aspect of how far counties must go to ensure a child's federal protections under the Indian Child Welfare Act. In the case to be heard by the state Supreme Court, a county juvenile court judge relied on information from previous court proceedings involving the mother in which two tribes that had been notified said the woman had no known tribal ties. On that basis, Juvenile Court Judge Pax Moultrie terminated the parent-child relationship. The mother appealed, saying the judge failed to notify the tribes about the custody case and late last year, a three-judge panel for Colorado's Court of Appeals agreed with the mother. The appellate court also noted that the child welfare agency had learned that the child might have ties to yet a third tribe - a possibility it never checked into.

[Montana's long road to make good on Indian Education for All](#)

Montana Free Press - March 23, 2022

On Jan. 31, 1972, two students from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation appeared in Helena with a request that, however brief, helped to fuel a lasting shift in Montana's public education system. On July 22, 2021, the ACLU of Montana and the nonprofit Native American Rights Fund filed a class action lawsuit accusing the state of failing to meet its constitutional obligations in Indian education. Even as they applaud the progress made so far, Indian Education for All advocates recognize that Indigenous heritage is far from a guaranteed presence in every Montana classroom.

Also: [Indian Education for All: Montana's Constitution at Work in Our Schools](#)

[I fought for justice for 5 years after I was sexually assaulted. The work isn't finished.](#)

Anchorage Daily News – March 23, 2022

City of Nome to Pay \$750K + Apologize for Failure to Investigate Sexual Assault against Native Woman.

[Alaska Supreme Court Affirms Tribal Control Of Foster Case](#)

Law 360 – March 23, 2022

Alaska's Supreme Court has upheld tribal jurisdiction over a foster-care dispute involving a Native American child, saying it isn't authorized to return the case to the state judicial system because of tribal sovereignty.

['You're Going to Know Who My Daughter Was': Families Demand Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women](#)

KQED The California Report Magazine – March 26, 2022

A documentary from quest host Lee Romney about a young woman named Angela Lynn McConnell, who grew up in the forested hills of the Hoopa Valley reservation in Humboldt County. Angela was proud of her heritage. She was a budding journalist, committed to shedding light on important tribal issues. In September 2018, she was murdered. She was 26.

[Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act Introduces Developments to Support Tribal Jurisdiction and Community Safety in Alaska](#)

JD Supra – March 29, 2022

On March 15, 2022, President Biden signed an omnibus spending package for the upcoming fiscal year. Included in its nearly 3,000 pages is a reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). As reauthorized, VAWA includes numerous safeguards to protect women and other victims of gender violence nationwide. Many of these expand the reaffirmance of tribal criminal jurisdiction over certain non-Native domestic violence offenders in the 2013 reauthorization of VAWA, bolstering the capacity of Alaska Native tribes and villages to enforce law and order and keep Alaska Native women safe.

PUBLICATIONS

Title: [Tribal Legal Code Resource: Crimes against Children](#)

Author: Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Abstract: The [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#), in collaboration with the [Tribal Judicial Institute](#) and the [National Criminal Justice Training Center](#), is pleased to announce a new publication, [Guide for Drafting or Revising Tribal Laws on Crimes against Children \(Guide\)](#).

This Guide renews a commitment expressed in the 2008 version of this publication – to assist tribes in enacting a culturally-appropriate criminal code that addresses the victimization of tribal children. This Guide provides a starting point for drafting or revising tribal laws addressing crimes committed against children. It is written with the philosophy that tribal laws should reflect tribal values. Content covered in this publication includes the effects of violence on children, protections for child victims during the criminal process, summaries of existing tribal criminal code provisions, and considerations for approaching tribal code development. It also includes flowsheets, exercises, and worksheets to assist tribal code drafters in visualizing and documenting the drafting process.

Title: [Start with Equity: 14 Priorities to Dismantle Systemic Racism in Early Care and Education](#).

Author(s): Meek, Shantel.;Iruka, Iheoma U.;Allen, R.;Yazzie, Dawn.;Fernandez, Veronica.;Catherine, Evandra.;McIntosh, Kent.;Gordon, L.;Gilliam, Walter.;Hemmeter, M. L.;Blevins, Danielle.;Powell, T.

