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### FORUM NEWS

#### [Yurok Chief Judge Abby Abinanti Joins Influential Cast in Hillary and Chelsea Clinton's New Documentary Series](#)

Redheaded Blackbelt – September 9, 2022

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### IN THE NEWS

#### [Red Cloud Indian School will dig for graves](#)

Indian Country Today - August 23, 2022

Leaders at the Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation have announced they will be digging up a portion of the basement in a former school dormitory in search of unmarked graves. The announcement came after a search with ground-penetrating radar in May was inconclusive about whether remains might be under what is now a concrete slab in a corner of the large basement. The excavation is part of what the school calls its own search for truth and reconciliation as the U.S. and Canada continue to search for unmarked graves at former Indian residential or boarding schools.

#### [Pascua Yaqui & state of Arizona agree on roles in foster children cases ahead of Supreme Court decision](#)

Tucson Sentinel - August 29, 2022

Pascua Yaqui children taken into state custody in Arizona will continue to learn and grow up according to the tribe's customs and traditions, and the tribe will still be able to intervene in custody proceedings such as adoptions and the termination of parental rights. The state and tribe signed a memo of understanding last week cementing that state-tribal partnership. The agreement comes ahead of a Supreme Court decision, expected in the fall, that could end federal standards for the states' treatment of Native American children that were set out by the Indian Care Welfare Act in 1978.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

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## [KU professor files brief as Supreme Court considers Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

WIBW - August 29, 2022

A professor at the University of Kansas has filed an amicus brief on behalf of two women who have struggled to reconnect with their tribal roots as the Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The University of Kansas says the U.S. Supreme Court will soon hear the case of Brackeen v. Haaland, which will consider the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. KU noted that Sarah Deer, University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Women, Gender Sexuality Studies and the School of Public Affairs & Administration, has filed an amicus brief with the court.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendant](#)

## [First-of-its-kind Survey Examines Trauma and Healing Among Indigenous Survivors of Family Separation](#)

Imprint - August 29, 2022

The questions now being asked of American Indian survivors of boarding schools, foster care and adoption are expansive. They may require deep introspection. And they might hurt to answer. The Minneapolis-based National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, the First Nations Repatriation Institute, and the University of Minnesota are collaborating on a first-of-its-kind survey asking those difficult questions. Researchers have compiled close to 1,000 accounts, submitted on paper and online, for the Child Removal in Native Communities survey, which concludes September 11. They seek to document not only experiences of government-imposed abuses, but the wisdom of survivors and their descendants who've found ways to thrive.

Also: [Child Removal in Native Communities: An Anonymous Survey](#)

## [Nevada officials weigh in against case that threatens to erode Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Nevada Current - August 29, 2022

Several Nevada lawmakers, tribes, and state leaders are urging the U.S. Supreme Court in an amicus brief to reject a challenge to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, saying that disturbing the law would damage Native American families and could ripple through other important aspects of Native American law. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, or ICWA, imposes federal standards for state child custody cases involving Native American children. Tribes in Nevada say challenges to ICWA will have far-reaching consequences that will be felt for generations. Native American rights groups, including National Indian Child Welfare Association, warn that if ICWA is dismantled it could set legal precedent leading to far-reaching consequences for other issues like tribal economic development and land rights.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

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

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.

## [DCF creates new position for state custody proceedings involving Native American children](#)

VTDigger - August 30, 2022

The Department for Children and Families is hoping to build stronger relationships with Vermont's Abenaki tribes by hiring its first coordinator for state custody proceedings involving Native American children. The role has been named the "Indian Child Welfare Act coordinator," referring to a 1978 federal law that aims to keep Native American children under the care of relatives or tribe members whenever safe and possible. Determining whether a minor is a registered tribal member or is eligible to register is an important factor in court cases involving "a child in need of care or supervision." When a child could have tribal affiliation or heritage, the coordinator will be responsible for verifying that information with the relevant tribes, said Lindsay Barron, policy and planning manager with DCF's Family Services Division. The coordinator is expected to begin the part-time job in October.

