Tribal STAR
Drumbeats - May / June 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.

Tribal STAR News

On May 22, 2014, the 7th Generation Workgroup Forum, “Elevating Child Welfare Practice”, was held at the Pala Reservation administration building. Fifty-five people attended representing San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and Los Angeles counties. Also attending were those representing both Tribal and non-Tribal agencies who work with our Tribal children, youth and families.

The Forum took place in two parts. The morning was devoted to listening to Tribal adoptees.
They talked about their experiences in trying to trace their American Indian heritage and the many roadblocks they encountered, especially trying to get their records opened so that they could obtain the legal documents they needed to conduct the everyday business of their lives. What we learned is that our current systems are not helpful to individuals who have been adopted. Not only Tribal adoptees, but all adoptees face the same barriers. We also learned about how persistent and resilient our Tribal adoptees are and how they all longed and yearned to know about their Tribal heritage. The stories we heard touched our hearts and spirits and those of us who attended learned how important it is that we try to help adoptees who want to know who their bio-families are get that information even if it takes legislative reform. We are grateful to Trace, Leland and Diane for taking time from their busy schedules to spend time with us helping us to understand the struggles of adoptees who find themselves struggling to retrieve whatever they can of those important but missing pieces of their lives.

The second portion of the Forum consisted of a presentation panel made up of Tribal Social Services Program Directors.
Left to right: Annette Chihuahua, Torres-Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla, ICWA Worker; Eleanor Miller, Representative, Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.; Brandie Taylor, Vice-Chairwoman, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel; Brenda Bagwell, Representative of Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation; Karan Kolb, Director of Social Services, Indian Health Council, Inc.; Wayne Dashiell, Director of Social Services, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians; Season Brown, Director of Social Services, Pala Band of Mission Indians

They shared the services that their programs provide and the populations they serve. They also provided contact information so that they can be reached by county social services staff who may be working with Tribal children and families from their service areas. Presenting on the panel were: Season Brown, Director of Social Services for the Pala Band of Mission Indians and who also co-hosted the Forum with Tribal STAR; Brenda Bagwell, Social Worker for Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation; Annette Chihuahua, ICWA worker for Torres-Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians; Wayne Dashiell, Director of Social Services for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians; Karan Kolb, Director of Social Services for Indian Health Council, Inc.; Eleanor Miller, representative from Southern Indian Health Council, Inc. and Brandie Taylor, Vice-Chairwoman from the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel.

Both the adoptees who presented and Tribal Social Services Directors answered many questions that resulted from their presentations. We want to thank all those who helped us plan and conduct the Forum, especially Season Brown and Chairman Smith from Pala for making their beautiful space available to us and Tom Lidot and Tina Kerrigan from Tribal STAR and Angelica Figueroa from the Academy for Professional Excellence for all the planning and behind-the-scenes work that goes into making an event successful.

Tribal STAR wishes to congratulate Judge Sunshine Sykes on winning the election for Superior Court in Riverside County. The Tribal STAR family is proud of your accomplishment and commitment to American Indian children.
3rd Annual Judges Dinner Held At Casey Family Programs in Old Town San Diego, CA

On the evening of Friday, June 20, 2014 a group of people congregated at the Casey Family Programs Field Office in Old Town, San Diego. The gathering was to celebrate the work being done in the courts to increase understanding of, and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. The dinner was co-hosted by Casey Family Programs and Tribal STAR, a program of the Academy for Professional Excellence.

The theme for the evening was “Best Practices for Court Improvement, Collaboration and ICWA Compliance”. The judicial advisors to the Tribal STAR effort were introduced. They are: the Honorable Abby Abinanti, the Honorable Len Edwards, the Honorable William Thorne and the Honorable Juan Ulloa.

There was a spirited conversation about what is needed to spread ICWA compliance among the courts in our region, state, and nationwide. The Honorable Len Edwards spoke about a chapter he has written on “active efforts” that will appear in a book about to be published. The book will be made available to judges free of charge.

There was also discussion of court improvements and the Honorable Amy Pellman spoke of her efforts in the court in Los Angeles that hears all ICWA cases. She has established a stakeholders group with committees to address the issues that have emerged regarding the court and its handling of cases. Judge Pellman has also scheduled a blessing of the court, a practice that is emerging throughout the
Judge Calletti from the San Diego dependency court was also present and has committed to taking a tour of the reservations in San Diego county to familiarize herself, and other dependency court judges with the rural and isolated nature of many of the reservations and the barriers reservation-based residents encounter in trying to comply with reunification plans in a timely manner.