Abstract: This report explains it is essential that young children receive an equitable, positive, and healthy start, and emphasizes the need to reform the early childhood education (ECE) system to address equity in access, experiences, and outcomes. It then describes 14 critical priorities to advance equity in the ECE system, including: disseminate public funds equitably; move toward holistic, strengths-based and authentic integration; embed equity in monitoring and accountability systems; address workforce equity; embed equity in workforce preparation and development; explicitly include equity in the definition of quality and across rating systems; ensure high-quality curriculum and pedagogy are accessible and culturally responsive; ensure global classroom quality measurement explicitly assesses equitable experiences; eliminate harsh discipline; address equity in early intervention and special education access, identification, and inclusion; implement a data-driven continuous equity quality improvement cycle; expand family leadership and engagement efforts; center family child care; and equitably expand access

to dual language immersion approaches for dual language learners. For each recommendation, specific actions are identified for the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and States and tribes.

Title: [Start with Equity: From the Early Years to the Early Grades. Data, Research and an Actionable Child Equity Policy Agenda.](#)

Author(s): Meek, Shantel.;Smith, Linda.;Catherine, Evanda.;Et al.

Abstract: This report presents an early learning equity policy agenda that is designed to help close opportunity gaps in learning systems. Information is drawn from convenings held in 2019 with over 70 experts to examine the state of equity in young children. The report reviews child equity data, research, and policy and culminates in targeted recommendations to build more equitable learning systems across the United States. It focuses on learning experiences in the early years, birth through age five, and the early grades (K-5). The report begins by identifying three key policy areas that strongly influence children’s experiences in the classroom and disproportionately disadvantage children of color and children with disabilities. The policy areas include harsh discipline and its disproportionate application, the segregation of children with disabilities in learning settings, and the inequitable access to bilingual learning opportunities for dual language and English learners. Data, research, policy efforts, and takeaways are discussed for each of the three pivotal policy areas. The report then describes 14 critical priorities to advance equity in the ECE system, including: disseminate public funds equitably; move toward holistic, strengths-based and authentic integration; embed equity in monitoring and accountability systems; address workforce equity; embed equity in workforce preparation and development; explicitly include equity in the definition of quality and across rating systems; ensure high-quality curriculum and pedagogy are accessible and culturally responsive; ensure global classroom quality measurement explicitly assesses equitable experiences; eliminate harsh discipline; address equity in early intervention and special education access, identification, and inclusion; implement a data-driven continuous equity quality improvement cycle; expand family leadership and engagement efforts; center family child care; and equitably expand access to dual language immersion approaches for dual language learners. For each recommendation, specific actions are identified for the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and States and tribes.

Title: [Start with Equity: Advancing Equity in Early Care and Education Systems with the American Rescue Plan Act.](#)

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Abstract: This report explains the American Rescue Plan (ARP) includes a number of targeted investments in children and families and presents a policy agenda to ensure equitable access, positive experiences, and outcomes that are not associated with demographic characteristics in learning systems for young children and their families. It presents a guiding framework and then reviews specific investments States and Tribes can make to advance racial equity in early care and learning systems using funding from the ARP. The strategies address the following 14 priorities: disseminate public funds equitably; move toward holistic, strengths-based and authentic integration; embed equity in monitoring and accountability systems; address workforce equity; embed equity in workforce preparation and development; explicitly include equity in the definition of quality and across rating systems; ensure high-quality curriculum and pedagogy are accessible and culturally responsive; ensure global classroom quality measurement explicitly assesses equitable experiences; eliminate harsh discipline; address equity in early intervention and special education access, identification, and inclusion; implement a data-driven continuous equity quality improvement cycle; expand family leadership and engagement efforts; center family child care; and equitably expand access to dual language immersion approaches for dual language learners. For each recommendation, specific actions are identified for the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and States and Tribes.