## [Wyoming Considers State Law Making Non-Native Families Last Resort For Foster Care, Adoption Of American Indian Kids](#)

Cowboy State Daily - August 31, 2022

With the possibility of a change in federal law looming, Wyoming lawmakers on Monday considered drafting a law requiring American Indian foster children to be placed as much as possible with extended family or in tribal homes, rather than non-tribal families. A federal law- the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 - does just that. But that law is now being questioned by the U.S. Supreme Court and could be overturned in the coming months. Meeting in Riverton on Monday, members of the Wyoming Legislature's Select Committee on Tribal Relations contemplated making a Wyoming version of the endangered federal law, but they have not yet drafted such a bill.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

## [Assistant Secretary Contreras Visits the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to Announce the Administration for Children and Families Awarding Nearly \\$3 Million in Tribal Home Visiting Grants](#) (Press release) (Includes audio)

U.S. Administration for Children and Families - September 01, 2022

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Assistant Secretary January Contreras was welcomed by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe last week as she congratulated them on their new Tribal Home Visiting grant. ACF recently announced \$2.975 million dollars in awards to seven new tribes, including the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The DIG grants are intended for communities that do not have experience with implementing culturally relevant evidence-based home visiting programs. This is the first time since 2016 that ACF has been able to provide funding to communities totally new to Tribal home visiting. The seven new Tribal Home Visiting DIG grantees are: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Wabanaki Health and Wellness, Walker River Paiute Tribe, The Chickasaw Nation, Acorns to Oak Trees Corp, Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, Catawba Indian Nation.

## [Rosenblum joins AGs in supporting federal law that protects Native foster children and adoptees](#)

Oregon Capital Chronicle - September 01, 2022

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has joined 23 fellow attorneys general in supporting a federal law that protects Native American foster children and adoptees. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 was passed by Congress to combat a widespread and destructive practice of displacing Native American children by placing them with non-Native parents. Oregon passed its own law in 2020 to address the disproportionate number of Native American foster children in the system. Rosenblum and the 23 other attorneys general argue that the legal challenge would hurt Native children and erode tribal sovereignty.

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#) Also: [House Bill 4214](#)

## ['American Diagnosis': A Tribal Court in California Works To Heal Family Separation](#) (Podcast)

The Good Men Project – September 5, 2022

'Rezillience,' Season 4 of the 'American Diagnosis' podcast, traces the resilience of Indigenous peoples in the U.S. taking action to protect the health and well-being of their communities. Features Judge Abby Abinanti.

## [Foster parents battle tribe over custody of "tribal" baby](#) (Includes video)

KFOR - September 06, 2022

A custody tug-of-war is unfolding in Canadian County between a couple, who has been fostering a little boy, and a Native American tribe. This case has a particularly interesting twist because this baby boy may not be a tribal citizen.

## [Arizona Tribe Cements Relationship with State On Indian Child Welfare Custody Cases](#)

Imprint - September 07, 2022

In front of a small crowd at the Casino Del Sol on Aug. 23, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe codified a partnership with Arizona to keep its children safely connected to their communities and culture, should the federal Indian Child Welfare Act be overturned. This means that the Arizona Department of Child Safety would be required to let the tribe intervene in state custody cases, like terminating parental rights or adoptions involving Pascua Yaqui children. It also signifies that these children will continue to grow up in the Pascua Yaqui way, according to their traditions, Chairman Peter Yucupicio told the Tucson Sentinel.

