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INVITATION TO COMMENT

[Family and Juvenile Law: Transfers of Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) proceedings to Tribal Court](#) (PDF, 694 KB)

Item Number: SPR15-27

Deadline for Comments: June 17, 2015 5:00 PM (Pacific)

[Submit Comment Online](#) Or, email: invitations@jud.ca.gov

The proposal would implement provisions of SB1460, which amended section 305.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and added sections 381 and 827.15 concerning the transfer of juvenile court proceedings involving an Indian child from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to a tribal court. The proposed rule amendments and form revisions are also in response to the decision of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District in *In re M.M.* (2007) 154 Cal.App.4th 897, which implicates an objecting party's right to appeal a decision granting a transfer to a tribal court.

IN THE NEWS

[CA: Bills move forward to curb overuse of psychiatric medications in California foster care](#)

SanJose Mercury News - April 21, 2015

By Karen de Sá

Following powerful testimony by former foster youth, a package of reform bills designed to rein in the excessive use of psychiatric drugs in California's child welfare system met unanimous approval in the state Senate on Tuesday -- the first step in a series of legislative moves ahead.

[OK: State appeals court rejects Bureau of Indian Affairs child placement guidelines](#)

The Oklahoman - May 02, 2015

By Randy Ellis

Disregarding new Bureau of Indian Affairs guidelines, the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals ruled Friday that a judge can deviate from child placement preferences contained in the federal Indian Child Welfare Act when such action is in the best interest of a child.

[Also: Oklahoma civil appeals court says judge can deviate from Indian Child Welfare Act on foster placement](#)

[Also: Court rebuffs Cherokee Nation in Indian Child Welfare Act case](#)

[SD: South Dakota class action highlights violations of the Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

ABA Journal - May 01, 2015

By Lorelei Laird

Pappan and her husband were not permitted to present any evidence supporting their continued custody, according to a subsequent lawsuit.

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TRIBAL COURT SURVEY

[National Survey of Tribal Court Systems](#)

Deadline for completing the survey is May 18, 2015.

The National American Indian Judges Association is conducting a survey on that is vitally important for communicating information about the operational and administrative needs of all tribal courts. The information tribes and tribal courts provide can help tribal communities and tribal justice systems throughout the United States. Help federal policymakers to better understand your and other tribal justice systems. Funding levels for tribal courts nationally will be determined by the information collected. The Survey has already been mailed to approximately 500 American Indian and Alaska Native tribal leaders and tribal courts. To view survey: <https://www.tribalcourtsurvey.org/survey/> Your responses will not identify your tribal court or tribe. For more information, (877) 528-4025 or NSTCS@kauffmaninc.com.

PUBLICATIONS

[Restorative Justice Programs and Sentencing](#)

Alaska Justice Forum – A Publication of the Justice Center
Fall 2014/Winter 2015

[Guide to Trauma Consultation in Juvenile and Family Courts Now Available](#)

National Center for Juvenile and Family Court Judges
April 2015

This guide outlines a conceptual and basic operational framework for [trauma-informed courts](#), including positioning them as stakeholders in the community. The publication is a living document that will be updated with lessons learned and advances in the field as they develop.

CALIFORNIA STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Court Extranet and 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 Carolynn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or carolynn.bernabe@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. For more information, view the [CalDOG postcard](#). Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here.](#)

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.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: WEBINARS & OTHER TRAININGS

[Tribal VAWA - Code Revision and/or Drafting](#)

May 19, 2015 12:00–1:30 PM PDT

[Tribal VAWA - Code Revision and/or Drafting](#)

May 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. EDT

This webinar will focus on key tribal code development or revision considerations needed in order for tribes to exercise the VAWA 2013 jurisdiction over non-Indians. Examples of how tribes have addressed elements of their code in a culturally appropriate manner for their community will be shared, and participants will be introduced to resources for code development including: a model code and tribal code checklist developed by members of the Inter-Tribal Working Group on Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction; and a resource guide for drafting or revising Tribal laws to implement the enhanced sentencing provisions of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) and the special jurisdiction provisions of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization of 2013 (VAWA 2013) by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

[Webinar: Understanding Trauma and Mental Health in the Context of Domestic Violence Advocacy](#)

May 20, 2015

1:00–2:30PM MDT

Webinar to Discuss Tribal Youth Action Planning

May 28, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. EST

OJJDP, in collaboration with [United National Indian Tribal Youth](#) (UNITY), will present “[Youth Action Planning: Develop Goals and Measurable Outcomes](#).” This 1-hour webinar will explore how tribal youth councils can set goals and objectives using “S.M.A.R.T.” criteria. The webinar will be conducted in conjunction with the [Today’s Native Leaders](#) project, a collaboration between OJJDP and UNITY. This is the fourth webinar in the “How to Build an Effective Youth Council” series. [Register](#) for this free webinar. Visit [OJJDP’s Tribal Youth Program](#). Learn more about [OJJDP’s Programs for Tribal Youth](#).