Title: [The Path to Racial Equity in Child Welfare: Valuing Family and Community. 2021 Policy Summit Report. Draft report.](#)

Abstract: This report discusses the racial disparities that persist at every decision-making point in the child welfare process and proposes policy recommendations designed to achieve the following objectives: value family and community through prevention strategies aimed at avoiding maltreatment from occurring

and halting all unnecessary separations of children and parents; empower the family network and connect youth to their community if and when removing a child from their home is necessary and appropriate; and prioritize family decision making and preferences when considering permanency and reunification for children exiting foster care. The report begins by describing the history of racial disproportionality and disparities, as well as early federal child welfare policies and the modern era of child welfare reform. It report that children of color, specifically Black and Native American children, continue to experience disparities at every stage of the child welfare system, and that Black children comprise 23% of children in the child welfare system, more than half of Black children experience a child welfare investigation before the age of 18, and the proportion of Native American children in foster care is 2.6 times higher than their share of the total child population. Policy recommendations are then made for each of the targeted objectives.

Title: [Active Efforts: Public Child Welfare ICWA Best Practices.](#)

Author: National Child Welfare Workforce Institute

Abstract: This fact sheet summarizes an article written by a retired judge that defines and explains what is meant by active efforts according to the 2016 Bureau of Indian Affairs final rule. It notes that child welfare practices known as active efforts were created to decrease the number of American Indian/Alaska Native children in State systems by helping to maintain and reunify families. A link is provided that gives 11 specific case examples of active efforts, and additional practice examples are described and include documenting active effort practices in the case file, court records that specify how active efforts were employed in the case, and documentation of active efforts that failed that explains why.

Recommendations for child welfare programs are made to ensure active efforts by collaborating with the child's tribe throughout the case, partnering with the tribe to help the family access resources and services that are based upon the specifics of the case, needs driven, and particular to the cultural and social customs of the tribe. Implications are discussed and links to additional resources are provided.

[Trauma-Informed Youth Transitions in Tribal Child Welfare](#)

Children's Bureau Express, March 2022 (Vol.23, No.1)

The Capacity Building Center for Tribes' Tribal Information Exchange released a series of tip sheets on trauma-informed practice in tribal child welfare. One of the tip sheets, [Trauma-Informed Youth Transitions in Tribal Child Welfare](#), focuses on helping tribal child welfare professionals understand the trauma that tribal children may have faced, respond appropriately, and prevent future traumatic experiences as they support them throughout the transitions they may experience during their involvement with child welfare, including removal, placement, and reunification.

The tip sheet describes how child welfare programs and caseworkers can use a trauma-informed care approach to support youth as they leave their homes, transition into a new home and environment, and transition back home. It also provides suggestions and questions to ask when implementing a trauma-informed approach to tribal youth transitions as well as additional resources on trauma-informed care, tribal child welfare best practices, and more.

[Homicides of American Indians/Alaska Natives — National Violent Death Reporting System,](#)

[United States, 2003–2018.](#) *Surveillance Summaries* Petrosky, Emiko. Mercer Kollar, Laura M. Kearns, Megan C. Et al. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2021 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 70(8)19 p. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/ss/ss7008a1.htm>

[Indian Child Welfare Act Practice Guidelines \[Utah\]. Revised September 2021.](#) Utah Division of Child and Family Services. 2021

[In Focus: Tribal Youth Initiatives](#)

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ONLINE RESOURCES

[Tribal Justice System Planning Process Online](#)

Learn about the Tribal Justice System Planning Process (TJSPP) principles and how a comprehensive tribal justice system strategic plan can improve public safety and the quality of life in your community. This online training course is designed for grantees who have not participated in the onsite TJSPP course, as well as non-grantee tribes.

[Tribal Wellness Plan Learning Modules](#)

The [Center for Children and Family Futures](#) (CCFF), in collaboration with the [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#), has just released the [Tribal Family Wellness Plan Learning Modules](#). This four-part series, building on the work of the [National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare](#), helps tribally-driven collaboratives develop programs that:

- Mitigate the effects of substance use among pregnant and parenting women, their infants and families
- Improve systems and services to reduce prenatal substance exposure
- Prevent the separation of families
- Support infant and family wellness

CCFF developed these resources for the National Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT) through a cooperative agreement with the Children’s Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. Please visit [QIC-CCCT](#) for more information on partners and related resources.