Also: [Pascua Yaqui & state of Arizona agree on roles in foster children cases ahead of Supreme Court decision](#)

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

## [With Indian Child Welfare Act at risk, Wyoming lawmakers mull action](#)

Wyoming News Exchange - September 08, 2022

Fearing the state could be caught flat-footed by an impending U.S. Supreme Court decision, Wyoming lawmakers are considering enshrining certain aspects of tribal sovereignty into state law. The Supreme Court this fall is set to review a case involving the Indian Child Welfare Act and some are concerned the court may overturn the federal law which prioritizes tribes' rights in child custody cases. Other states have already enacted their own ICWA laws, meaning even if the federal statute is struck down custody cases involving tribes and Native children would likely still be subject to the same protections.

Also: [ACLU of Wyoming, state tribes urge Supreme Court to uphold Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

## [Oneida Nation steps in to defend Indian Child Welfare Act in US Supreme Court case](#) (May require subscription) (Includes video)

Green Bay Press-Gazette - September 14, 2022

Tribal leaders in Wisconsin worry a pending U.S. Supreme Court case could set back efforts to protect Native children from unnecessary removals and even have far-reaching implications for federal Indian law. The case, which is set for oral arguments in November, challenges the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act, commonly known as ICWA. Oneida Nation is one of five tribal nations in the country intervening in the case on the side of the U.S. government to defend the 44-year-old law, which they call "central to our sovereign interests in protecting our children."

## [ACLU of Wyoming urges Supreme Court to uphold Indian Child Welfare Act](#) (Includes audio)

KDNK - September 16, 2022

In November, the Supreme Court is scheduled to start reviewing a case that could overturn landmark legislation that protects Indigenous youth. This has prompted civil liberties groups and tribes in Wyoming to get involved.

Also: [Northern Arapaho tribe asks Wyoming for a state ICWA law as U.S. Supreme Court decision looms](#)

(Includes audio)

Also: [Haaland v. Brackeen: On Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Brief of the American Civil Liberties Union and Fourteen Affiliates as Amici Curiae in Support of Federal and Tribal Defendants](#)

## [Violence against Indigenous women grows in Vancouver amid 'apathy and injustice'](#)

Peoples Dispatch - September 17, 2022

Violence against Indigenous women is "escalating like never before," the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) has warned. A series of tragedies have rocked the city of Vancouver (unceded Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh lands) in recent months, including the discovery of the body of a 14-year-old Indigenous child, Noelle O'Soup, in May. "Apathy and injustice prevail among the authorities while the intersecting crises of MMIWG2S+ (missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit, and others), the colonial child welfare system, homelessness, and the opioid crisis are literally killing our people," said Kukpi7 (Chief) Judy Wilson, UBCIC secretary-treasurer, according to a press release by the organization.

Also: [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)



Also: [Crisis in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside; UBCIC Calls on City of Vancouver to Uphold Safety and Human Dignity](#) (Press release)

## [Native American adoptees resonate with cultural erasure as the Indian Child Welfare Act now faces legal opposition](#)

Lawrence Times - September 18, 2022

The United States has a long history of removing Native American children from their families and communities, stripping their cultural identities. Now that a 44-year-old protection is at risk, the threat of regression is ever present. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 is a federal law that was passed to give tribal governments some say in where Native children would be placed in adoption cases. It's meant to keep Native children connected to their familial and cultural roots. "To find after all of these years that it's unconstitutional would require a pretty major explanation. But it's an alarming case," said Sarah Deer, Citizen of Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "We try to be optimistic in this work, but it's very concerning that the court decided to hear this case."

Also: [I can still hear my baby crying: The ambiguous loss of American Indian/Alaska Native birthmothers](#)

## ['The bond is broken': Data shows Indigenous kids overrepresented in foster care](#) (Includes audio)

Canadian Press - September 21, 2022

New census data suggests Indigenous children continue to be overrepresented in the child welfare system. Statistics Canada released data from the 2021 census showing Indigenous children accounted for 53.8 per cent of all children in foster care. This has gone up slightly from the 2016 census, which found 52.2 per cent of children in care under the age of 14 were Indigenous. At the time, about eight per cent of kids that age in Canada were Indigenous. More than three per cent of Indigenous children living in private households in 2021 were in foster care compared to the 0.2 per cent of non-Indigenous children. Nationally, Indigenous children accounted for 7.7 per cent of all children 14 years of age and younger.