[38th Annual Honored Elders Day: Vendor Booth Request and Information Form](#)

The State Indian Museum

June 6, 2015; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[30th Annual California Indian Conference](#)

University of California, Berkeley

October 15-17, 2015 (note deadline for proposals is June 19, 2015)

Call for Individual Papers, Organized Panels, and Forum Discussions

Please send proposals and inquiries to caindianconference2015@gmail.com by June 19, 2015

[FREE DOJ Training: Tribal and Federal Training on Wildlife and Pollution Enforcement Issues Affecting Tribal Lands](#)

South Carolina

June 29 - July 1, 2015

The U.S. Department of Justice’s National Indian Country Training Initiative, together with the Environment and Natural Resources Division, is sponsoring a free seminar, Tribal and Federal Training on Wildlife and Pollution Enforcement Issues Affecting Tribal Lands. **Lodging and travel expenses will be provided by the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Education.**

This seminar is for federal and tribal attorneys, law and resource enforcement officers and personnel, and others responsible for environmental and resource protection issues on tribal lands; state and local attorneys and officials who work with tribes on such issues are welcome to attend as well. The seminar will focus on Tribal and Federal cooperation to protect tribal lands and wildlife resources through enforcement and other means. It will address key issues in using civil and criminal tools to protect the

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natural resources of tribes, such as: tribal treaty rights, on and off reservation; Federal wildlife laws; Federal pollution control laws; tribal codes; investigative techniques for wildlife and pollution-related cases; and developing and improving working relationships among tribal and federal personnel for effective protection of tribal wildlife and lands. Please contact [Leslie Hagen](#) with questions or for more information.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[California Wellness Foundation](#)

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. Since its founding in 1992, Cal Wellness has awarded 7,690 grants totaling more than \$912 million.

[Foundation Funding for Native American Issues and Peoples Report Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

The Indigenous Communities Program (ICP) supports the resolve of Native Americans to renew their communities through their own institutions and traditions. Funding priority is given to rural indigenous projects that are consistent with traditional values in the areas of education, Native cultures, the revival and preservation of languages, legal rights, and environmental protection. At this time the foundation only accepts new grant requests from United States federally recognized tribes or Native controlled 501(c)(3) organizations whose work is solely focused in the United States.

[Tribal Justice Support Directorate](#)

Tribal Justice Support provides funding guidance, technical support, and advisory services to tribal courts and the Courts of Indian Offenses. This includes providing funding to tribal courts, training directed to specific needs of tribal court personnel, promoting cooperation and coordination among tribal justice systems and Federal and state judiciary systems, and providing oversight for the continuing operations for the Courts of Indian Offenses. The Division also works with tribes to conduct tribal court reviews which are conducted using a modified model of the Tribal Court Performance Standards (TCPS). The TCPS assists tribal courts in identifying existing problems and formulating strategies for improvement of tribal courts and provides an outcome-oriented conceptual framework of tribal court performance areas, standards, and measures.

[U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Grant Information](#)

The purpose of this resource page is to identify open grants, training and technical assistance that may be of particular interest to defender agencies, courts, state, local and tribal jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and non-profit organizations that are working to enhance legal assistance and related services for historically underserved populations. Please contact the issuing entity for more information about listed grants, training and technical assistance. For a comprehensive listing of all Department of Justice (DOJ) grants, please visit www.justice.gov/business/.