[The Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Compliance Policy Enhancement](#) (Video Presentation posted March 29, 2021)

Heather La Forme, Director, Office of Native American Services, New York

Heather La Forme reviewed the level at which New York State was complying with ICWA requirements. It was found that no tools were being used to determine Active Efforts or Qualified Expert Witness (QEW) compliance. In addition, the percentage of compliance with kinship and higher level of care ranged from 67% to 90% between 2015 and 2019. To address these gaps in compliance, as part of this action research project a checklist was developed. This “[ICWA Case Process Checklist](#)” highlights the mandated steps to compliance, including identification, notification, active efforts, use of QEW, and placement preferences. Once approved, this tool and accompanying policy will be sent out as an Administrative Direct Memorandum. Local districts will then be expected to use the checklist when providing services to Native families across the state.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

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

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

April 3-6, 2022

Location: Orlando, Florida Or Virtual Attendance

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

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

Judicial Council of California, Tribal/State Programs Unit

April 6, 2022 12:15pm – 1:15pm

Speakers: Judge Shawna Schwarz, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara; and Judge Mark Vezzola, Chief Judge of the Pala Band of Mission Indians and Chemehuevi Indian Tribal Courts

Over the last several years there have been changes to California law implementing the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act, and in particular the requirements concerning inquiry and tribal engagement and notification. These were once again the subjects of appellate review this last year. Our experts will examine the themes in these cases, what courts are struggling with, and possible solutions and best practices around inquiry, notice and tribal engagement and participation more generally.

Qualifies for 1:00 hour MCLE, Court staff and Judicial Officers.

[Bay Area ICWA Symposium](#)

Virtual Symposium

April 7-8, 2022

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

[Intersections of Human Trafficking](#)

Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples

April 18, 2022 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. MMIWR Panel #3 – Intersections of Human Trafficking

May 6, 2022 – In person event #4 – More details to come – Save The Date

This series of webinar and in-person events include topics such as how foster care, youth, children and families are all impacted by this devastating issue that is affecting our communities all over the U.S. In addition, our panelists will share their personal stories and experiences around this topic. Our final event will be in person on the Ancestral land of the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County. Panelists: Cari Herthel, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman for Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, Morning Star Gali, Founder and Project Director for Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples and Raechel Ibarra, Community Advocate for Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Felix, Operations Manager – Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples at lvfelix63@gmail.com or cell 925 413-8230.

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

End Violence Against Women International

Virtual & In-Person

April 19-21, 2022

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

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

University of Washington, School of Law

Virtual & In-Person

April 21-22, 2022

Part 2 will focus exclusively on the forthcoming Restatement of [The Law of American Indians](#). The presenters will all be from the group of experts who participated in the drafting of the Restatement. The event will be cosponsored with the [Washington Law Review](#) and supported by the [American Law Institute](#). We will be requesting 13.5 Law & Legal CLE credits total for Part 2 of the 34th Annual Indian Law Symposium.

[2022 California Foster Youth Education Summit](#)

April 25-26, 2022

Hyatt Hotel Monterey

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

[4th Annual BAA Trauma Conference](#)

Virtual Conference

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

This conference will present innovations in resilience-building and understanding of the cultural impact of trauma and an examination of the Child Welfare System to promote improved outcomes. The conference aims to inspire and inform participants, from frontline workers to executive leadership, regarding trauma-informed services and strategies that promote resilience and whole-person approaches in public agencies that serve historically traumatized communities.

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

June 13 & 14, 2022

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

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

[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

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

Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California

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

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

Call for Presentations

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

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

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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[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](#).