## [Tribal leaders testify before Congress about sovereignty in legal systems](#)

Source NM – September 21, 2022

A Supreme Court ruling earlier this year sows confusion in prosecutions and concerns about public safety. Sovereignty on Native American land is being attacked by the United States' highest court, leaders from various tribal nations told members of Congress this week.

The Supreme Court's ruling in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* earlier this year allows state prosecutors to take over criminal prosecutions for crimes that occur on Indigenous nations, and it's causing confusion and concern that the decision will not only undermine tribal law but slow the wheels of justice.

## [Yurok judge joins Hillary and Chelsea Clinton's new documentary](#)

Del Norte Triplicate – September 21, 2022

On September 9, Yurok Chief Judge Abby Abinanti and her Tribal Court team were featured in *Gutsy*, a new documentary series created by Hillary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton. Based on The New York Times bestselling book, "The Book of Gutsy Women," the much-anticipated docuseries presents diverse perspectives on a wide variety of topics, ranging from environmental protection to prison reform.

## [Native American Boarding School Listening Sessions Start in Anadarko, Oklahoma](#)

The Good Men Project – September 23, 2022

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland visited Riverside Indian School in Anadarko on Saturday, the first stop on a tour of listening sessions to document the testimonies of boarding school survivors.

## [Iowa family makes history with state's 1st successful tribal customary adoption](#) (Includes video)

WOI - September 23, 2022

A tribal customary adoption is when the state and tribe work out an agreement to place a Native American child up for adoption, with the expectation a nontribal member becomes the new parent. This is done without severing ties with the child's tribe. Bradley and AJ Delfs are the first people to go through this process in Iowa. They say this agreement has given them the family they always wanted.

Also: [Tribal Customary Adoption](#)

## [U.S. Representatives Chu and Bacon introduce bipartisan Indian child welfare legislation](#) (Press release)

Office of Judy Chu, U.S. Representative for California - September 23, 2022

This week, Representative Judy Chu (CA-27) and Representative Don Bacon (NE-02) introduced the bipartisan Strengthening Tribal Families Act, legislation designed to assist state and local child welfare agencies with implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). ICWA, which sets federal standards for abuse or neglect

custody proceedings involving native children, lessens the trauma of removal by promoting placement with family and community.

Also: H.R.8954: [To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to comply with Federal standards established under the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978](#)

## [US and Canada: Truth and Reconciliation: A long journey to healing](#)

Indian Country Today - September 28, 2022

Truth and Reconciliation was a phrase coined in Canada and has been adopted in the U.S. Truth and Reconciliation Week runs Sept. 26 through Sept. 30 and this year is the second Canada's National Day For Truth and Reconciliation, observed on Sept. 30. Sept. 30 is also National Day of Remembrance, a day that recognizes the U.S Native boarding school system. The week is an educational opportunity and a social movement that demands recognition of Indigenous survivors. In Canada, it's a free educational program for school children. "Every Child Matters" is an affirmation Indigenous people are using, along with wearing orange shirts, to raise visibility and unity around the issues.

Also: [H.R.8420 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy Act](#)

Also: [S.2907 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act](#)

## [Hundreds Gather in St. Paul for Boarding School Survivors Candlelight Vigil](#)

Native News Online - September 30, 2022

Hundreds gathered at Leif Erickson Park in downtown St. Paul on Thursday for a candlelight vigil honoring those who attended federal Indian Boarding Schools. The event was hosted by the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS). Attendees engaged in ceremony and song and listened as boarding school survivors shared their experiences. "We need to acknowledge that boarding schools has been a major contributor to the devastating things that have been happening to our communities," Jim LaBelle, Sr. (Inupiaq) said during Thursday's vigil.

