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## ***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.

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### ***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.



Trace A. DeMeyer,  
Shawnee-Cherokee,  
journalist and author



Leland P. Morrill,  
citizen of the Navajo Nation,  
jewelry maker and writer



Diane Tells His Name,  
Indian Child Advocate,  
foster parent and seminar speaker,  
a local community member from the  
Oglala Lakota Nation

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 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.

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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.



Congratulations!

The Tribal STAR Team

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### 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.



Members of Tribal STAR Judicial Advisory Group

Left to Right: Honorable Juan Ulloa, Tom Lidot, Honorable Abby Abinanti, and Honorable Len Edwards

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

country in courts where ICWA cases are heard.

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.



Left to Right: Honorable George Atwood, Honorable Alexis Rehkop, Honorable Poli Flores, Honorable John Burbee, Honorable Joanne Willis-Newton, Honorable Juan Ulloa, Honorable Abby Abananti, Honorable Len Edwards, Honorable Christopher J. Sheldon, Honorable Amy Pellman, Honorable Carolyn Caietti and Honorable Kristy Macarro.

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.



Participants at 3rd Annual Judges Dinner

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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>

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### 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~

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## 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>

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### 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>

#### The Cost Modeling Project: An Analytical Tool for Child Welfare Agencies to Assess the Impact of Delinking

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

Journal Name: Journal of Family Social Work. v. 16, 5, 2013, pp. 463-479

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>



## Policy, Legislation & Law

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>

Council of State Governments State Directory. Directory II, Legislative Leadership, Committees and Staff 2014

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>

Guidelines for Psychotropic Medications for Children in State Custody. Draft.

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>



Sharlot Hall

## 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.medicare.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.



**Use of Research Evidence:**  
**Building Two-Way Streets**

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>

### What Is Child Welfare? A Guide for Behavioral Health/Mental Health Professionals

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>



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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>

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.philanthropynewsdigest.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

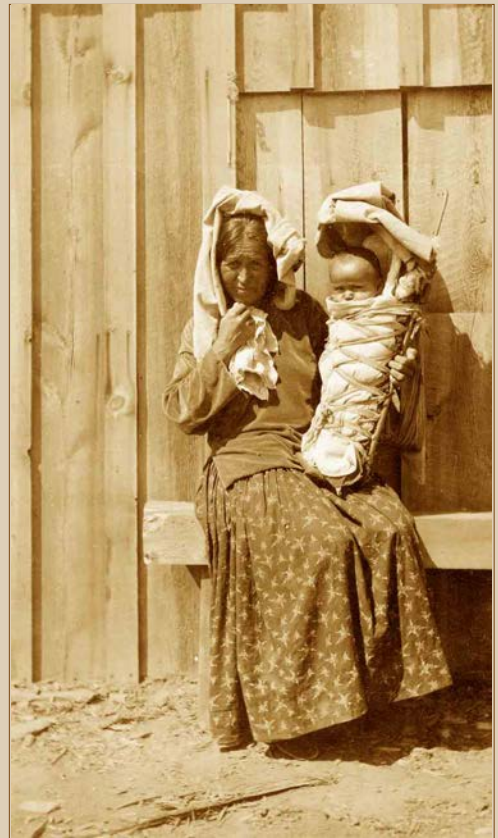
Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)

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>



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.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 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](mailto: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  
email: [tcoord@nijc.org](mailto:tcoord@nijc.org)  
Phone: (707) 579-9019  
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Website: <http://www.nijc.org>

October 8-10, 2014  
National Indian Justice Center  
Juvenile Justice & Gang Issues  
Las Vegas, NV  
email: [tcoord@nijc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:conference@tlpi.org)  
P: 323-650-5467  
F: 323-650-8149  
Website: [www.ovcinc.org](http://www.ovcinc.org)

## Tribal STAR Training



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

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SACHS/LIA/TribalSTAR  
Academy for Professional Excellence  
SDSU School of Social Work  
6505 Alvarado Road, Suite 107  
San Diego, CA 92120  
Phone: (619) 594-8291  
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

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#### 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

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#### 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

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#### 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

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#### 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

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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](mailto: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



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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>



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.

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