Criminal - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Juvenile - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Civil - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Violence Against Women - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Victims of Crime - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Tribal Justice- [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)

SMART FY 15 Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Applying Circles of Support of Accountability in Indian Country Training and Technical Assistance

Deadline: May 18, 2015

The Circles of Support and Accountability initiative emerged in Canada in the 1990s as a community-based, restorative justice movement that “focuses on the need to engage the community in the reintegration process.” In FY 2012, the SMART Office selected two project sites, Durham, North Carolina and Multnomah County, Oregon, and a training and technical assistance provider to support its Promoting Evidence Integration in Sex Offender Management: Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)

program. COSA projects are now underway or in progress in California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Vermont. The COSA model fills a gap in services for some offenders left by criminal justice policy; essentially, those at highest risk of re-offense who are being released at the end of their sentences without a formal process of aftercare. COSA programs were created, in part, to address the threat perceived by communities that sex offenders pose when they return from prison. At its core, COSA enlists volunteers from the community to aid in the management of sex offenders. COSA typically targets male offenders who have a long history of offending, failure in treatment, antisocial values and attitudes, are at high-risk for reoffending (for new sex or other offenses), and who are likely held until the end of their prison sentence and released with no probation or parole supervision. Each Circle consists of a Core Member (the sex offender) and four to six community volunteers. A COSA volunteer meets with the Core Member daily and the Circle meets once a week. The key to the program is “a relationship scheme based on friendship and accountability for behavior.” COSA programs have been initiated and implemented by faith-based organizations, community volunteer groups, and as an adjunct to criminal justice community corrections programs. [Faith Baker](#), Associate Director, 202-305-2586.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

Deadline: May 19, 2015

The FY 2015 THSGP supports the building, sustainment and delivery of core capabilities to enable Tribes to strengthen their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. The anticipated effects of the proposed use of the THSGP grant funds are to increase the ability of Tribes to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism, to meet its capability targets, and to otherwise reduce the overall risk to Tribes, high-risk urban areas, States, and the Nation. Email: GMD-Systems-Branch@fema.gov, 800-865-4076

[BJA FY 15 Second Chance Act Technology-Based Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles](#)

Deadline: May 19, 2015

The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.2 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all people incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. Programs funded under the Second Chance Act help ensure that the transition individuals make from prison and jail to the community is successful and promotes public safety. Securing employment can facilitate successful reentry for people leaving correctional facilities. However, there are many barriers people with criminal records encounter as they attempt to re-enter both the community and the workforce. Improving employment outcomes for this population can contribute to recidivism reduction and increased public safety. Section 115 of the Second Chance Act authorizes federal awards to states, units of local government, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes to provide technology-based career training to persons confined in state prisons, local jails, tribal jails, and juvenile residential facilities. This program supports training for technology-related jobs and the continuum of reentry transition planning including education, training, support services, and building connections to local employers that will enable participants to secure employment pre-release.

[Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps FY 2015](#)

Deadline: May 20, 2015

This funding opportunity is a program jointly sponsored by the Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to create a Youth Opportunity AmeriCorps. This program is consistent with the missions of OJJDP and CNCS, and within the objectives of the My Brother's Keeper initiative. CNCS defines Opportunity Youth as economically disadvantaged¹ individuals age 16-24 who are disconnected from school or work at least six months prior to service. CNCS defines “disconnected from school or work” as unemployed, underemployed, and not in school for at least six months prior to service. This program is specifically targeting Opportunity Youth that have been adjudicated in the juvenile justice system. This program will provide Disconnected Youth with the opportunity to participate in a national service program and provide them with meaningful mentoring while they are serving. Disconnected Youth is defined as

individuals at least 17 but under 25 years old who have been adjudicated in the juvenile justice system, convicted in the criminal justice system, or have been identified as at risk of incarceration. Grant funding and member slots will be awarded to successful applicants to enroll Disconnected Youth, specifically individuals who are at least 17 but under 25 years old who have been adjudicated in the juvenile justice system, convicted in the criminal justice system, or identified as at-risk of incarceration, to serve as AmeriCorps members. Recipients will also need to enroll additional members to provide mentoring and coaching to the Disconnected Youth members throughout their service. Programs should target recruitment of two distinct types of AmeriCorps members: 1. Disconnected Youth who will be engaged in direct service to address a compelling community need. Disconnected Youth may serve as full-time or less than full-time members. 2. Individuals who will have mentoring experience and/or applicable life experience to serve as mentors for Disconnected Youth. In addition to providing direct service that addresses the community need, these AmeriCorps members will provide direct service as coaches and mentors to guide and to support the successful participation of the Disconnected Youth members in the program and position them for success after their service ends. The program may enroll individuals over age 25 in this capacity, and members may be full-time or less than full-time. Program objectives will include:

- Engaging AmeriCorps members in an evidence-based or evidence-informed approach to provide a service intervention that will result in intended solutions to community problems.
- Matching Disconnected Youth AmeriCorps members with the one-on-one mentoring and support services needed to establish a self-sustaining, law abiding life and successfully reintegrate into the community.
- Developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative member development strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry, recidivism reduction, and youth at risk of incarceration.
- Stabilizing communities by reducing recidivism and reintegrating offenders into the community.