Also present at the dinner were representatives from the local tribes, the county of San Diego Human Services Department, including the Indian Specialty Unit, the Administrative Office of the Courts, California Department of Social Services, the newly established Peacemaking Court of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, County Council from San Diego County, staff from the Academy for Professional Excellence, and representatives from various regions of Casey Family Programs.

Special kudos go to Lisa Tange and Liz Tiznado of Casey Family Programs, Tina Kerrigan of Tribal STAR, and Angelica Figueroa of the Academy for their work in helping to create a lovely ambience for the evening. The beautiful setting and the good food combined to make the perfect atmosphere for developing and strengthening of relationships for the benefit of Tribal children and families.

Thank you to all,
Tom Lidot, Margaret Orrantia & Tina Kerrigan, the Tribal STAR Team.
Tribal STAR also congratulates the American Indian Community Council of LA on their new Public Service Announcement! Check out the new AICC PSA!!! We appreciate everyone's help, especially Stephon Litwinczuk and Jennifer Varenchik in producing this for our non-profit. Please feel free to share the following link. Thank you for your continued support!

http://youtu.be

The Flower-Fed Buffaloes

The flower-fed buffaloes of the spring
In the days of long ago,

Ranged where the locomotives sing
And the prairie flowers lie low
The tossing, blooming, perfumed grass
Is swept away by the wheat,
Wheels and wheels and wheels spin by  
In the spring that still is sweet.  
But the flower-fed buffaloes of the spring  
Left us, long ago.  
They gore no more,  
they bellow no more,  
They trundle around the hills no more:  
With the Blackfeet, lying low,  
With the Pawnees, lying low,  
Lying low.

~Vachel Lindsay~
Aging Out of Foster Care in America: The Projected Costs of Doing Nothing [Infographic]
Author: Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative
Published: 2013
Information: This infographic provides information on the outcomes of foster youth who age out of the foster care system and advocates for the provision of extended foster care services. Statistics are provided on current taxpayer-funded costs related to youth aging out of foster care and concludes foster adolescents who age out of the foster care system are costing the United States $7.8 billion. The benefits of providing extended foster care services to youth beyond age 18 are then highlighted, as well as the goal of the Success Beyond 18 Campaign to create a better path for young people transitioning from foster care to adulthood.
Article: http://jimcaseyyouth.org

America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2013
Author: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics
Published: 2013
Information: The 16th in a series, this report presents a set of 41 key indicators that measure important aspects of children's lives. ...Data from the kindergarten study found multiple differences in kindergarten children's performance among students of different races, and that reading, mathematics, science, and approaches to learning scores were lower for kindergarteners in households below the federal poverty level.
Article: http://www.childstats.gov

Association Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Diagnosis of Cancer
Author(s): Brown, Monique J.; Thacker, Leroy R.; Cohen, Steven A.
Published: 2013
Journal Name: PLOS ONE v. 8, 6, June 2013
Information: Objective: Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are linked to multiple adverse health outcomes. This study examined the association between ACEs and cancer diagnosis. ...Conclusion: The association between ACEs and adulthood cancer may be attributable to disease progression through association of ACEs with risk factors for
other chronic diseases. More research should focus on the impact of sexual abuse ACEs and adverse health outcomes.
Article:http://www.plosone.org

Broward’s Infrastructure Design to Guide and Sustain Permanency for Young Children in Foster Care (BRIDGES): Final Evaluation Report
Author(s): Falconer, Mary Kay.;Murphy, Caitlin
Published: 2013
Information: This final report highlights the activities and accomplishments of the federally funded BRIDGES (Broward’s Infrastructure Design to Guide and Sustain Permanency for Young Foster Children) program, a county-wide collaboration of child welfare agencies, early education organizations, child care providers, foster parents and a variety of other community partners. ...Findings indicate: 11 policy recommendations were approved unanimously by the BRIDGES Steering/Governance Committee on March 7, 2013...
Article: https://www.childwelfare.gov

Building an Infant Mental Health Workforce
Author: The Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut
Published: 2013
Information: This brief explains that early identification and intervention for infants at risk for developing emotional or behavioral problems can minimize their suffering and potential long-term consequences. It then emphasizes the importance of building an infant mental health workforce that is well trained in promoting consistent, reliable, protective, and nurturing caregiving, and reducing adverse experiences such as abuse, neglect, exposure to trauma, and significant stress among parents.
Article:http://www.chdi.org