## PUBLICATIONS

### [The Extradition Clause and Indian Country](#) Grant Christensen, North Dakota Law Review (forthcoming)

Abstract: This article looks at the enforceability of the Extradition Clause in the federal courts of the United States. In 1861 the Supreme Court held in *Dennison* that the federal courts could not be used to enforce a request made by one state governor to another state governor for the extradition of a suspected criminal under Article IV Section 1. In 1987 the Supreme Court reversed the *Dennison* decision and for the first time since the Civil War held that the federal judicial power includes the power to enforce the Extradition Clause. This article takes the position that federal judicial power is limited to cases where the state governor has both territorial and personal jurisdiction over the accused. When an individual is on an Indian reservation, even Article IV does not authorize the governor of a state to enter the reservation and return the accused subject to an extradition request. Article IV's Extradition Clause provides a constitutional duty for the executive of one state to remit to the power of a sister state someone located within its borders and subject to its jurisdiction. Critical to the exercise of this power is the dual understanding that the individual sought must be both within the state territory and subject to the state's jurisdiction. Indian country lies outside the general jurisdictional power of the states. States may not enter Indian country and remove persons found there absent cooperation with or permission from the Tribe. Doing so infringes upon the Tribe's right to make its own laws and be governed by them.

### [Using Consent to Expand Tribal Court Criminal Jurisdiction](#) Grant Christensen, California Law Review (forthcoming)

Abstract: In June of 2022 the Supreme Court reversed two-hundred years of precedent and held in a 5-4 opinion that states have concurrent criminal jurisdiction over crimes committed by non-Indians against Indians in Indian country. *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*. In conducting the preemption analysis Justice Kavanaugh's majority opinion reasoned that while states have a strong interest in prosecuting crimes in Indian country in order to keep the community safe, tribes had functionally no interest because they generally lack criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians. The court then reasoned that the lack of a tribal interest could not preempt the state interest. This article suggests, despite the general prohibition on tribes asserting criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians that was discovered by the Supreme Court in 1978's *Oliphant* opinion, tribes can assert criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians who consent to the jurisdiction in tribal court. The argument extends to both affirmative and implied consent and draws its authority from both pre-*Oliphant* scholarship and precedent as well as from recent development by the Court, Congress, and dicta from the Ninth Circuit. If tribes are able to regularly assert some criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians, then when lower courts apply *Castro-Huerta* in the future there will be a strong tribal interest to preempt state criminal jurisdiction in Indian country.

[Getting Cooley Right: The Inherent Criminal Powers of Tribal Law Enforcement](#) Grant Christensen, UC Davis Law Review (forthcoming)

Abstract: While the Supreme Court regularly decides cases defining the limits of the criminal jurisdiction of tribal courts, when it heard *United States v. Cooley* in 2021 it had not decided a case about the procedural powers of tribal law enforcement in more than a century. Across more than five decades lower courts at all levels struggled to decide whether the inherent criminal powers of tribal law enforcement are coterminous with the jurisdiction of tribal courts or whether tribal officers may have their own set of inherent powers distinct from the power to prosecute. This Article examines the inconsistent split in authority that existed before *Cooley* and anticipates the future misreading of inherent criminal power by lower courts. It argues that now that the Court has divorced the inherent criminal power of tribal law enforcement from the criminal jurisdictional power of tribal courts, tribal officers may stop, detain, search, and investigate anyone whose criminal conduct poses a danger to the health and welfare of the tribal community. The Article bolsters its application by using the first cases decided by lower courts in the post-*Cooley* era as artifacts to examine the full implications of the recognition of inherent criminal power exercised by tribal law enforcement.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [In Memoriam Video: Judge Claudette White](#)

Anne Makepeace Productions: *“Covid took her from us last year. Her passing is a tremendous loss to her friends, her family, her tribe, and to justice systems everywhere. Judge White dedicated her life to creating and modeling courtroom practices that heal rather than punish. She would have been proud to know about the California Supreme Court screening, and glad that the film she gave so much to carries her message forward.”* This video was created for her family in memoriam and shared within the Makepeace Productions E-Newsletter.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### [Tribal Resource Tool](#)

