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Tribal STAR Drumbeats - March / April 2014

Tribal STAR is a program of the Academy for Professional Excellence, a project of San Diego State University's School of Social Work. Funded for five years by the United States Department of Health & Human Services Administration on Children, Youth & Families (ACYF), and Children's Bureau. Tribal STAR is now funded by State and Federal funds and is administered by the Academy for Professional Excellence. Tribal STAR provides a comprehensive, competency-based, interdisciplinary training and technical assistance program.

Tribal STAR's mission is to ensure that Tribal foster youth are connected to culture, community, and resources, throughout their stay in foster care and through their transition to adulthood.

Congratulations Pala Social Services

Early this week we were informed by Season Lattin, the Director of Social Services for the Pala Band of Mission Indians in San Diego County, that they were granted the ability to perform live scans so as to do fingerprint clearances for those Tribal members wanting to provide foster care for their relative children or for other tribal children needing out of home placement.

This is something we, as a community, have been trying to achieve for some time without success. This is groundbreaking news and much needed to ensure ICWA compliance and appropriate placement of Indian children in Indian homes.



Ms. Lattin has informed us that she is willing to help other ICWA programs in this process. Please contact our office at Tribal STAR and we will forward your request to Ms. Lattin.

Congratulations to Pala Social Services.

Hold On

*Hold on to what is good,
 Even if it's a handful of earth.
 Hold on to what you believe,
 Even if it's a tree that stands by itself.
 Hold on to what you must do,
 Even if it's a long way from here.
 Hold on to your life,
 Even if it's easier to let go.
 Hold on to my hand,
 Even if someday I'll be gone away from you.*

~ A Pueblo Indian Prayer ~



*Young woman with two babies in
cradle boards*

Sharlot Hall

Research



Children's Bureau Express covers news, issues, and trends of interest to professionals and policymakers in the interrelated fields of child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption.

Website: <http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov>

Children's Bureau
1250 Maryland Avenue,
SW, Eighth Floor
Washington, DC 20024
Email: cb_express@childwelfare.gov

A Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities

Author (s): Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Published: September 2013

Information: This guide identifies values and priorities that can foster trust and build the knowledge and skills of Tribes, their evaluation partners, and other stakeholders to conduct more useful and meaningful evaluations of child welfare programs.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov>

Assessment of Needs in Residential Care: Perspectives of Youth and Professionals

Author(s): Calheiros, Maria Manuela. Patrício, Joana N. Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE-IUL)

Journal: Journal of Child and Family Studies Vol. 23, No. 8 , p. 461-474

Information: This article will present two studies, one with youth and another with professionals....The results of the study with youth point to needs in three main areas: living situation, social and family relationships, and education. The results of the study with professionals reveal three needs profiles with distinct risk levels: low risk, without emerging needs; intermediate risk, with needs in terms of the economic and living situation; and high risk, with needs in terms of relationships, behavioural, psychological and emotional skills, and education and employment.

Article: <http://www.springer.com>

Community and Federal Collaboration to Assess Pregnancy Outcomes in Alaska Native Women, 1997-2005

Author(s): Kim, Shin Y. England, Lucinda J. Shapiro-Mendoza, Carrie K. Wilson, Hoyt G. Klejka, Joseph. Tucker, Myra. Lewis, Claire. Kendrick, Juliette S.

Published: April 2014

Publisher: Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Journal: Maternal and Child Health Journal Vol. 18, No. 10 , p. 634-639

Information: The objectives are to report the estimated prevalence of pregnancy complications and adverse pregnancy outcomes in a defined population of Alaska Native women and also examine factors contributing to an intensive and successful collaboration between a tribal health center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Article: <http://www.springer.com>

Differential Response in Illinois: Final Evaluation

Author(s): Tamara Fuller, PhD; Martin Nieto, MA; Saijun Zhang, PhD

Published: October 2013

Information: In 2009, the National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response selected three research and demonstration sites to implement and evaluate differential response (DR). As one of the sites, Illinois conducted an experimental design study in which families with screened-in maltreatment reports who met the State's eligibility for DR services were randomly assigned to the treatment group (DR) or the control group (investigation response)....

Article: <http://cfrc.illinois.edu>

Foster Care as a Therapeutic Tool (Chapter 14 in Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect. 9th Edition)

Author(s): Crosson-Tower, Cynthia

Published: 2014

Publisher: Boston : Pearson Education

Information: The placement of children who have been abused into foster homes is discussed, as well as problems with foster care, alternatives to foster care, therapeutic potential in foster care, the role and importance of biological parents, and the role of foster parents. Other placements for abused or neglected children are considered, including residential treatment and adoptive placements.

Website: <http://www.pearsonhighered.com>

Improving Mental Health Services to Children NCSL Legisbrief series

Author(s): Kristine Goodwin and Jennifer Saunders

Published: January 2014

Journal: National Conference of State Legislatures, Vol. 22, No.2

Information: In a new factsheet from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Improving Children's Mental Health, discuss many of the barriers to providing appropriate care, such as lack of funding and a shortage of qualified mental health providers. They also present an overview of efforts being made by States to address those

barriers.