Caseworker/Child and Caseworker/Family Visiting [Webpage] Author:National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections
Published: 2014
Information: This webpage compiles Federal and State child welfare information relevant to visiting children and families. Abstracts and links are provided for resources that address: State standards and their capacity to track frequency of caseworker visits with children in foster care, State standards and practices for the content of caseworker visits with children in foster care, programmatic requirements for federal grants for child welfare services, best practices and model programs for caseworker visits with families, systems issues related to reporting and evaluating caseworker visits, the use of caseworker visit funds, enhancing worker-child and worker-parent visits in order to achieve child safety, permanency, and well-being, curricula for promoting placement stability and permanency through caseworker/child visits, curricula for promoting permanency through worker/parent visits, innovations in State policy for effective child welfare caseworker visits, the role of caseworkers in visits with children, ways to prepare for caseworker visits, tips for visits between caseworkers and children and families, tools for enhancing monthly agency visits, and contact requirements for children and juveniles in
out-of-home placement. Links to training videos that demonstrate best practices for caseworker vistas are also provided. Website: http://www.nrcpfc.org

Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities 2012: Statistics and Interventions Published: 2014
Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway
Information: Using data from Child Maltreatment 2012, this summary presents statistics and information on child fatalities due to abuse and neglect in the United States during Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2012. It includes national and State-by-State data, as well as additional research and information on prevention and interventions. Article:https://www.childwelfare.gov

Cost of Adoption 2012–2013 Author: Adoptive Families Published:2014
Information: Results from a survey of more than 1,100 families that adopted a child between 2012 and 2013 include the cost of intercountry and domestic adoption before adoption-related employee benefits or the adoption tax credits were received. Website:http://www.adoptivefamilies.com

Disparities in Adverse Childhood Experiences Among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Adults: Results From a Multi-State Probability-Based Sample Author(s): Andersen, Judith P.;Blosnich, John Published: 2013 Journal Name: PLOS ONE v. 8, 1, January 2013
Information: ...Conclusions: Sexual minority individuals have increased exposure to multiple developmental risk factors beyond physical, sexual and emotional abuse. We recommend the use of the Adverse Childhood Experiences scale in future research examining health disparities among this minority population. Article: http://www.plosone.org

Early Stress Gets under the Skin: Promising Initiatives to Help Children Facing Chronic Adversity Author(s): Thompson, Ross A.;Haskins, Ron Published: 2014 Information:...Home visitation and early childhood health care can give parents much-needed support and guidance. Economic aid for low-income families can alleviate the grinding financial stress that many families face. And high-quality child care can offer a safe, warm, and predictable environment amid otherwise chaotic lives. Article:http://futureofchildren.org

Exploring Adoption and Guardianship with Relative Caregivers Author(s): Cohen, Leslie Published: 2014 Journal Name: The Roundtable v. 27, 1, 2014, p. 8-9, 12
Information: This article describes how guardianship fits within the permanency continuum, providing an additional permanency
alternative that is supportive of existing familial relationships and cultural norms. 
Article: http://www.nrcadoption.org

“Focus on the Figures: Re-Entry into Foster Care
Author: Chronicle of Social Change, John Kelly
Published: January 13, 2014
Information: Focus on the Figures examines the rate at which youths return to foster care after an attempt at family reunification. As a gauge of the intervention success and the timing of reunification, re-entry rate is one of the most important measures reported by child welfare systems.
Website: https://chronicleofsocialchange.org

Framework for Managing With Data: Overview
Author: National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology
Published: 2013
Information: Developed by the NRC-CWDT, the Framework for Managing with Data is presented to help professionals use data to improve outcomes for children. It describes the following key areas of the framework: clarify and determine a focus for using data, select the most useful and appropriate data, understand the best method(s) to display and distribute data and reports to support staff and improve outcomes, incorporate use of the data into the regular business process, and monitor use of the data and assess whether the process has yielded the answers and results expected. Strategies for implementing each of these areas are discussed.
Article: http://www.nrccwdt.org