This online map and resource directory of diverse resources for American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) victims and survivors of crime and abuse. The Tribal Resource Tool is funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, sharing over 1,000+ resources across the country. Resources such as but not limited to: Tribal victim service programs, Tribal coalitions, Tribal Courts, law enforcement, Domestic Violence Shelters (Tribal & Non-Tribal), behavioral health resources and substance abuse treatment centers, are accessed by over 17,000+ advocates, victims and survivors a year. Access resources on or off Tribal lands, (Reservations, Tribal Communities, Urban Indian Communities, Alaskan Villages, adjacent cities and towns) for victims and survivors of all ages and all crime types via the Tribal Resource Tool. This video walks users how to use the Tribal Resource Tool, which you can access [here](#).

### [VictimConnect Resource Map](#)

This map from the Victims Connect Resource Center is a searchable tool with national and local resources commonly used by our visitors. You can view resources across the nation filtered by categories, services, location, and keywords. If you are an eligible service provider and would like to be included on the VictimConnect Resource Map, please complete and submit [this form](#).

### [Resources to Help Programs Use and Manage Data](#)

Data is an important tool tribal child welfare programs can use to improve the lives of children and families. Analyzing program data can help you better understand what is, or isn't, working well and why. Data tells a story that can be shared with stakeholders and leaders and used to inform policy and practice decisions. These resources from the Center for Tribes can help you learn how to: use your existing data to find the answers you need and share your story effectively with decision makers.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

### [Placements of Indian Children in Juvenile Proceedings: What Judges & Attorneys Need to Know](#) (Virtual) October 4, 2022

12:00pm—1:00pm

Sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, with the support of a grant awarded by the California Department of Social Services. Our panel of experts will discuss the Indian Child Welfare Act placement preferences, what they are, when they apply, and the obligations imposed on the

court and an agency to ensure that all placements under ICWA comply with the preferences and the requirements to deviate from the placement preferences. Panelists will also explore some of the common issues that arise and how to avoid them, as well as the rights of native children to a culturally appropriate placement under the Foster Care Bill of Rights even in cases where ICWA may not apply. Speakers: Hon. Ana España, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court Division, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego; Karen Kolb, Social Services Director, Indian Health Council, Inc.; & Evangelina Woo, Senior Deputy County Counsel, San Diego County.

## **[Supporting Survivors of Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities\(Virtual\)](#)**

**October 6, 2022**

**12:00pm—1:15pm**

Most victims of human trafficking do not self-identify or seek help because of the profound and prolonged trauma they experience. Traffickers often deceive victims with false promises of love, a good job, or a stable life, then lure or force them into trafficking; a trafficker may even look like an intimate partner. Recognizing the signs of trafficking and knowing how to offer support is critical in helping a victim heal. Join a panel of American Indians and Alaska Natives as they discuss identifying, reaching, and supporting the healing of potential victims of trafficking. Listen to their insight as they answer participant's questions and share information about enriching cultural perspective and understanding for anti-trafficking work, recognizing the signs of human trafficking, and accessing non-competitive federal funding to support Tribes in their victim services work.

## **[Identifying and Avoiding Overuse of Psychiatric Medication with Children in Foster Care\(Virtual\)](#)**

**October 7, 2022**

**9:00am—10:30am**

The NCJFCJ, in partnership with the American Bar Association's Center for Children and the Law, invite you to join Dr. Irwin Martin, clinical professor of child and adolescent psychiatry at the New York University Grossman School of Medicine for a discussion on the use of psychotropic medications in foster care.

## **[Restoring the Integrity and Status of Women as Sacred\(Virtual\)](#)**

**October 12, 2022**

**12:00pm—1:30pm**

This webinar provides an opportunity to challenge each other to think about how colonized thinking, and subsequent internalized oppression impacts us as advocates.