Article: <http://ecom.ncsl.org>

Needs Regarding Difficult Behaviors of Their Foster Child and Their Own Parental Approach

Author(s): Vanschoonlandt, Femke. Holen, Frank Van. Vanderfaeillie, Johan. Maeyer, Skrällan De. Andries, Caroline,
Department of Clinical and Lifespan Psychology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Published: February 2014

Journal: Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal Vol. 31, No. 6 , p. 71-86

Information: This paper focuses on the support needs of foster mothers concerning difficult behavior of the child and their own parenting behavior.

Article: <http://www.springer.com>

Promoting Protective Factors for In-Risk Families and Youth: A Brief for Researchers

Author: Development Services Group, Inc., for ACYF.

Published: 2014

Information: The documentation of protective factors for in-risk children and youth is important because it offers an initial empirical foundation to develop, enhance, implement, and test interventions in the context of ACYF-funded programs and initiatives.

Article: <http://www.dsgonline.com>

Promoting Supportive Parenting in New Mothers With Substance-Use Problems: A Pilot Randomized Trial of Residential Treatment Plus an Attachment-Based Parenting Program

Author(s): Lisa Berlin, Meghan Shanahan, and Karen Carmody

Published: 2013

Journal: Infant Mental Health Journal, 35(1), 2013

Information: Study Examines Attachment-Based Parenting. The Infant Mental Health Journal recently published findings from a research study that examined the feasibility and efficacy of supplementing a new mother's residential substance-abuse treatment with a brief and rigorous attachment-based parenting program.

Article: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com>

Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare

Author(s): Child Welfare Information Gateway

Published: 2014

Information: The information service for the Children's Bureau, recently published a new issue brief titled Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare. The issue brief, written in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Children's Bureau provides an overview of protective factors approaches to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect and is designed to help policymakers, administrators, child welfare and related professionals, service providers, advocates, and others understand the concepts of risk and protective factors in families and communities.

Article: <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

Risk-Taking and Sensation-Seeking Propensity in Postinstitutionalized Early Adolescents

Author(s): Loman, Michelle M.; Johnson, Anna E.; Quevedo, Karina.; Lafavor, Theresa L.; Gunnar, Megan R.

Published: 2014

Journal: Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry published online 19 FEB 2014

Information: ...Conclusions: Early institutional care is associated with less risk-taking and sensation-seeking during adolescence. The deprived environment of an institution likely contributes to PI youth having a preference for safe choices, which may only be partially reversed with puberty. Whether this reflects hyporesponsiveness to rewards and how it relates to psychopathology are discussed.

Article: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com>

The Lifetime Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Assessed in Late Adolescence

Author(s): Finkelhor, David. Shattuck, Anne. Turner, Heather A. Hamby, Sherry L. University of New Hampshire. Crimes against Children Research Center

Published: online 26 February 2014

Journal: Journal of Adolescent Health

Information: To estimate the likelihood that a recent cohort of children would be exposed to sexual abuse and sexual assault by age 17 in the United States.

Article: <http://www.elsevier.com/>

The Multi-Site Accelerated Permanency Project Technical Report: 12-Month Permanency Outcomes

Author(s): Catherine Roller White, Tyler Corwin, Anne Buher, and Kirk O'Brien

Published: August 2013

Information: Outcomes of Permanency Roundtables for Youth Permanency roundtables (PRTs) have emerged as a strategy for expediting legal permanence for youth. In 2010, Casey Family Programs spearheaded the Multi-Site Accelerated Permanency Project (MSAPP), which used PRTs to improve permanency efforts in 11 counties in four States (Alabama, Colorado, Florida, and Ohio). PRTs are structured meetings that involve various experts, promote "outside the box" thinking, and include the following elements: oral case presentation, rating of the child's permanency status, discussion

and brainstorming of current barriers to permanency, and development of a specific action plan. In the summer of 2013, MSAPP released a report on the outcomes for youth within 12 months of their PRT.

Website: <http://www.casey.org>



Policy, Legislation & Law

BIA Seeking Feedback on Indian Child Welfare Act Guidelines for State Courts

Native News - April 13, 2014

Information: Listening Sessions to hear from tribal leaders and representatives on the re-examination and update of the BIA's Indian Child Welfare Act Guidelines for State Courts [are presented].

Website: <http://nativenewsonline.net>

Child Welfare Policy Manual

Author: Children's Bureau

Published: constantly updated

Information: This manual replaces the Children's Bureau's former policy issuance system. This Child Welfare Policy Manual updates and reformats all of the existing relevant policy issuances (Policy Announcements and Policy Interpretation Questions) into an easy to use question and answer format.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov>

Clergy as Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect:

Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway

Published: 2014

Publisher: Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau

Information: (PDF - 439 KB) This factsheet discusses laws that require members of the clergy to report cases of suspected child abuse and neglect. The issue of whether a member of the clergy can claim privileged communications as a reason for not reporting also is discussed. Full-text excerpts of laws for all States and U.S. territories are included.

Website: <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

Ensuring Safety, Well-Being and Permanency for Our Children: Findings, Practice and Policy Implications From LONGSCAN: The 20-Year Longitudinal Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect

Author(s): Injury Prevention Center

Publisher: Children's Bureau's Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, ACF, with additional funding received from NIH and CDC

Information: In 1989 a call was issued by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect for a multisite, longitudinal study of the antecedents and consequences of abuse and neglect.

Article: <http://iprc.unc.edu>

Guidebook for Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare System Coordination and Integration: A Framework for Improved Outcomes 3rd Edition

Author(s): Janet K. Wiig and John A. Tuell, with Jessica K. Heldman
Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Published: 2013

Publisher: Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Information: The recently released Guidebook for Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Coordination and Integration: A Framework for Improved Outcomes (3rd Edition), reports on efforts to implement more integrated and collaborative approaches to program development and service delivery for children involved in both the child protection and juvenile justice systems.