Health and Well-Being of Children Adopted From Foster Care
Author(s): Children and Youth Services Review, Nicholas Zill and Matthew Bramlett
Published: May 2014, Volume 40, p.29-40.
Information: Data from the National Survey of Children's Health, 2011–12 were used to compare children in foster care with children adopted from foster care with respect to health, health care and well-being. Children living with both biological parents and children living with never-married biological mothers were included as comparison groups. 
Article: http://www.sciencedirect.com

Latino Issues in Child Welfare [Webpage]
Author: The Administration for Children and Families/Children’s Bureau
Published: 2014
Information: This webpage compiles child welfare information relevant to serving Latino populations. Abstracts and links are provided of resources that address: child welfare terms in Spanish and English, national and State resources for working with Hispanic families, promoting and supporting Latino families in adoption and foster care, toolkits for developing and enhancing partnerships with community and faith-based organizations for outreach to Hispanic community, data on Hispanic families and children, the disproportionality of Latino children in child welfare, the impact of Hispanic cultural values and
expectations and strategies for enhancing service delivery, the well-being of Latino parents involved with the public child welfare system, the mental health status of Latino children in the public child welfare system, the prevalence and characteristics of Latino children of immigrants in the child welfare system, strategies for building a continuum of support services for Latino families, depression among Latino children in the public welfare system, creating a Latino child welfare agenda, subsidized guardianship for children in long-term relative foster care, barriers that keep Latino families from pursuing formal adoption, the intersection of Latino families with the child welfare system and language issues, providing services to Latino fathers, and culturally competent practice with Latino families. Website: http://www.nrcpfc.org

Literature Review: 01/01/2013 - 03/31/2013 / National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement
Author: National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement
Published: 2013
Information: In the scholarly articles portion of this document twenty-one articles were reviewed and their key concepts were summarized. The review captures three sources on implementation, four on systemic change, one on leadership, three on collaboration, one on continuous quality improvement, two on using data, one on training systems, one on supervision, one on workforce development, one on charters, two on program development, and one on domestic violence.
Article: http://muskie.usm.maine.edu

Looking After the Welfare of Child Welfare Workers
Author: City Limits: Rachel Blustain
Published: January 7, 2014
Information: Research has shown that children in foster care who have one caseworker throughout the life of their child welfare case achieve permanency three-quarters of the time, but each caseworker change reduces the odds of achieving permanency. Website: http://www.citylimits.org

Permanency for Youth and Young Adults [Webpage]
Author: National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections
Published: 2014
Information: This webpage compiles Federal and State child welfare information relevant to finding permanency for youth and young adults in the child welfare system. Abstracts and links are provided for resources that address: ways to facilitate an adult adoption as a pathway to permanence for older youth, overcoming barriers to permanency for older youth, parenting older adolescents, reinstating parental rights of youth in care, multidimensional models that empower and support youth in achieving permanency, an organizing framework for helping young people achieve and maintain permanent family relationships, different permanency options, older adolescent permanency and Another
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement, perspectives from foster care youth and young adults on permanency, a scale for determining the willingness of youth to be adopted, the benefits of open permanency arrangements, strategies for matching youth with adoptive families, promising practices for supporting adolescent permanency, strategies for preparing youth for adulthood, increasing an agency's capacity to respond to prospective parents and prepare older youth for adoption, efforts to reduce the number of youth in congregate care and move them into lifelong families, relational permanency among young adults with foster care backgrounds, the outcomes of the Emancipated Youth Connections Project, factors that contribute to successful adolescent adoptions, the use of non-judicial court staff to help achieve permanency for children, a curricula to prepare prospective adoptive parents of older youth, a curricula for preparing youth for adoption, supervisory training to enhance permanency solutions, and ways to engage youth in permanency planning. Website:http://www.nrcpfc.org

Recommendations for Building a Resource Parent Learning System for North Carolina
Author(s): McMahon, John.; Blythe, Mellicent
Published: 2013
Information: ...This report presents the vision for the Resource Parent Learning System and the following recommendations: focus on results of training; base the learning system on competencies; use learning communities to explore and test assessment tools and approaches for strengthening resource parent assessment; create an online learning portal for all resource parents; and expand in-service learning resources and approaches. Specific strategies for each of the recommendations are discussed.
Article: http://www.ncdhhs.gov

Author(s): Wilson, Patricia.; Light, Anita.; Crayton, Christina.
Published: 2013
Information: This report discusses the findings of an analysis that studied the impact of delinking Title IV-E eligibility from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) requirements in five jurisdictions. Findings indicate: the number of children eligible for federal support in the test site jurisdictions would have increased between 16% and 35% if income was removed as a criterion for eligibility... The report provides a template and instructions that States and localities can use to conduct their own assessment of the impact of delinking for their State or locality.
Article: http://www.aphsa.org