Proposed programs should:

- Establish and maintain a mentoring relationship between the experienced member(s) and the Disconnected Youth AmeriCorps members.
- Be cognizant of and collaborate with other entities that also provide reentry or reentry-related activities. This includes engagement with probation and parole offices for partnerships, collaboration, and sharing of data and information if the members are court involved.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Design Study of Dual System Youth](#)

Deadline: May 25, 2015

The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) of 2002 directs OJJDP to pursue research that enhances the field's understanding of "juveniles who, prior to placement in the Juvenile Justice system, were under the care or custody of the State Child Welfare system, and juveniles who are unable to return to their family after completing their disposition in the Juvenile Justice system and who remain wards of the State." The intent is to generate information on the prevalence and incidence of youth fitting these criteria (i.e., dual system youth) and strategies to improve coordination between the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and improve outcomes for these youth. OJJDP is seeking applications for funding under its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Design Study of Dual System Youth. This design study (and related case studies) will identify effective and efficient strategies to measure the prevalence of dual system youth; identify the status of coordination and data sharing between the juvenile and criminal justice and child welfare systems (including expanding beyond delinquency or dependency court involvement to potentially include youth contact with law enforcement [e.g., arrests] and child protection agencies [e.g., child welfare cases]); and identify avenues for improved coordination and data sharing across systems.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Court-Appointed Special Advocates Membership and Accreditation Program and Training and Technical Assistance](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2015

Under this program, the successful applicant will provide membership, accreditation, and subgrants to regional, state, and local CASA organizations who represent abused and neglected children in dependency hearings and will partner with other public and private child welfare system stakeholders at the local, state, regional, and national levels. The successful applicant will also provide information, technical assistance, and training to volunteer advocates who represent abused and neglected children in dependency hearings and to other child welfare system stakeholders at the local, state, regional, and national levels.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Design Study of Dual System Youth](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2015

This effort will support the development of a research design and methodology to collect data and generate statistical information on the prevalence of dual system youth and the intersection of the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

[Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2015

Program Description A. Purpose: The Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) Program's purpose is to provide grants to eligible adaptive sports entities to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. Adaptive sports activities means: (1) instruction, participation, and competition in adaptive sports; (2) training and technical assistance to program administrators, coaches, recreation therapists, instructors, VA employees, and other appropriate individuals; and (3) coordination, Paralympic classification of athletes, athlete assessment, sport-specific training techniques, program development (including programs at the local level), sports equipment, supplies, program evaluation, and other activities related to the implementation and operation of the program.

[OJJDP FY 2015 VOCA Children's Advocacy Centers Membership and Accreditation Program](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2015

This program will fund a national membership and accreditation organization for children's advocacy center programs. The funding will enable the successful applicant to provide services to membership organizations and to implement standards for program accreditation.

[OJJDP FY2015 Bridging Research and Practice Project To Advance Juvenile Justice and Safety](#)

Deadline: May 28, 2015

This project will develop research-to-practice resources to advance the understanding, translation, and application of research and research-based strategies across four primary components of the juvenile justice system: (1) prevention and diversion, (2) community-based alternatives to placement, (3) detention and secure confinement, and (4) reentry. The intent of this project is to assist OJJDP, practitioners, and researchers with the translation and dissemination of research findings to be more understandable, useful, and strategically targeted. This project will collect and analyze current research findings on effective juvenile justice practices and develop innovative and easily accessible, consumable resources and tools for juvenile justice practitioners, administrators, and policymakers. The project will assist OJJDP in identifying and synthesizing relevant research into actionable, evidence-based practice tools to improve public safety and the effectiveness of the juvenile justice system.

[OJJDP FY 2015 National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#)

Deadline: May 28, 2015

The National Juvenile Court Data Archive (the Archive) houses the automated records of cases that courts with juvenile jurisdiction have handled. This solicitation will fund the annual collection, verification, and analysis of data that documents the activities of the juvenile court system and its response to law-violating and at-risk youth. The Archive will disseminate information on juvenile court case processing through Juvenile Court Statistics reports and fact sheets and make national and state-level data publicly accessible online. The Archive will also provide technical assistance to state and local data collection agencies to help them expand and improve their information systems and information sharing capabilities. Finally, the Archive will plan and implement further efforts to expand the case estimates to include Hispanic/Latino youth.