Article: <http://www.rfknrcjj.org>

Dual Status Youth Initiative—Technical Assistance Workbook

Author(s): By John A. Tuell, Jessica K. Heldman, and Janet K. Wiig
Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Published: December 2013

Information: The workbook offers practical guidance to State and local jurisdictions in implementing the multisystem practices described in the guidebook.

Article: <http://www.rfknrcjj.org>

Senate committee to hold hearing on Heitkamp bill to stand up for Native children

Indian Country Today Media Network - April 02, 2014

Information: U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, participated in a Senate hearing on her bill to address the challenges facing Native children and offered real solutions to address them. Also, "Heitkamp Bill to Improve Lives of Native Children Moves Forward During Senate Committee Hearing"

Article: <http://www.heitkamp.senate.gov>

Stopping the Cycle of Child Abuse and Neglect: A Call to Action to Focus on Pregnant and Parenting Youth in and Aging Out of the Foster Care System

Author(s): Mullins Geiger, Jennifer. Schelbe, Lisa Ann

Journal: Journal of Public Child Welfare Vol. 8, No. 1 , p. 25-49

Published: January-March 2014

Information: Each year, a significant number of adolescents become pregnant in the United States, with more than half of these pregnancies resulting in live births. Adolescent parenting is associated with poor outcomes, including increased risk of child maltreatment. Youth "aging out" of the foster care system may be at greater risk of maltreating their children due to their experiences of child maltreatment, a lack of social support, and little preparation for parenthood. This article examines current programs and policies targeting pregnant and parenting youth aging out and presents a research agenda that focuses on pregnancy prevention and positive parenting.

Article: <http://www.routledge.com>

Supreme Court Arguments in Indian Child Welfare Act 'ICWA' Case Set for April 16

National Law Review - April 01, 2014

Information: The Supreme Court has scheduled oral arguments for April 16 in the case of Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl. The case involves important issues relating to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), including whether an Indian parent could object to an adoption of his child even though, under state law, he lacked parental standing and whether the ICWA applies when a child is not in an Indian home.

Article: <http://www.natlawreview.com>



*Petroglyphs on stone
Sharlot Hall*

Promising Practices

Fostering Success in Education: National Factsheet on the Educational Outcomes of Children in Foster Care

Author(s): National Working Group on Foster Care and Education

Published: January 2014

Information: A recent factsheet by the National Working Group on Foster Care and Education focuses on the importance of establishing a strong educational foundation for children in care and designing effective interventions aimed at enhancing their educational outcomes. The factsheet highlights statistics about absenteeism, school suspensions, average reading levels, and high school completion rates for children and youth in foster care. Promising practices of effective early childhood education interventions, programs to promote regular attendance, and preventing serious behavior problems are discussed, in addition to promising policies for enhancing school stability and school enrollment.

Article: <http://www.fostercareandeducation.org>

Supporting Evidence Based Home Visiting

Author: Children's Bureau (CB) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Information: In 2008, the Children's Bureau (CB) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funded 17 cooperative agreements to support the infrastructure needed for the widespread adoption, implementation and sustaining of evidence-based home visitation programs that aim to prevent child maltreatment. The website lists resources and information regarding Evidence Based Home Visiting.

Website: <http://supportingebhv.org/home>

Suspected Child Abuse: Clinical Practice Guideline

Author(s): Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center

Published: January 2014

Information: The suggested evaluations and consultations include varied skeletal surveys, computed tomography (CT) scans, ophthalmological studies, lab studies, and radiological studies.

Article: <http://www.cardinalglennon.com>

Voices from the Field: Stakeholder Perspectives on Family Finding

Author(s): Jordan, Elizabeth.; Williams, Sarah Catherine

Published: 2014

Information: The Family Finding model provides child welfare practitioners with intensive search and engagement techniques to identify family members and other adults close to a child in foster care, and to involve these adults in developing and carrying out a plan for the emotional and legal permanency of the child. This brief describes the importance of establishing such permanent connections for children and youth....

Article: <http://www.childtrends.org>

Resources

2014 ICWA Designated Tribal Agents

PDF

Adoption Tax Credit for Special Needs Adoptions Finalized Between 2004 and 2009

Published: 2014

Information: This fact sheet explains that most families who adopted foster children who receive adoption assistance between 2005 and 2009, and a few who adopted earlier, should be able to take advantage of the federal adoption tax credit, even if they had no expenses related to the adoption.

Article: <http://www.nacac.org>

Calculating the Costs of Child Welfare Services Workgroup. (2013). Cost analysis in program evaluation: A guide for child welfare researchers and service providers

Author(s): Washington, DC: Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Published: 2013

Information: This guide on child welfare evaluation is relevant to a variety of audiences, including program directors, evaluators, agency administrators, and other stakeholders. Website: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov>

NRCCWDT's Framework for Managing With Data The National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology (NRCCWDT)

Information: NRCCWDT officially released the web section for its Framework for Managing With Data. The framework, developed in collaboration with several child welfare data managers in the field, is intended to help agencies use data to the best advantage in order to inform practice and performance and improve child welfare outcomes. Website: <https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov>

Meet the Protective Factors

Information: This website provides a downloadable PDF and an explanation about the importance of each of the five protective factors within the Strengthening Families framework. The protective factors include parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children. In addition to explaining the protective factors, the website provides tips on how families can establish and build the protective factors within their own family.