The Los Angeles Child Welfare-Early Education Partners Infrastructure Project, Final Evaluation
Author(s): Franke, Todd.; Klein, Sasha.; Lee, Sei Young.; Benson, Stephanie
Published: 2013
Information: This report describes an evaluation of the Los Angeles Child Welfare-Early Education Partners Infrastructure Project...
(LACWEEP), which was funded from October 2011 to August 2013 by a U.S. Children's Bureau grant. ... The evaluation of the program included both a process and an outcome study. ...The report concludes with a list of recommendations for improving child welfare-early education coordination and increasing child welfare-supervised children’s access to high quality early education services based on the evaluation findings.

Article: https://www.childwelfare.gov

Toward a Conceptual Framework for Trauma-Informed Practice in Juvenile and Family Courts
Author(s): Marsh, Shawn C.; Dierkhising, Carly B.
Published: 2013
Journal Name: Juvenile and Family Justice Today v. 22, 2, Summer 2013, p. 19-20
Information: This article discusses the debate surrounding the definition of trauma-informed justice, the extent information on adverse experiences should be used, and the implications of toxic stress for juvenile court policy and practice. The use of a public health approach to better serve those that become system-involved is explained, as well as a developmentally-informed approach to court practice and the use of a protocol to conduct trauma audits of juvenile and family courts.
Article: http://www.ncjfcj.org

Unmet Mental Health Service Needs in Kinship Care: The Importance of Assessing and Supporting Caregivers
Author(s): Smithgall, Cheryl.; Yang, Duck-Hye.; Weiner, Dana.
Published: 2013
Information: Although children in kinship care reportedly have better outcomes than their nonkinship foster care peers, some have unmet mental health needs or delayed service utilization. This study confirms the presence of unmet mental health needs among children in kinship care and indicates that concerns about caregivers moderate the relationship between identified service needs and service utilization....
Article: http://www.routledge.com

What You Need to Know About Background Screening
Author(s): Anderson, Kristen D.; Daly, Dawn
Published: 2013
Information: The purpose of this guidebook is to provide child-serving organizations with information on how to better screen employees and minimize the risk to the children they serve.
Article: http://ric-zai-inc.com
Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl [Webpage]  
Published: 2013  
Information: This case is about a little girl (Baby Girl) who is classified as an Indian because she is 1.2% (3/256) Cherokee. Because Baby Girl is classified in this way, the South Carolina Supreme Court held that certain provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 required her to be taken, at the age of 27 months, from the only parents she had ever known and handed over to her biological father, who had attempted to relinquish his parental rights and who had no prior contact with the child....  
Website: http://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/12-399

The Affordable Care Act and Implications for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care  
Published: 2013  
Information: This fact sheet explains the high medical and mental health needs of older youth aging out of foster care and their lack of access to care....  
Article: http://www.cssp.org

Beyond Legislative Advocacy: Exploring Agency, Legal, and Community Advocacy  
Author(s): Mellinger, Marcela Sarmiento  
Published: 2014  
Journal Name: Journal of Policy Practice v. 13, 1, January-March 2014, p. 45-58  
Information: This study examined institutional factors that influence the non-legislative advocacy targets chosen by human service nonprofits. ...Results discuss the importance of non-legislative advocacy and highlight the need for additional research as well as education regarding advocacy that goes beyond influencing policy.  
Article: http://www.taylorandfrancis.com

Published: 2014  
Information: This annual directory lists all legislative leadership positions, select committee chairs and vice chairs, and legislative
research staff.
Article: http://www.csg.org/CSG/default.htm

Educating Children in Foster Care: State Legislation, 2008 - 2012
Author(s): Nowak, Kate Bartell
Published: 2013
Information: In the years 2008 through 2012, equipped with the Fostering Connections Act, state legislators continued to focus on education stability and continuity for children in foster care.
...Between 2008 and 2012, at least 11 states enacted laws designed to help foster care students access post-secondary education opportunities. (Author abstract)
Article: http://www.ncsl.org