[Health Profession Opportunity Grants to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals](#)

Deadline: May 29, 2015

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) is announcing that it anticipates competitively awarding cooperative agreements to support demonstration projects that are designed to provide eligible individuals with the opportunity to obtain education and training for occupations in the health care field that pay well and are

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expected to either experience labor shortages or be in high demand. In addition to providing education and training services, funds for this project may be used for child care, case management, and other supportive services as appropriate.

[Health Profession Opportunity Grants for Tribes, Tribal Organizations or Tribal College or University](#)

Deadline: May 29, 2015

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[OVC FY 15 American Indian/Alaska Native Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)

Competitive Solicitation

Deadline: June 1, 2015

Two cooperative agreements of up to \$1,500,000 each will be awarded to provide resources and coordination to increase the ability of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribal communities to provide comprehensive and culturally appropriate services to crime victims, their families, and the community. Using a victim-centered approach, the award recipient will assist OVC in supporting the training and technical assistance needs of AI/AN communities that receive grant funds under Purpose Area 6 (Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities) and Purpose Area 7 (Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program) of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, as well as Vision 21 Community Wellness Centers. Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated experience working with AI/AN communities. Those applying are urged to begin in advance of the June 1, 2015, deadline.

[BJA FY 15 Joint Adult Drug Court Solicitation to Enhance Services, Coordination, and Treatment](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2015

BJA and SAMHSA are accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 for grants to enhance court services, coordination, and evidence-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of adult drug courts. The purpose of this joint initiative is to allow applicants to submit a comprehensive strategy for enhancing drug court services and substance abuse treatment. Through this solicitation, applicants are competing for two grant awards (a grant from SAMHSA and a separate grant from BJA) for both criminal justice and substance abuse treatment funds with one application. In order to fulfill all of the requirements for this grant program, applicants should comply with the requirements outlined in this announcement as well as those incorporated by reference in the Requirements Resource Guide. These grants are authorized under 42 U.S.C. § 3797u, et seq., and section 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2020 Substance Abuse Topic Area HP 2020-SA and SAMHSA's Strategic Initiative on Trauma and Justice. Drug courts funded through this grant may use federal funding and matched funding to serve only nonviolent offenders¹ and must operate the adult drug court based on BJA's and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' publication *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components*, which addresses the statutory requirements. This opportunity provides drug court applicants the flexibility to identify the most appropriate evidence-based court (service/docket) model on which to base the drug court, in order to accommodate the needs and available resources of that jurisdiction, so long as the model conforms to the 10 key drug court components (see pages 9-11 of this solicitation), which describe the basic elements that define drug courts. (See page 8 for a definition of "evidence-based.")

[OJJDP FY 2015 Studies Program on At-Risk or System-Involved Girls](#)

Deadline: June 1, 2015

OJJDP is seeking applications for funding under its fiscal year (FY) 2015 Studies Program on At-Risk or System-Involved Girls. This program will sponsor studies and/or secondary analyses of existing data to provide objective, independent knowledge about the extent and impact of girls' contact with the juvenile and adult justice systems including arrests, referrals to court, diversion, charges filed, placement in

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secure juvenile detention facilities and adult jails and lockups, findings of delinquency, placement in secure juvenile correctional facilities, probation, and transfers to the adult criminal justice system. Contact the Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420, by e-mail at responsecenter@ncjrs.gov, or by Web Chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Juvenile Drug Courts Addressing Systematic Barriers Program](#)

Deadline: June 2, 2015

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) envisions a nation where our children are healthy, educated, and free from violence. If they come into contact with the juvenile justice system, the contact should be rare, fair, and beneficial to them. To meet this vision, this program will focus on increasing the effectiveness of juvenile drug courts by: (1) supporting programs or strategies that recognize and engage the family as a valued partner in all components of the program; (2) supporting local training programs or teams that educate practitioners and their families to meet the needs of the adolescent client and include adolescent brain development, integrated treatment, trauma-informed care, cultural competency, and strong judicial interaction; (3) supporting the development of local programs that will engage stakeholders and build or enhance partnerships among judges, representatives from behavioral health treatment programs, juvenile justice, social services, school and vocational training programs, law enforcement, probation, prosecution, defense, and community organizations; (4) supporting existing juvenile drug courts to monitor and evaluate current practices to develop strategies to create policies and procedures that will address and provide solutions to identified local barriers and (5) developing and implementing data management systems, including disaggregated data by race and ethnicity of participants. OJJDP will make awards to currently operating juvenile drug courts to enhance their capacity to address barriers they encounter as they provide services to youth.