Website: <http://www.whatmakesyourfamilystrong.org>

Principles of Parenting series

Author: Jennifer Kerpelman, Alabama A&M and Auburn Universities

Information: The Principles of Parenting series explores techniques that can improve family communications and build trust.

Communicating With Your Teen

Article: <http://www.aces.edu>

Communicating With Your Teen: Negotiation

Article: <http://www.aces.edu>

Communicating With Your Teen: Spending Time Together

Article: <http://www.aces.edu>

Communicating With Your Teen: Talking About Sex

Article: <http://www.aces.edu>

Communicating With Your Teen: Trust

Article: <http://www.aces.edu>

Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare:

Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway

Published: 2014

Published: Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau

Information: This issue brief provides an overview of protective factors approaches to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Website: <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

National Indian Justice Center (NIJC)

Published: 2014

Information: NIJC has designed and conducted numerous education programs for tribal courts, tribal governments, law enforcement, social services, medical personnel, victims assistance programs and others throughout Indian country since 1983. The website lists publications and courses available for your purchase. The following online courses are *FREE*:

- Native Youth in Action - Tribal Government Civics Course
- Native Youth in Action: Forum
- Preparing a Healthy Path: Planning and Implementing Tribal Adult Healing to Wellness Courts for Participants Who Have FAS/FAE

Website: <http://www.nijcservices.org>

Resources to Support LGBTQI2-S Youth, Families

Information: A new toolkit offers a variety of resources for working with children and youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and two-spirit, (LGBTQI2-S) and their families.

This toolkit was developed with support from the Child, Adolescent and

Family Branch (CAFB), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which in 2008 initiated the National Workgroup to Address the Needs of Children and Youth Who Are LGBTQI2-S and Their Families. Resources to Support Children and Youth Who Are LGBTQI2-S and Their Families.

Website: <http://www.lgbtqi2stoolkit.net/>

Spotlight on the National Youth in Transition Database

Author(s): US Government Administration for Children and Families
National Youth in Transition Database's Videos

Videos: <http://www.youtube.com>

Summary Table of the Active Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstrations

Information: Summary in table format of active waiver demonstration programs as of September 2013.

Website: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov>

The National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement (NRCOI)

Information: Child welfare organizational improvement literature review: Literature Review: 10/01/2013–12/31/2013

Website: <http://muskie.usm.maine.edu>

The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI)

Information: Video highlighting NCWWI's goals, activities, and services: "Learning, Leading, Changing and Making a Difference":

Website: <http://vimeo.com/87586261>

The National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response in Child Protective Services (QIC-DR)

Information: The final report from research and demonstration sites: Ohio SOAR Project: Final Report.

Website: <http://www.ucdenver.edu>

The Kempe Center is accepting applications to present at the 9th Annual Conference on Differential Response in Child Welfare in Seattle, WA. Applications are due April 10, 2014. For more information, see the following call for presentations.

Website: <http://www.ucdenver.edu>

The National Resource Center for Adoption (NRCA)

Information: NRCA published volume 27, issue 1 of The Roundtable newsletter, which spotlights educational well-being for older adopted youth and older youth in guardianship placements.

Website: <http://www.nrcadoption.org>

The National Resource Center for Adoption (NRCA)

Information: Recordings and materials from its two-part webinar series on "Understanding and Complying With Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Multiethnic Placement Act (MEPA) of 1994, as amended by the Interethnic Adoption Provisions of 1996."

Website: <http://www.nrcadoption.org>

The National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (FRIENDS)

Information: FRIENDS posted an online learning course, Effectively Engaging Tribes: Effective Strategies for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Engagement With Tribes, which can be accessed through its Online Learning Center.

Website: <http://friendsnrcelearning.org>

The National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (FRIENDS)

Information: FRIENDS posted a guide to administering the Spanish adaptation of the Protective Factors Survey

Website: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu>

The National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC)

Information: Web section highlighting products and resources developed by Family Connection Grantees, such as case studies, replication manuals, and handbooks.

Website: <http://www.nrcpfc.org>

The National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC)

Information: Recordings and materials from a two-part webinar series on "Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression in Child Welfare."

Website: <http://www.nrcpfc.org>

The National Resource Center for Youth Development (NRCYD)

Information: January/February 2014 edition of Youth Port, which spotlights the 2014 National Pathways to Adulthood: A Convening on Youth in Transition conference, to be held on August 6–8, 2014, in Philadelphia, PA.

Website: <http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu>

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health (TA Center)

Information: Georgetown University Training Institutes is now officially open for registration. The conference, to be held on July 16–20 in Washington, DC, will feature practical training on systems of care for children, youth, and young adults with mental health challenges and their families.

Website: <http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu>

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health (TA Center)

Information: The TA Center posted the recording and materials from its recent webinar "The Inside Scoop: Gaining a Deeper Understanding of Medicaid/Mental Health Services From the Medicaid Directors' Perspective."

Website: <http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu>

Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services

Author: Children's Bureau Express

Published: April 2014, Vol. 15, No. 4

Information: In 2011, the Office of Family Assistance awarded demonstration grants to 14 Tribes and Tribal organizations for the Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse or Neglect. In November 2013, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) released a report detailing the first-year implementation activities of the 14 grantees.