## **[California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: 2022 Virtual Shifting the Lens 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#) *Shifting the Lens: Survivors and Families Coming into Focus (Virtual)***

**November 7-9, 2022**

In November 2022, we will continue to broaden the focus and engage a larger community to find answers to pressing questions that impact survivors, families and communities. What happens when we shift the lens and look at domestic violence with a broader view that includes discussions with opposing and unified viewpoints?

## **[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)**

**The Office for Victims of Crime**

**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](mailto:IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com).

## **[2022 National Tribal Youth Conference](#)**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) & Tribal Youth Resource Center**

**December 14-15, 2022**

**San Diego, California**

This meeting is a national gathering of OJJDP Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court grantees as well as other interested federally recognized Tribes, tribal service providers, and state entities that serve tribal communities. Training topics at this event will support participants working in Tribal-and-State Collaboration, Tribal Juvenile Reentry, Tribal Youth Prevention, Intervention and Diversion, Court-Based Services, Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts, and other programs that support Tribal Youth. [Call for proposals.](#)



## [2023 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

March 19-22, 2023

Dallas Renaissance Addison Hotel

The conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting edge topics that will inspire you, broaden your knowledge, and provoke discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. Plenary and breakout sessions on juvenile justice, trafficking, child welfare, all while highlighting court best practices, innovative solutions, and self-care.

## COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

OS-PAW-20-001

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

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

**Please Contact:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### [GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM](#)

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

### [FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

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

### [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized a new [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). This benefit will provide a discount of \$50 per month for eligible low-income households or \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands to cover internet bills, as well as provide discounts on some devices. This program

can also be combined with Lifeline benefits. The FCC has developed a [consumer FAQ](#), which provides information about eligibility and program details.

## NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The [Fiscal Year 2022 Department of Justice Grants Program Plan](#) summarizes details about OVC funding opportunities that we expect to release, or have released, this fiscal year. The Program Plan also provides information about funding from other Department of Justice grant-making Components.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [National Tribal Broadband Grant \(NTBG\)](#)

**Department of the Interior**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**BIA-NTBG-2022-OIED**

**Deadline: October 17, 2022**

The grant funding is to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously, through DSL, cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and BPL. NTBG grants may be used to fund an assessment of the current broadband services, if any, that are available to an applicant's community; an engineering assessment of new or expanded broadband services; an estimate of the cost of building or expanding a broadband network; a determination of the transmission medium(s) that will be employed; identification of potential funding and/or financing for the network; and consideration of financial and practical risks associated with developing a broadband network.

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

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**FR-6600-N-23**

**Deadline: October 24, 2022**

The primary objective of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low-and moderate-incomes.

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

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**FR-6600-N-48**

**Deadline: November 17, 2022**

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

### [Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**HRSA-23-090**

**Deadline: December 21, 2022**

The purpose of the program is to expand the number of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, and social workers trained to provide mental and substance use disorder services in underserved community-based settings that integrate primary care and mental and substance use disorder services.

### [AmeriCorps State and National Native Nations Planning Grants](#)

**AmeriCorps**

**AC-08-18-22**

**Deadline: April 5, 2023**

AmeriCorps is committed to working on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Native Nations and upholding the federal government's Tribal trust responsibility. AmeriCorps planning grants provide support to a grant recipient to develop an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members in implementing evidence-based interventions to solve community problems.

## [AmeriCorps State and National Native Nation Grants](#)

### **AmeriCorps**

**AC-08-19-22**

**Deadline: April 5, 2023**

AmeriCorps is committed to working on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Native Nations and upholding the federal government's Tribal trust responsibility. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations (See Section C. 1 Eligible Applicants) proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in interventions/practices to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that they can use to pay for higher education expenses or apply to qualified student loans.

## [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.

## [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.