Emerging Liability of Agencies in Wrongful Adoptions
Author(s): Totaro, Samuel C.; Fishman, Hollis J.
Published: 2013
Journal Name: The Legal Intelligencer July 9, 2013
Information: This article explains that while adoptive parents have previously sought recovery for nondisclosure and misrepresentation by adoption agencies, wrongful adoption was not recognized as a legitimate course of action until 1986. It then reviews court cases that have addressed intentional misrepresentation, intentional nondisclosure, and negligent conduct by an adoption intermediary.
Article: http://poundpuplegacy.org/node/57188

Published: 2013
Information: It is the policy of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that psychotropic medications are prescribed and administered to children in state custody only when medically necessary and in a manner that minimizes risks of side effects. This policy applies to the following medications as classified in the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR): Antipsychotics (typical and atypical); Antidepressants; CNS Stimulants and non-stimulant therapies for hyperactivity disorders or sleep disorders; Mood stabilizers (including lithium); Anticonvulsants; and Barbiturates, benzodiazepines, and other miscellaneous central nervous system depressants.
Article: http://dhss.alaska.gov

Procedure for Initial Indian Child Welfare Act Determination at Intake and Investigation and Instructions for Completing CF/FSP 5323 (Verification of Indian Child Welfare Act Eligibility)
Published: 2013
Information: This brief reviews procedures for determining the applicability of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) requirements at child intake by Florida child welfare agencies....
Article: http://centerforchildwelfare2.fmhi.usf.edu

Tackling Foster Care Age-Out Issues
Author: Kimberly McFarlane
Information: While every state has a well-established foster care system to serve vulnerable child populations, state responses to their “age-out” populations have been less well defined and uniform. What happens when a person between the ages of 17 and 21 “ages out” of foster care? What can child-welfare professionals do to secure necessary resources for them both before and after children age out? These critical questions were the subject of a recent ABA teleconference “What Lawyers, Judges, and Agencies Should Be Doing for Kids Aging out of Foster Care,” cosponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation and the Center for Professional Development. Website: https://apps.americanbar.org

The Rights of Unmarried Fathers
Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway
Published: 2014
Information: This factsheet reviews State laws related to the rights of unmarried fathers in relation to their children. The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the constitutional protection of such a father’s parental rights when he has established a substantial relationship with his child. The circumstances in which a man may be presumed to be the father of a child, the use of putative fathers’ registries, and the right of rescission of paternity claims also are discussed. Summaries of laws for all States and U.S. territories are included. Article: https://www.childwelfare.gov

Promising Practices

100 Best Practices in Child Protection
Author: Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International
Studies and the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
Published: 2013
Information: The Protection Project at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children have released the third edition in the series of 100 Best Practices in Child Protection, which provides examples from around the world of successful initiatives established by individuals, governments, and organizations concerned with protecting children.
Website: http://www.icmec.org

Creating a New Narrative: Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities
Throughout history, many American Indian and Alaska Native communities have experienced intrusive research and judgmental evaluations that have caused harm. As a result, many fears about evaluation persist. Based on the efforts of a Children's Bureau-sponsored workgroup of experts, this video introduces a vision for the future of Tribal child welfare evaluation and a guide for developing culturally and scientifically rigorous evaluation.
Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov

[Guidance Letter Intended to Encourage the Integrated Use of Trauma-Focused Screening, Functional Assessments and Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) in Child-Serving Settings for the Purpose of Improving Child Well-Being]
Published: 2013
Information: Three HHS agencies came together to issue this letter to state directors of child welfare, Medicaid, and mental health authorities encouraging them to strengthen their efforts to address complex trauma among children and youth known to child welfare. The letter provides useful and actionable information about federal authority and funding streams, strategies for coordinating cross-system efforts, and good practices for integrating evidence-based screening, assessment, and interventions related to complex trauma.
Article: http://www.medicaid.gov

Improving Outcomes Through Data Sharing in Real Time and
Over Time
Published: 2013
Journal Name: Insights (California Child Welfare Co-Investment Partnership) v. 6, Summer 2013, p. 1-6
Information: This introduction to an issue focused on the potential for data sharing to improve outcomes for children in foster care, discusses efforts by federal, State and local policymakers in California, practitioners, and researchers to identify challenges, outline principles and create processes to realize the vision of data sharing. The creation of a data sharing committee, the efforts of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, and the requirements of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act are discussed.
Article: http://www.co-invest.org

Model Programs Guide
Author: Office of Justice Programs
Published: 2014
Information: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) released a new edition of the Model Programs Guide (MPG). The MPG includes information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs. It is a web-based guide that serves as a resource for juvenile justice practitioners and communities about what works, what is promising, and what does not work in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and child protection and safety.
Website: http://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/

Use of Research Evidence: Building Two-Way Streets
When effectively applied, research and evaluation have the potential to improve child welfare practice and outcomes for children, youth, and families. In this video, Dr. Vivian Tseng challenges the traditional paradigm of moving from "research to practice." She suggests that researchers and evaluators need to think differently about the ways that research is acquired and used, and she describes steps they can take to close the gaps between research and practice.