Website: <https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov>

Understanding Child Trauma

Author(s): The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Information: Factsheet on Child Trauma

Article: <http://www.nctsn.org>

Understanding Single-Parent Adoption

Information: The publication asserts that single parents ought to be considered by adoption agencies and birth mothers for their character, strength, and potential parenting capacity, rather than by their marital status.

Website: <http://www.bbinternationaladoption.com>

Writing and Evaluating an RFP

the Children's Bureau's Division of State Systems, is the second webinar in the FY2014 Back to Basics: Procurement and Project Management series

Website: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov>

Youth Permanency Toolkit

Information: This new web-based toolkit from the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCDFC) provides a historical perspective on youth permanency as well as current definitions.

Website: <http://www.nrcdfc.org>



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Funding Opportunities

The Arthur Vining David Foundation Secondary Education Grants

Deadline: N.A.

DESCRIPTION: Grants to improve secondary education through teacher professional development and the developing of teacher training.

Website: <http://www.avdf.org>

Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Children's Justice Act Grants to States Under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

Deadline: N.A.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this PI is to set forth the eligibility requirements and the grant application procedures for FY 2014 Children's Justice Act (CJA) grants and to provide the tentative State allocation table.

Website: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov>

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals-Services in Supportive Housing

Deadline: APRIL 25, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to support the development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for substance use, co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services.

Website: <http://beta.samhsa.gov>

Housing Counseling Training Grant

Deadline: MAY 5, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to improve and standardize the quality of counseling provided by housing counselors.

Website: <http://portal.hud.gov>

William T. Grant Foundation Initiative on Understanding Inequality

Deadline: MAY 6, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to \$600,000 will be awarded in support of research that focuses on ways to reduce disparities in academic, behavioral, social, and economic outcomes among youth.

Website: <http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org>

Assets for Independence (AFI) Demonstration Program

Deadline: MAY 7, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Funds to provide financial awards and other supports to help low-income families build assets for such purposes as continuing their education, buy homes, etc. Website:<http://www.acf.hhs.gov>

High-Risk Youth Mentoring Research

Deadline: MAY 12, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants for research and evaluations to further examine how certain characteristics, components, and practices of mentoring programs can best support youth who are at particularly high risk for delinquency.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov>

Street Outreach Program

Deadline: MAY 12, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Funds to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth.

Website:<http://www.acf.hhs.gov>

National Mentoring Programs

Deadline: MAY 13, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to enable national organizations to provide mentoring services to special populations.

Website:<http://www.ojjdp.gov>

Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

Deadline: MAY 15, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to (1) provide timely, high-quality comprehensive services to pre-certified minor and adult victims of severe forms of human trafficking, and (2) enhance interagency collaboration and coordination.

Website: <http://ojp.gov>

Mentoring for Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative

Deadline: MAY 15, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Funds to develop or enhance mentoring capacity, facilitate outreach efforts, and increase the availability of direct services for child victims (younger than age 18) of commercial sexual exploitation.

Website: <http://www.ojjdp.gov>

Turnaround School Leaders Program

Deadline: MAY 23, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to develop, implement, and enhance leadership pipeline projects that trains "school leaders" for School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools.

Website: <http://www.gpo.gov>

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals

Deadline: JUNE 3, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to expand the mental health and substance abuse workforce serving children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth at risk for developing or who have developed a recognized behavioral health disorder.

Website: <http://www.grants.gov>

Enroll Family Planning Clients into Health Insurance Programs

Deadline: JUNE 9, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to initiate or expand activities to assist individuals in enrolling in health insurance in order to help current and potential clients access family planning and other related preventive health services.

Website:<https://www.grantsolutions.gov>

National Association of Medical Minority Educators Invites Applications for 2014 Scholarships

Deadline: JUNE 13, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to underrepresented minority students who have completed the first year of training in a health professions training.

Website: <http://www.philanthropynewsdigest.org>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Childhood Obesity Prevention

Deadline: June 19, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Grants to support research, education, and extension work in the area of childhood obesity.

Website: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov>

Indian Land Tenure Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry

Deadline: AUGUST 4, 2014 (Letters of Inquiry)

DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to help Native tribes reacquire alienated federal lands and ensure that Indian people have, at minimum, access to the financial and natural

resources within their own reservations....

Website: <https://www.iltf.org>

Nonprofit, Tribal Executives in Alaska Invited to Apply for Rasmuson Sabbatical Program

Deadline: OCTOBER 1, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Awards of up to \$40,000 are available to executives from Alaska tribes and nonprofit organizations for sabbaticals of two to six months for rest, personal renewal, and professional growth....

Website: <http://www.philanthropynewsdigest.org>

Proposals to Curate Web Pages at Youthpolicy.org

Deadline: Rolling

DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations and NGOs to develop and curate thematic pages related to youth policies around the world on Youthpolicy.org

Website: <http://www.youthpolicy.org>

World We Want Foundation Invites Applications From Youth for Social Change Projects

Deadline: Rolling

DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures....

Website: <http://www.theworldwewantfoundation.org>

Kellogg Foundation: Programs that Engage Youth and Communities in Learning Opportunities

Deadline: Open

DESCRIPTION: Grants will be awarded to organizations working to promote ideas about how to engage children and youth in learning and new ways to bring together community-based systems that promote learning....