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- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI's COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM

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

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

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

Emergency Broadband Benefit

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

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Solicitation

**Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2022-171182**

Deadline: April 14, 2022

This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12351. The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program (Transitional Housing Program (CFDA 16.736)) supports programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

Community Programs for Outreach and Intervention with Youth and Young Adults at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SM-22-008**

Deadline: April 18, 2022

The purpose of this program is to identify, prevent, intervene, and/or lessen the impact of psychotic disorders in youth and young adults, not more than 25 years old, who are at clinical high risk for psychosis and provide evidence-based interventions in a trauma-informed manner to prevent the onset of psychosis. It is expected that this program will: (1) improve symptomatic and behavioral functioning; (2) enable youth and young adults to resume age-appropriate social, academic, and/or vocational activities; (3) delay or prevent the onset of psychosis; and (4) minimize the duration of untreated psychosis for those who develop psychotic symptoms; and (5) reduce the occurrence of psychotic disorders in youth and young adults.

Cooperative Agreements for the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SM-22-003**

Deadline: April 18, 2022

The purpose of this program is to support states and tribes with implementing youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies in schools, institutions of higher education, educational institutions, juvenile justice systems, substance use and mental health programs, foster care systems, and other child and youth-serving organizations. It is expected that this program will: (1) increase the number of youth-serving organizations who are able to identify and work with youth at risk of suicide; (2) increase the

capacity of clinical service providers to assess, manage, and treat youth at risk of suicide; and (3) improve the continuity of care and follow-up of youth identified to be at risk for suicide, including those who have been discharged from emergency department and inpatient psychiatric units.

[Youth Mentoring Research and Evaluation](#)

Department of Justice
National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2022-171185

Deadline: April 18, 2022

NIJ seeks applications for rigorous youth mentoring research and evaluation projects to address one or more of the following research priorities: (1) increasing the capacity for achieving broad, population-level impacts; (2) understanding how mentoring can advance change mechanisms promoting positive youth development; (3) examining program participation long-term effects; and (4) optimizing program effectiveness through iterative cycles of development paired with rigorous evaluation feedback.

[Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation](#)

Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171077

Deadline: April 21, 2022

The Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (CSSP) (CFDA# 16.016) supports the maintenance and replication of existing successful community-based programs providing culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the development of innovative culturally specific strategies to enhance access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to accessing more traditional programs. (34 U.S.C. § 20124(b)(1)).

[Research on Community Level Interventions for Firearm and Related Violence, Injury and Mortality Prevention](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

PAR-22-115

Deadline: April 22, 2022

This initiative will support a network of research projects to develop and test interventions at the community or community organization level that aim to prevent firearm and related violence, injury and mortality.

[Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171037

Grants.gov Deadline: April 26, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: April 28, 2022

The Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program (ICJR Program) (CFDA# 16.590) encourages state, local, and tribal governments and courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system.

[Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2022-171197

Grants.gov Deadline: April 26, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 10, 2022

NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects to support the development of objective and independent knowledge and validated tools to reduce violence against women (VAW)

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(including violence against elderly women and American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls[1]), promote justice for victims of crime, and enhance criminal justice responses.

[Training and Technical Assistance Initiative](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171043

Grants.gov Deadline: April 26, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: April 28, 2022

The primary purpose of the OVW Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (TA Initiative) (CFDA 16.526) is to provide direct training and technical assistance to existing and potential OVW recipients and subrecipients to enhance their efforts to successfully implement projects supported by OVW grant funds. OVW's TA Initiative is designed to strengthen and build the capacity of civil and criminal justice system professionals and victim service providers across the nation to respond effectively to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and foster partnerships among organizations that have not traditionally worked together to address these crimes.

[Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act \(LEMHWA\) Program](#)

Community Oriented Policing Services

U.S. Department of Justice

Grants.gov Deadline: April 27, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: April 29, 2022

The LEMHWA Implementation Projects Solicitation aims to support state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies seeking to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services on officer emotional and mental health, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and support services for officers and their families. Proposed projects may serve one agency, a consortium of agencies, or personnel from agencies located within a county or state.

[Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171048

Grants.gov Deadline: April 27, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 03, 2022

The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is to establish, maintain, and expand sustainable, culturally appropriate services that address the unique needs and challenges of victims of sexual assault from culturally specific communities.