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

What Works for Mentoring Programs: Lessons From Experimental Evaluations of Programs
Author(s): Lawner, Elizabeth.; Beltz, Martha.; Moore, Kristin A. Published: 2013
Information: Child Trends conducted a synthesis of experimental evaluations of 19 mentoring programs for children and youth, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, to determine how frequently these programs work to improve such outcomes as education, mental health, peer and parent relationships, and behavior problems, and what lessons can be learned to improve outcomes.
Article: http://www.childtrends.org

Resources

2014 ICWA Designated Tribal Agents
PDF

Accessing Credit Reports for Foster Youth: A Reference Guide for Child Welfare Agencies
Author(s): GoldbergBelle, Staci.; Chenven, Sarah Published: 2013
Information: This reference guide is intended to provide child welfare agencies (CWAs) with basic information about the platforms and services the three major credit reporting agencies (CRAs) -- TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax -- offer to help CWAs meet the federal requirements. ...The guide includes five sections and two appendices -- a quick reference on definitions and acronyms and a list of financial education resources for youth.
Article: http://www.aecf.org

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) [Webpage]
Author: National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections Published: 2014
Information: This webpage offers resources from ACF, the Children's Bureau, and the T/TA Network; State-specific resources on the topic; and, links to relevant websites. This webpage will be updated regularly as new information and resources become available.
Website: http://www.nrcpfc.org

Domestic Violence Web Section
Author: Children's Bureau Information Gateway
Information: In recent years, increased attention has been focused on children who witness violence between family members at home. Child welfare and domestic violence service providers can partner to ensure the safety and preservation of families affected by domestic violence.
Website: https://www.childwelfare.gov
2014 Family Drug Court Learning Academy
Information: Children and Family Futures, an organization dedicated to improving collaborative practice and policy among the substance abuse, child welfare, Tribal child welfare, and family judicial systems, announced its 2014 webinar series The Family Drug Court Learning Academy. The webinar training series will outline steps agencies and organizations can take to mitigate barriers to creating successful family drug court programs, including challenges with budgets, policies, partnerships with other agencies, and more.
Website: http://www.cffutures.org

Fostering Success in Education: National Factsheet on the Educational Outcomes of Children in Foster Care
Published: 2014
Information: The factsheet describes the educational challenges, and opportunities, for children in foster care, and includes a summary of research on this topic.
Article: http://tinyurl.com

Intensive Family Preservation Services Turns 40
Author: Children's Bureau Express
Published: 2014
Information: Before the mid-70s, the term "family preservation" did not exist in child welfare. Interventions designed to keep children safely at home and out of foster care were not at the core of child welfare practice as they are today. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Intensive Family Preservation Services...
Article: https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov

Permanency for Youth and Young Adults [Webpage].
Published: 2014
Information: This webpage compiles Federal and State child welfare information relevant to finding permanency for youth and young adults in the child welfare system.
Website: http://www.nrcpfc.org/is/youth-permanency.html

Raising Mental Health Awareness Toolkit
Author: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Published: 2014
Information: The toolkit contains a presentation guide, presentation slides, factsheets, resource templates, and marketing outreach templates....While designed for educators, this toolkit can easily be adapted to aid social workers and other child welfare professionals in discussing mental health-related issues with youth.
Website: http://www.nami.org

State Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Coordinators
Published: 2014
Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway Children's Bureau/ACYF
Information: The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program was originally created in 2001 with the passage of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001. Eligibility was expanded in 2008 with the Fostering Connection to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act. The purpose of ETV is to provide financial assistance for
post-secondary training and education to youth who have aged out of foster care or who have left foster care after age 16 for kinship guardianship or adoption. Listed below is each State’s ETV contact information.