Website: <http://wrm.wkkf.org>

Surdna Foundation

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)

DESCRIPTION: The Teens' Artistic and Cultural Advancement program supports organizations that connect teens to the arts and help prepare them to be creative and innovative leaders in their communities...

Website: <http://www.surdna.org>

More grants at Grants.gov

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov>



Calendar

The Calendar contains local events and conferences both local and national that will be of interest to those who work in or with the Tribal community.

See the Tribal STAR News below for upcoming Tribal STAR Training that is already scheduled.

See the Academy for Professional Excellence website for upcoming Child Welfare Training dates in the Southern Region counties of Imperial, San Diego, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2014

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April for the past 32 years, the Children's Bureau raises awareness about preventing child abuse and neglect through its National Child Abuse Prevention Month initiative.

Website: <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

May 3-4, 2014

Mulu Wetam (First People) Presents 40th Annual Cupa Days

10am

Cultural Entertainment

More Information

Sheila S. Lopez

760-8991-3593

Flyer

May 3 - 4, 2014

30th Annual California Indian Market

San Juan Bautista, CA, United States

Website: <http://calendar.powwows.com>

May 3-4, 2014

29th Annual UCLA Powwow

University of California - Los Angeles North Athletic Field

220 West Plaza

Los Angeles CA 90095

Info: UCLA Pow Wow Committee @ 310/206-7513

May 9-11, 2014

43rd Annual Stanford Powwow

Stanford University
Eucalyptus Grove
Stanford, CA 94305
Info: Dahlton Brown or Kim McCabe @ 650/723-4078

May 10-11, 2014
American Indian Heritage Pow Wow
TIME: 10am-6pm
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
Flyer

May 10-11, 2014
21st Annual Chi-Tock-Non Kote-U-Pu Spring Celebration Powwow
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Mariposa CA 95338
Info: 209-742-2244

May 16-18, 2014
5th Annual Susanville Indian Rancheria's Memorial Powwow
195 Russell Avenue
Susanville, CA 96130
Info: 530-257-5449

May 17-18, 2014
13th Annual Big Sandy Rancheria Powwow & Gathering
37802 Jose Basin Road
Auberry, CA 93602
Info: (559) 855-4003 ext 219

May 23, 2014
National Indian Justice Center
ICWA Expert Witness
Porterville, CA
(Fee waived for CA ICWA organizations and Workers)
More information:
email: tcoord@nijc.org
Phone: (707) 579-9019
Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

May 23-24, 2014
33rd Annual University of California Riverside Powwow
University of California
Riverside Sports Complex
1000 West Blaine St
Riverside, CA 92507
Info: Joshua Gonzales @ 951-827-4143
Website: <http://calendar.powwows.com>

May 23-25, 2014
18th Annual Standing Bear Powwow
Kern county Fairgrounds
1142 South P St
Bakersfield, CA
Info: Gene Albitre @ 661/ 589-3181

May24-May25 2014
18th Annual Oroville Pow Wow
Plumas Avenue Elementary School
Oroville, CA
Website: <http://www.crazycrow.com>

May 28-30, 2014
17th Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference
The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation
Administration for Children and Families
Washington, DC
Website: <http://www.wrconference.net>

May 28-30, 2014
21st Annual Foster Care Conference
Footsteps to the Future
Daniel Memorial
Daytona Beach, FL
Website: <http://www.danielkids.org>

May 29-31, 2014
8th Biennial St. John's University Adoption Conference
Sleeping Giants in Adoption: Power, Privilege, Politics and Class
St. John's University in collaboration with Montclair State University
Queens , NY
Website: <http://adoptioninitiative.org>

May 31-June 1, 2014
2nd Annual Merced River Benefit Powwow
12330 Livingston Cressey Rd
Livingston, CA
Info: Cindy Lashbrook @ 209/ 761-0081

June 5-7, 2014
28th Annual Red Earth NA Cultural Festival Remington Park
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Info: 405-427-5228

June 5-8, 2014
2014 NFPA/FSFAPA National Education Conference
National Foster Parent Association
Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association
Orlando, FL

Website: <http://nfpaonline.org>

June 7-8, 2014

33rd Annual Yuba-Sutter Powwow
Beckwourth Riverfront Park
Marysville, CA 95901
Info: Pat Bennett Phone 530-749-6196

June 9–13, 2014

2014 Summer Research Institute
National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect
Ithaca, NY
Website: <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu>

June 9–13, 2014

NDACAN Annual Summer Research Institute
The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) will sponsor its 21st annual Summer Research Institute (SRI) for child maltreatment researchers on the Cornell University campus in Ithaca, NY. In addition to providing child abuse and neglect researchers an opportunity to connect and collaborate with peers, the SRI aims to increase the use of NDACAN's holdings and facilitate a secondary analysis project from which child abuse and neglect researchers can publish. Participants are selected on a competitive basis from a variety of disciplines including psychology, social work, and medicine. To apply, download and fill out—electronically—the SRI 2014 Application and email the completed form to NDACAN@cornell.edu. Applications must be received by January 31, 2014. For more information, visit: <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu>

June 13-15, 2014

14th Annual Table Mtn Rancheria Powwow
Table Mountain Pow Wow Grounds
8184 Table Mountain Road
Friant, CA
Info: 559-822-2890

June 14-15, 2014

Powwow by the Sea
Pier Plaza
Seacoast Drive & Evergreen
Imperial Beach, CA 91932
Info: Jackson @ 619/423-6610