[Tribal Management Grant Program](#)

Deadline: June 3, 2015

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant announcement is to announce the availability of the Tribal Management Grant (TMG) Program to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TO) in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services and activities (PSFA) through a Title I contract and assist established Title I contractors and Title V compactors to further develop and improve their management capability. In addition, TMGs are available to T/TO under the authority of 25 U.S.C. § 450h(e) for: (1) obtaining technical assistance from providers designated by the T/TO (including T/TO that operate mature contracts) for the purposes of program planning and evaluation, including the development of any management systems necessary for contract management and the development of cost allocation plans for indirect cost rates; and (2) planning, designing, monitoring, and evaluation of Federal programs serving the T/TO, including Federal administrative functions.

[NIJ FY 15 Comprehensive School Safety Initiative](#)

Deadline: June 12, 2015

NIJ is seeking proposals for funding under the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative (CSSI) to support rigorous research that produces practical knowledge that can improve the safety of schools and students. The initiative is carried out through partnerships between researchers, educators and other stakeholders, including law enforcement and mental health professionals. Projects funded under the CSSI are designed to produce knowledge that can be applied to schools and school districts across the nation for years to come. This solicitation includes the following four funding categories, each with different expectations and requirements, to accomplish the purposes of the CSSI. • Category 1: Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe. • Category 2: Causes and Consequences of School Violence. • Category 3: Shorter Term Studies on School Safety. • Category 4: Developing and Evaluating a Comprehensive School Safety Framework.

[Injury Prevention Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2015

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) funding opportunity is to promote the capability of Tribes, Indian organizations and urban Indian organizations to build and maintain sustainable, effective injury prevention programs. Tribal ownership and management of injury prevention programs and projects: a) increase the understanding of the injury problem by Tribes/Indian organizations/urban Indian

organizations; b) promote the implementation of effective strategies to prevent injuries in Tribal communities; and c) improve injury prevention partnerships. The IHS will accept Injury Prevention Program (IPP) applications in either of the two categories: A) Part I – Injury Prevention Programs applicants: These are new applicants who have not previously received IHS Tribal Injury Prevention CA Part I funding. Applicants must meet the IHS minimum user population of 2,500. The population limit is set by the IHS IPP. IHS user population is defined as AI/AN people who have utilized services funded by the IHS at least once during the last three-year period. B) Part II - IPP Effective Strategy Projects applicants. This grant opportunity is available to any applicant regardless of whether or not they have previously received IHS Injury Prevention CA Part I or II funding. There is no IHS user population requirement. Applicants will only be issued one award: Either for Part 1 – Injury Prevention Programs or Part II- IPP Effective Strategy Projects. Applications should be sure to respond to the appropriate "Criteria" under Section V- Application Review Information.

[Second Chance Act Smart on Juvenile Justice: Community Supervision](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2015

This program will provide planning grants to state and local government agencies and federally recognized Native American/Alaskan Native tribes to support their efforts to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to implement evidence-based reforms to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for juveniles under community supervision.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Program](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2015

This program will fund agencies that use a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to provide intervention and supervision services for youth with sexual behavior problems and treatment services for their child victims and families. Award recipients will target services for youth with sexual behavior problems, their child victim(s), and parents/caregivers of the offending youth and child victims. Youth participating in this program must undergo a mental health evaluation to determine if they are amenable to community-based treatment and intervention. Targeted youth with sexual behavior problems should have no prior history of court involvement for sexual misconduct.