Article: https://www.childwelfare.gov

Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway
Published: 2014
Information: This brief guide provides an overview of child welfare, describes how behavioral health/mental health professionals and child welfare workers can support one another’s efforts, and lists resources for more information. Working together, behavioral health/mental health and child welfare professionals can make sure that children, youth, and families receive appropriate services that promote healthy functioning and well-being.
Article:https://www.childwelfare.gov

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
National Alliance for Grieving Children Invites Applications for Child Bereavement Programs  
Deadline: July 7, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to $100,000 will be awarded for programs that bring grief support services to youth from ethnically diverse or low-income communities not served by existing bereavement programs. Website: http://www.childrengrieve.org

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants  
Deadline: July 7, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: Grants to provide increased access to technology to foster education, training and health care resources for people living in rural areas of America.  
Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov

Community Connect Grant Program  
Deadline: July 7, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: Funds to provide broadband and Internet access to underserved rural areas, including Native American lands.  
Website: http://www.grants.gov

Open Society Foundations Invites Applications for Social Justice Photography Projects  
Deadline: July 8, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to $30,000 will be awarded for photography projects that address a pressing social justice or human rights problem and provide concrete ways for photographers, organizations, and their target audiences to create a positive social impact. Website: http://www.millerfound.org

Community Economic Development Projects  
Deadline: July 21, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: Funding for projects aimed at business development opportunities and creating employment for low-income individuals located in geographic areas with a demonstrated need.  
Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov

Community Economic Development Healthy Food Financing Initiative Projects  
Deadline: July 21, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: Funds to address the personal and community barriers that must be overcome to help low-income individuals become self-sufficient.  
Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov

Partnership to Improve Community Health  
Deadline: July 22, 2014  
DESCRIPTION: The Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) funding opportunity announcement supports implementation of evidenced- and practice-based strategies that address previously-identified community gaps and needs within a defined jurisdiction to reduce the prevalence of chronic disease and related risk factors.  
Website: http://www.cdc.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

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (HSHC), the foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Access To Care Grants
Deadline: August 18, 2014
DESCRIPTION: Matching grants of up to $20,000 each will be awarded to support community-based initiatives that provide dental care to underserved children.... Website: http://www.dentistryiq.com

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.philanthropypnewsdigest.org

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation
Deadline: November 1, 2014
DESCRIPTION: Grants of up to $20,000 will be awarded in support of interventions that address major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems.... Website: http://www.fahsbeckfund.org

Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants
Deadlines: FY 2015: 04/30/2015
FY 2016: 04/29/2016
DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to solicit applications for one-time grants to tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop, and within 24 months of grant receipt, submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program.
Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov

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.

May 2014
May is National Foster Care Month
Website: https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/

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 7-9, 2014
Head Start's 12th National Research Conference on Early Childhood
Washington, DC
Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov
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 9–11, 2014
22nd Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference in
Harrisburg, PA
Website: http://www.diakon-swan.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 16–18, 2014
20th Arizona Child Abuse Prevention Conference
Prescott Valley, AZ
Website: http://www.pcaaz.org

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.ffta.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 24-26, 2014
North American Council on Adoptable Children Annual Conference
Kansas City, KS
Website:http://www.nacac.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 6-8, 2014  
National Resource Center for Youth Development's National Pathways to Adulthood  
Philadelphia, PA  
Website:http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcconferences

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
e-mail: 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
e-mail: 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

December 11-13, 2014
Save the Date
14th National Indian Nations Conference Pre-Conference Institutes
will be held on December 10, 2014
Questions: Tribal Law and Policy Institute
8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 211
West Hollywood, CA 90046
Email: conference@tlpi.org
P: 323-650-5467
F: 323-650-8149
Website: www.ovcinc.org
Tribal STAR Training

To obtain information or register for Tribal STAR Trainings, please contact:
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San Diego, CA 92120
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Fax: (619) 594-1118
Email: tkerrigan@projects.sdsu.edu

Training Updates:

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: TBA
Other Side of ICWA (OSOI)
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.
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 August 1, 2014. The newsletter will be distributed during the last week of August. Please see distribution schedule for other dates.

Last Newsletter Link

SDSU’s School of Social Work (SDSU SSW)
website: http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/
Note: documents in Portable Document Format (PDF) require Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or higher to view, download Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Note: documents in Word format (DOC) require Microsoft Viewer, download word.

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

Note: documents in Powerpoint format (PPT) require Microsoft Viewer, download powerpoint.

Note: documents in Quicktime Movie format [MOV] require Apple Quicktime, download quicktime.