June 17-19, 2014

21st Annual State ICWA Conference
Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino
Tribal Sponsorship Opportunity Flyer
Tribal Donation Letter
Contact: Theresa Sam (559) 225-5000 ext 2107
or email: tsam@nfr-nsn.gov
Flyer

June 28, 2014

4th Annual Celebrating All Life and Creation Powwow
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069
Website: <http://calendar.powwows.com>

June 30–July 2, 2014

Supporting Children Affected by Parental Co-Occurring Disorders:
Substance Abuse, Mental Illness, HIV
National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center
University of California, Berkeley
Seattle, WA Website: <http://aia.berkeley.edu>

July 9-11, 2014

National Indian Justice Center
Grant Writing: Proposal Writing for Tribal Personnel
Reno, NV
More information:
email: tcoord@nijc.org
Phone: (707) 579-9019
Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

July 9-11, 2014

National Indian Justice Center
Tribal Constitutions, Tribal Codes & Federal Limitations
Reno, NV
email: tcoord@nijc.org
Phone: (707) 579-9019
Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

July 11-13, 2014

19th Annual Pechanga Powwow
Pechanga Event Grounds
Temecula, CA

July 11-13, 2014

Honoring Our Youth Powwow
Solano Community College Vallejo Center
545 Columbus Parkway
Vallejo, CA
Info: 707/ 864-7171

July 16-20, 2014

World Flute Society
Convention 2014
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Website: <http://www.worldflutesociety.org>

July 16–18, 2014
West Coast Child Welfare Trainers Conference
Academy for Professional Excellence
Public Child Welfare Training Academy
Coeur d' Alene, ID
Website: <http://wccwtc.pbworks.com>

July 16–20, 2014
2014 Georgetown University Training Institutes on Systems of Care
The Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development
Washington, DC
Website: <http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu>

July 18-20, 2014
Children of Many Colors Intertribal Powwow
Moorpark College
7075 Campus Road
Moorpark, CA 93021
Info: Corina Roberts @ 805/217-0364

July 20–23, 2014
FFTA 28th Annual Conference on Treatment
Foster Care Happily Ever After?
Overcoming Barriers to Permanency & Well-Being
Foster Family-Based Treatment Association
Lake Buena Vista, FL
Website: <http://www.ffa.org/conference/index.html>

July 23–26, 2014
2014 NASW National Conference
National Association of Social Workers
Washington DC
Website: <http://www.naswconference.org>

July 26-27, 2014
19th Annual Vallejo Contest Powwow
Service Club Park
298 Mare Island Way
Vallejo, CA 94590

July 28, 2014
National Indian Justice Center
ICWA Representative Courtroom Preparation
Redding, CA
email: tcoord@nijc.org
Phone: (707) 579-9019
Website: <http://www.nijc.org>
Flyer

August 2-3, 2014
44th Annual Sierra Mono Museum Indian Fair Days & Powwow
North Fork Recreation Center
33507 Road 230
North Fork, CA 93643
Info: Barbara Ezell @ 559/ 877-2115

August 2-3, 2014
21st Annual Suscol Intertribal Council Honoring Native American
Elders Powwow
Yountville Veterans Home Picnic Grounds
100 California Dr
Yountville, CA
Info: 707/ 256-3561
Website: <http://calendar.powwows.com>

August 8-10, 2014
20th Annual Sacramento Contest Powwow
O'Neil Park 715 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95818
Info: Marcia Hoaglen @ 916/ 804-7326

August 9-10, 2014
Robert Canada Friendship Powwow
Furgeson Elementary
School 22215 Elaine Street
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716
Contact Phone 562-420-2641

August 22-24, 2014
Honoring Traditions Powwow
Pala, CA

August 29-31, 2014
44th Annual Barona Powwow
Barona Stars Baseball Field
1095 Barona Road,
Lakeside, CA 92040
Info: Laurie Whitecloud @ 619/443-6612 ext. 271

August 30-31, 2014
Santa Rosa Day's Powwow & Gathering
Tachi Palace
17225 Jersey Ave,
Lemoore, CA