[OJJDP FY 2015 Juvenile Justice Model Data Project](#)

Deadline: June 16, 2015

This project will identify critical information requirements across the juvenile justice system (e.g., victimization, community wellness, law enforcement, diversion, detention, indigent defense, prosecution, adjudication, transfer to criminal court, corrections, reentry, and recidivism). It will develop model data elements with recommended definitions and coding categories that administrative data systems and other juvenile justice-related data collection efforts (e.g., community surveys) can adopt. The award recipient will also develop model measures and analyses with broad and practical applications for state, local, and tribal efforts to monitor trends and assess the efficiency and effectiveness of their systems. That is, for each data area, the project will provide examples of how state and local juvenile justice agencies should use these data to serve their information needs (e.g., standard system indicators, problem identification, program monitoring and assessment, and assessing the effects of system changes). The proposed approach should identify the key data elements and uses of data that will inform jurisdictions' progress in achieving juvenile justice system reform. Research will support the data elements, measures, and analyses developed, and examples of successful implementation in jurisdictions across the country will inform this effort. A significant component of the proposed work will involve engaging stakeholders and developing a comprehensive strategy to disseminate and promote the model measures using innovative technology and communications mechanisms. These activities will assist OJJDP in fulfilling its responsibility to improve the consistency and quality of justice information and to inform data-driven policy and practice decisions at the federal, state, and local levels.

[Access to Historical Records](#)

Deadline: June 17, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals that promote the preservation and use of the nation's most valuable archival resources. This grant program is designed to support archival repositories in preserving and processing primary source materials. The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The

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Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities: Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats• Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats. After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. For a comprehensive list of Commission limitations on funding, please see "What we do and do not fund". Applications that consist entirely of ineligible activities will not be considered. Award Information: A grant normally is for one or two years and for up to \$200,000. The Commission expects to make up to 14 grants in this category for a total of up to \$1,000,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligible applicants include: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

Farmers' Market SNAP Support Grants

Deadline: June 18, 2015

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announces, through this Request for Applications, the availability of \$3.3 million in competitive grant funds, to be awarded through the Farmers' Market SNAP Support Grants (FMSSG) in fiscal year (FY) 2015. As approved by Congress in the President's FY 2014 budget request for FNS (The Food and Nutrition Service: 2014, Explanatory Notes), these funds are intended to support "the participation of farmers' markets in SNAP by providing equipment and support grants to new markets and those currently participating in the program." The goals of the FMSSG program are to increase SNAP accessibility and participation at farmers' markets, and support the establishment, expansion, and promotion of SNAP/Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) services at farmers' markets. This is a new program, which may continue in subsequent years. Grant funds must be used to conduct tasks that are necessary for SNAP to operate at farmers' markets, and to increase the number and effectiveness of farmers' market participation in SNAP. E-mail Greg.walton@fns.usda.gov

OVC Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Training and Technical Assistance on Comprehensive Legal Services for Human Trafficking Victims

Deadline: June 18, 2015

OVC will make up to two awards of up to \$500,000 to expand access to comprehensive legal services for victims of human trafficking through training and technical assistance. Trafficking victims face an array of legal challenges including: immigration, family law, employment law, victims' rights enforcement, civil actions, criminal restitution, and criminal records expungement/vacatur. Access to trained legal counsel assists victims in increasing their safety, financial security, independence, and self-sufficiency. Through TTA, this program seeks to expand the capacity of the existing legal services network to meet these critical needs.

Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages - Mold Remediation and Prevention

Deadline: June 22, 2015

Approximately \$12,400,000 is available for remediation and prevention in and on housing units owned or operated by tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHE) or assisted with HUD funding. This Notice is comprised of both the Policy Requirements and General Section (General Section) to HUD's FY2015 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs posted on <http://www.grants.gov/> and this program section to the NOFA. HUD's ICDBG program is authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the ICDBG program regulations at 24 CFR Part 1003. In addition to the application requirements set forth in this document, applicants must also comply with applicable requirements established in the General Section.

NIJ FY15 Research and Evaluation on Victims of Crime

Deadline: June 26, 2015

NIJ has a longstanding history of collaborating with and supporting the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) on research, evaluation, and programmatic projects. Over the years, the shared priorities of OVC and NIJ have resulted in a number of collective projects, workshops, and research. In collaboration with OVC, NIJ is seeking proposals for research on victims and victimization in the following three areas that are of

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interest to both agencies. 1. Studying the Victim-Offender Overlap. 2. Understanding the Violent Victimization Experiences of Young Men of Color. 3. Research on the Broader Impacts of School Shootings.

TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY GRANTS

Deadline: June 29, 2015 by 5:00pm Central Daylight savings Time

To conduct studies to assess, develop, and obtain the managerial, organizational and technical capacity needed to develop energy resources on Indian lands and properly accounting for energy resource production and revenues. For questions, Bernie Toyekoyah Grants Management Specialist Phone 405-247-1652

Veterans Cemetery Grants

Deadline: July 1, 2015

Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39.