[Strengthening ICAC Technological Investigative Capacity](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2022-171205

Grants.gov Deadline: May 04, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 18, 2022

This solicitation provides funding for applicant organizations to increase the technological investigative capacity of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces and their affiliates as well as related state, tribal, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies through training and the development and/or enhancement of widely used investigative tools, methods, and technologies that address child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and online child exploitation.

[National Mentoring Programs](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

O-OJJDP-2022-171219

Grants.gov Deadline: May 09, 2022

Application JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

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This program supports the implementation and delivery of mentoring services to youth populations that are at risk or high risk for juvenile delinquency, victimization, and juvenile justice system involvement. Mentoring services can be one-on-one, group, peer, or a combination of these types.

[Research and Evaluation on Desistance from Crime](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2022-171220

Grants.gov Deadline: May 09, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous evaluations of desistance-based interventions to advance understanding of strategies that might aid in the desistance process. This may include proposals for both new evaluations and for expansion of prior evaluation efforts, to extend follow-up periods.

[Research on Juvenile Justice Topics](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2022-171216

Grants.gov Deadline: May 09, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

With this solicitation, NIJ, in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects that inform policy and practice in the field of juvenile justice. Specifically, this solicitation seeks proposals for studies that advance knowledge and understanding in the following three categories: (1) juvenile indigent defense in delinquency proceedings, (2) cooccurring mental health and substance use disorders in juvenile residential facilities, and (3) assessing dual system youth data linkage capacity across juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Applications proposing research outside of these three categories will not be considered.

[Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice: Diversion and Restorative Justice](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

O-NIJ-2022-171225

Grants.gov Deadline: May 10, 2022

Application JustGrants Deadline: May 24, 2022

NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects examining the impact of court and other criminal justice tools, practices, and policies on the administration of justice and public safety in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions. The two research priorities for this FY2022 solicitation are: 1. Diversion for persons who experience mental health issues. 2. Restorative justice strategies.

[Tribal Corrections Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2022-171196

Grants.gov Deadline: May 11, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

The training and technical assistance (TTA) provided under the Tribal Corrections Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program supports tribal communities in addressing these challenges through culturally appropriate programming; advancing criminal justice reform by providing TTA on implementing and/or enhancing alternatives to incarceration; enhancing tribal justice system capacity to identify and meet the rehabilitation needs of probationers, detainees, and inmates; and embracing victim-centered community supervision and reentry approaches to better serve victims of crime.

[Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking
O-SMART-2022-171211**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 11, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Support for Adam Walsh Act (AWA) Implementation Grant Program assists jurisdictions with developing and enhancing programs designed to implement the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). (34 U.S.C. § 20901 et seq.) SORNA was enacted to provide a comprehensive set of standards for sex offender registration and notification in the United States.

[National Criminal History Improvement Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Statistics
O-BJS-2022-171203**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 16, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

BJS is prioritizing the use of funds for two purposes: (1) to improve reporting of dispositions and (2) to improve reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) of persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to mental health.

[Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting People Who Are Incarcerated, and Safeguarding Communities](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171032**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 19, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

The goals of this program are to assist confinement facilities and the agencies that oversee them in preventing, identifying, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in these facilities and support compliance with the PREA standards.

[Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171021**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 19, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

The purpose of this initiative is to support local and tribal jurisdictions' capacity to work with their ATF partners to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

[NICS Act Record Improvement Program \(NARIP\)](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Statistics
O-BJS-2022-171209**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 19, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 26, 2022

This year, BJS is prioritizing the use of funds for two purposes: (1) to enhance the completeness, automation, and transmittal of records to state and federal systems used by the NICS, and (2) to improve the overall reporting of persons prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to domestic violence and mental health to the NICS.

[Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171031**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 19, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 23, 2022

SCA grant funding is designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism reduction. “Reentry” is not a specific program, but rather an ongoing process that starts from the moment an individual is initially incarcerated and continues throughout that individual’s transition from incarceration and reintegration into the community.

[Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171041**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 20, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

The focus of the ADC Discretionary Grant Program is to reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances, including alcohol, by people involved in the criminal justice system.

[Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171093**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 20, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

Funding under this program supports agencies seeking to establish, expand, or refine comprehensive BWC programs and have specified plans to implement this technology in a manner that maximizes the benefits of BWCs.

[Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171088**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 20, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program provides support to state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors in their investigation and prosecution of cold case murders associated with civil rights violations, specifically where race or other protected rights were implicated. Funds are limited to address civil rights violations resulting in death that occurred no later than December 31, 1979.

[Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability \(VALOR\) Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171210**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 20, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

For the FY 2022 VALOR Initiative, BJA intends to award one national program provider under each of the following four categories: 1. VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance Program (VALOR Program): BJA seeks a national officer safety and wellness training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to continue and further enhance BJA’s cornerstone officer safety and wellness

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suite of training, resources, and technical assistance. 2. National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program (SAFLEO Program): BJA seeks a national TTA provider to continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement suicide prevention, education, and awareness work. 3. Law Enforcement Agency and Officer Resilience Training Program (Resilience Program): BJA seeks a national TTA provider to continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement resilience skills-building TTA program. 4. National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program (NLERS Program): BJA seeks a national TTA provider to continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement roadway safety training and resource program.

[Swift, Certain, and Fair \(SCF\) Supervision Program: Applying the Principles Behind Project HOPE](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171046**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 20, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

This grant program seeks to enhance community supervision agencies' capacity to help reduce recidivism among, and improve outcomes for, people under supervision by using the SCF principles of intervention. (Under this solicitation, "community supervision agencies" include: adult probation, parole, or pretrial supervision or their equivalents such as prosecutor-led, post-adjudication diversion.)

[Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171054**

Grants.gov Deadline: May 20, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2022

The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Discretionary Grant Program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to implement or enhance the operations of veterans treatment courts.

[Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171034**

Grants.gov Deadline: June 14, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2022

This solicitation is part of the Second Chance Act (SCA) suite of programs in FY 2022. This year a range of programs for states, local units of government, nonprofit organizations, and tribal governments are being competed, including: Community-based Reentry Program, Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes Program, Improving Reentry Substance Use Disorder, Treatment Outcomes Program, Pay for Success, Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision and HOPE Institute Smart Reentry and Smart Supervision with Technical Assistance: New Tools to Facilitate Change.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2022-171085**

Grants.gov Deadline: April 07, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: April 12, 2022

The Grants to Engage Men and Boys as Allies in the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls (EM) Program solicitation is one of two solicitations issued under the Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men (CYEM) Program (CFDA# 16.888), which is authorized by annual federal appropriations acts. The other program solicitation is the Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence,

Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth Program (CY). Applicants interested in developing projects to serve children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking should submit a proposal under the OVW FY 2022 CY Program solicitation.

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

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171033

Grants.gov Deadline: April 07, 2022

JustGrants Deadline: April 12, 2022

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

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

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171078

Deadline: April 7, 2022

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

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OCC

HHS-2022-ACF-OCC-TH-0074

Deadline: April 15, 2022

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

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

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

Deadline: April 18, 2022

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

[Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171039

Grants.gov Deadline: April 19, 2022

Application JustGrants Deadline: April 21, 2022

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

Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Solicitation

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2022-171036

Deadline: April 21, 2022

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

AmeriCorps State and National Tribal Grants

AmeriCorps

AC-09-15-21

Deadline: May 4, 2022

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

Risk and Protective Factors of Family Health and Family Level Interventions

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-21-358

Deadline: May 7, 2025

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

Trafficking Victim Assistance Program

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

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

Deadline: May 19, 2022

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

Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities (VHT-NC) Demonstration Program

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

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

Deadline: May 19, 2022

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

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

California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Deadline: June 30, 2022

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

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2022-ACL-AOA-DASG-0068

Deadline: September 6, 2022

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

[EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2019-DISASTER

Deadline: None

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