Info: 559/ 924-1559 or 449/ 707-0190

Website: <http://calendar.powwows.com>

September, 2014

Sycuan Powwow

September, 2014

Soboba Powwow

September, 2014

Morongo Powwow

September 26- 28, 2014

Bishop Paiute Pabanamanina Gathering and Powwow

Paiute Palace Casino

2742 North Sierra Highway

Bishop, CA 93514

Info: Bishop Paiute Tribe @ 760/ 873-4150

Website: <http://calendar.powwows.com>

October 4-5, 2014

Festival of the Americas Pow Wow

Placerville, CA, United States

<http://calendar.powwows.com>

October 4-5, 2014

19th Annual Santa Ynez Chumash Intertribal Powwow

Live Oak Campground

Santa Ynez, CA 93105

Info: 805/688-7997

October 8-10, 2014

National Indian Justice Center

Tribal Grant Administration

Las Vegas, NV

email: tcoord@nijc.org

Phone: (707) 579-9019

Flyer

Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

October 8-10, 2014

National Indian Justice Center

Juvenile Justice & Gang Issues

Las Vegas, NV

email: tcoord@nijc.org

Phone: (707) 579-9019

Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

October 10-12, 2014

San Manuel Powwow

California State University San Bernardino

5500 University Parkway

San Bernardino, CA 92407

Info: Tom Ramos or Ken Shoji @ 909/ 425-3450

October 11, 2014

22nd Annual Indigenous Peoples Day

Powwow & Indian Market

Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park

2180 Milvia St

Berkeley, CA

Info: 510/ 595-5520

October 18, 2014

Auburn Big time Powwow

Gold Country Fairgrounds

1273 High Street

Auburn, CA 95603

Info: Loren Nakai Phone 530/ 363-8526

October 24-26, 2014

Roy Track Memorial Mesa Powwow

Pioneer Park 525 East Main Street

Mesa, AZ 85201

Info: Hawk Track Phone 602/ 799-0260

November, 2014

Native Hope International Powwow

Santa Fe Springs, CA

November 2014

46th Annual SCIC Powwow

Orange County Fairgrounds

Info: 714/ 962-6673

November 28-30, 2014

Indio Powwow

Cabazon Indian Reservation

Special Event Center 84-245

Indio Springs Parkway

Indio, California 92203

Info: Judy Stapp @ 760/ 238-5770

December 10-12, 2014

National Indian Justice Center

Alternatives to Incarceration & Probation Updates

Las Vegas, NV

email: tcoord@nijc.org

Phone: (707) 579-9019

Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

December 10-12, 2014
National Indian Justice Center
Protecting Spiritual Places & Monitoring Cultural Sites
Las Vegas, NV
email: tcoord@nijc.org
Phone: (707) 579-9019
Website: <http://www.nijc.org>



*Teenage Papago girl
Sharlot Hall*

Tribal STAR News



Career Opportunity with National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

NICWA is recruiting applicants for three positions:

- 1) Senior Program Director
- 2) Community Development Specialist for Children's Mental Health
- 3) Development Director

The closing date for the CDS position is May 5. The other two are open until filled, although the first group of resumes will be considered starting May 31.

To obtain information or register for Tribal STAR Trainings, please contact:

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Email: tkerrigan@projects.sdsu.edu

Training Updates:

Seventh Generation / Tribal STAR Workgroup Forum

Elevating Child Welfare Practice

May 22, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pala Band of Mission Indians Administration Offices

12196 Pala Mission Road

Pala, CA 92959

10:00 a.m. – noon:

Through the Eyes of American Indian Adoptees

Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch served

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.:

Tribal Resources Panel: ICWA Designated Agents of Local Tribal Programs

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

See our latest video: "Bringing Our Children Home"

<http://courts.ms.gov>

Flyer

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

The revised ICWA training "ICWA: In The Best Interest of the Child: Where The Spirit Leads" is intended to provide today's social workers with a foundation of knowledge of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The next training:

April 18, 2014

San Diego ICWA
Casey Family Programs
3878 Old Town Avenue
San Diego, CA 92110

May 7, 2014
Riverside ICWA
DPSS
22690 Cactus Avenue, Room 101
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

May 9, 2014
San Diego ICWA
Academy training office
6505 Alvarado Road, Suite 107
San Diego, CA, 92120

May 21, 2014
San Bernardino ICWA
Riverside Training Center, 3600 Lime Street, Suite 414
Riverside, CA 92501

Other Side of ICWA (OSO1)

The Other Side of ICWA is intended to address “the spirit of the law” and those concerns missing in traditional training that are essential for successful implementation of ICWA.

The next training: TBA

Summit

The Summit provides an overview of Native American culture, history, and distrust of government systems and services. The training include first-hand accounts of Tribal youth experiences receiving CWS services. Participants engage in collaborative brainstorming to support goals and objectives. The training allows organizations to focus on specific challenges and identify solutions.

The next training: TBA

Gathering

The Gathering provides an overview of Native American culture, history, and distrust of government systems and services. The training reviews the unique issues that affect adolescent development of Tribal youth. Participants engage in collaborative brainstorming. The Gathering provides first hand accounts of Tribal youth who have experienced receiving CWS services and basic communication techniques that support more trusting relations with Tribal youth and families. The training allows organizations to focus on specific challenges and identify solutions.

The next training: TBA

Collaborative

The Collaborative is an adapted half-day training designed to introduce Tribal and non- tribal child welfare workers to the challenges of serving Tribal foster youth. It covers a brief historical overview and concludes with recommendations that support increased communication and collaboration among providers that strive to achieve positive outcomes for Tribal youth.

The next training: TBA

Training-for-Trainers

Training for Trainers focus on skill building to lead cross-cultural discussions that result in positive outcomes. The training also helps participants learn how to conduct Tribal STAR training in their area. Topics covered in the training include cross-cultural communication, cultivating and maintaining trust-based relationships, and understanding how history affects today’s relationships between CWS and Tribal programs.

The next training: TBA



Tribal STAR continues to review the surveys that participants turn in after a training. The feedback is invaluable and assists the trainers in their development of specific trainings for each county. If you happen to be one of the participants, Thank you for completing the surveys!

Next Issue

General information, pertinent articles and resources related to Native American Foster Youth can be sent to tstar@projects.sdsu.edu by June 1, 2014. The newsletter will be distributed during the last week of June. Please see distribution schedule for other dates.

Last Newsletter Link

SDSU's School of Social Work (SDSU SSW)
website: <http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/>

SDSU SSW Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com>

SDSU Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com>



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Note: documents in Excel format (XLS) require Microsoft Viewer, download excel.

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