Information and Planning: Understanding the Capacity of the Aging Network

Deadline: July 6, 2015

This cooperative agreement is intended to develop a more coordinated and efficient delivery of services through a comprehensive system of documenting and reporting on Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Tribal Organization (TO) activities and expertise in health and long term care. The successful grantee would provide a targeted technical assistance plan and resources designed to assist in the adoption of emerging models and best practices. To accomplish the effort the successful applicant will develop and implement systematic means to document, track and report the activities and expertise of the Aging Network through:

- Design and implementation of a streamlined biennial survey of key indicators of progress and expertise;
- Design and implementation of a qualitative process to identify best practices, as well as innovations and emerging models of service delivery; and
- Creation and dissemination of a series of technical assistance resources, plans, research reports.

As a result of the project, AAA and Title VI programs will have access to information on trends, strengths, gaps, innovations and best practices related to program development and service delivery; resulting in an increased understanding of their positioning and progress in health and long-term care systems change that enable older adults and persons with disabilities to age successfully at home and in the community for as long as possible.

Technical Assistance to the Survivors of Torture Program

Deadline: July 6, 2015

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of funds for a cooperative agreement to provide technical assistance to organizations serving survivors of torture. The goal of the Technical Assistance to the Survivor of Torture (TA SOT) program is to ensure that these direct service organizations have the training and resources needed to provide quality, integrated, and sustainable care to survivors and their families throughout the United States. The objectives of the TA SOT program are to: 1) build the service capacity of Direct Services to Survivors of Torture (DS SOT) grantees and other ORR-funded organizations to provide quality care to survivors; 2) foster collaboration between DS SOT organizations, other ORR-funded service providers, and mainstream health and behavioral health providers to deliver integrated care to survivors of torture; and 3) assess and strengthen the quality and sustainability of DS SOT grantees to ensure that services are available to survivors beyond the project period.

Title II Tribal Youth Grant Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Program

Deadline: July 10, 2015 by 5:00pm

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) and the Board of State and Community Corrections is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$3,000,000 in federal Title II Delinquency Prevention and Intervention funds to support appropriate prevention and intervention services using a framework of reducing racial and ethnic disparities and evidence based practices. This funding is split between tribal governments and public and private youth-serving entities:

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Tribal Youth Grant: This program allocates a total of \$360,000 annually in federal Title II Formula Block Grant funds to support local programs that address Native American juvenile justice issues. - ([Word](#))
Title II Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Grant: This program allocates a total of \$2,640,000 annually in federal Title II Formula Block Grant funds to support local programs that address juvenile justice issues. – ([Word](#)). For additional information contact Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative at (916) 322-8081 or shalinee.hunter@bscc.ca.gov

[FY 2015 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land and transfer ownership of their interests to the tribe of jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with eligible tribes to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts on the reservations under their jurisdiction as tribes are considered uniquely qualified to perform the land consolidation activities on their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with eligible tribes to not only to capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, if desired, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction.

[The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within

These focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. For more information, contact Gerri Watkins, Management Analyst michael_murray@fws.gov

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

Deadline: October 8, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide access to these materials in a free and open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, editing, and publishing documentary source materials in print and online. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. All applicants should be aware that the application process is highly competitive. Applicants may apply for funding for one year. Award amounts may range from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Commission expects to make as many as 25 grants in this category, for a total of up to \$2,500,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligibility: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; and federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

[Integrated Food Defense](#)

Deadline: open applications until April 2, 2019

The Integrated Food Defense & Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement Program (IFD&ER CAP) grant awards are designed to generate food defense tools and resources that are easily replicated and can complement, aid in the development of, and/or improve State, local, Tribal and territorial (SLTT) food defense programs through unique, innovative, and reproducible projects. The known overlap between food safety (unintentional contamination) and food defense (intentional contamination) is extensive. And the pools of resources available are vast and sometimes difficult to locate and implement. As the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) recognizes the evolution of the relationship between food safety and food defense, it is critical that these programs be integrated to the maximum extent possible in order to ensure the most efficient use of resources, as well as to optimize responses to incidents and events.

[Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents](#)

Deadline: Open

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

[Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations](#)

Deadline: Open

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

[Surdna Foundation- Teens’ Artistic and Cultural Advancement](#)

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry) <http://www.surdna.org>

This foundation seeks organizations that have a proven and longstanding commitment to serving teens and that emphasize skill building. This funding is designed to:

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;
- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;
- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens’ success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.