Current Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration 2015
Honors Families and Best Practices in ICWA Compliance

On Friday September 18, 2015 the tribal community of Southern California celebrated collaboration and best practices that advance ICWA compliance. We were touched by the stories of the families and the social workers who worked together to ensure children stayed connected to their family and tribal identity.

We want to thank Michael and Jessica Coddington, Larry Holeman, Jessie and Jennifer Resvaloso, Tina Scott, Jason and Amber Stoermann, and Michelle Zambrana for attending and protecting Indian children.

Loleta Garfield of Tule River Tribe received the Marilyn Robinson Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms Garfield ran one of the first ICWA programs in California and has ensured the tribal voice was included.
many efforts throughout California. Judge Abby Abinanti said “Leta was available any time day or night to straighten things out.” Thank you Leta Garfied for your many years of service.
Jen Tucker-Tatlow and Honorable Judge Ulloa

Tribal STAR Honoring Leta

Tribal STAR Honored family
The Tribal STAR Partnership continues to expand.

New collaborations were formed in 2015 that resulted in positive outcomes. The growing partnership works together to increase awareness, ensure access to resources, track progress, and work towards ICWA compliance. The partnership and community meets quarterly to discuss current issues affecting ICWA and
the tribal community at 7th Generation/Tribal STAR Workgroup meetings. Please welcome our new partners: American Indian Studies Department of SDSU, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, Imperial County and Quechan Tribal Court Appointed Special Advocates, National Indian Justice Center, and our hosting partner the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

National Indian Justice Center Collaboration = New Training for Tribal ICWA Social Workers

On Monday August 31, 2015 a new training for Tribal ICWA workers was piloted at the Academy for Professional Excellence in San Diego: Active Efforts, Mandated Reporting, & Courtroom Decorum. This training was a collaboration with the National Indian Justice Center and was completely full with participants from all over California. There were also participants from three federally unrecognized tribes: Dunlap Band of Mono, Gabrieleno, and Payuchi. After lunch there was an impromptu discussion to hear to history of these tribes. A tremendous moment during the training to observe and appreciate tribal resilience, the strength of tribal identity, and camaraderie among all the nations represented in the room that day. In California SB 678 provides an opportunity for children of these tribes to have supportive services and representation during the process at the discretion of the judge. We must all take the time to recognize and respect tribal sovereignty.
RESEARCH DATA AND STATISTICS

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.

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

America’s Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2015.
Published: 2015
Information: The 17th in a series, this report presents a set of 41 key indicators that measure important aspects of children’s lives.

A Systematic Approach to Improving the Engagement of Fathers in Child Safeguarding
Author: Scourfield, Jonathan; Smail, Pat; Butler, Dan.
Published: 2015
Journal: Child Abuse Review v. 24, 2, March-April 2015, p. 129-139
Information: This article concerns a bold attempt to improve practice with engagement of fathers through a systemic approach.

At Risk for Sex Trafficking: Youth Who Run Away From Foster Care
Published: 2015
Information: Examines what States and counties can learn from data in their child welfare case management systems and reported in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis …

California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study (CalYOUTH): Early Findings From the Child Welfare Worker Survey
Continuity of Care for Youth in Foster Care with Serious Emotional Disturbances
Author(s): Fontanella, Cynthia A.; Gupta, Lipi.; Hiance-Steelesmith, Danielle L.; Valentine, Sedona
Published: 2015
Information: … Study findings underscore the need for quality improvement initiatives that improve access to care, care coordination, and continuity of care.

Effective services for improving education and employment outcomes for children and alumni of foster care service: correlates and educational and employment outcomes
Author: Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA;
Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC, USA; Casey Family Programs, Seattle, WA, USA; University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA
Published: May 2015
Information: The education and employment outcomes of youth and alumni of foster care served by transition programmes located in five major US cities were examined…. It was found that the longer the youth were enrolled, the more education and employment outcomes they achieved. Further….

Establishing a Quality Assurance Protocol
Author: Sciortino, Rhonda.; Harding, Mike.
Published: 2015
Information: This article urges the development of a multidisciplinary quality assurance team to regularly review and recommend actions to remediate serious incidents that involve child safety …

Gang Involvement Moderates the Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Intervention for Justice-Involved Youth
Author: Boxer, Paul.; Kubik, Joanna.; Ostermann, Michael.; Veysey, Bonita
Published: 2015
Information: The goal of this study was to evaluate the impact of gang involvement on the effectiveness of evidence-based intervention services for problem behavior delivered to youth referred by the justice system.

“I Want to Be There When He Graduates.” Foster Parents Show Higher Levels of Commitment
Than Group Care Providers
Authors: Lo, Albert.; Roben, Caroline K.P.; Maier, Collin.; Fabian, Kimberly.; Shauffer, Carole.; Dozier, Mary.
Published: 2015
Journal: Children and Youth Services Review, v. 51, April, April 2015, p. 95-100
Information: …The results suggest that foster care promotes greater commitment among caregivers than other out of home placements, and add to other findings that favor foster care as the out of home placement of choice for adolescents.

Legal Permanency Isn’t Everything: Readdressing the Need for Well-Being Indicators in Child Protection Courts
Author: Walsh, Amanda M.
Published: 2015
Journal: Family Court Review, v. 53, 2, April 2015, p. 326 335
Information: In recent years, the child welfare system has begun to focus on the overall outcomes of children by looking at overall well-being factors. However, despite …

Local Implementation of Disability Policies for “High Incidence” Disabilities at Public Schools in Japan and the U.S.
Author: Kayama, Misa.; Haight, Wendy.; Kincaid, Tamara.; Evans, Kelly.
Published: 2015
Journal: Children and Youth Services Review v. 52, May 2015, May 2015, p. 34-44
Information: This study examines educators’ responses to the local implementation of national special education policy changes for children with “high-incidence,” (mild cognitive and behavioral) disabilities.

On Serving the Ignored: Latinos, Crime and the Criminal Justice System: Underserved Populations in the United States: Research, Response and Resilience
Author: Martinez, Ramiro, Jr.
Published: September 2015
Information: …policies targeting factors in Latino communities, such as crime prevention, educational interventions, and community development, can (and should) take these unique cultural qualities into account. The range of the Latino experience is expansive, and the diversity within the population requires more embrace. It is essential to acknowledge and examine that variation, as it is to remember that many of the stereotypes surrounding Latinos and immigrants have been recycled from the past, and that previous research informs the present.

Persistence, Motivation, and Resilience: Older Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
Authors: Smith, Belinda Davis.; Wilson, Dana Burdnell.; Lane, Tiffany Y.; Harry, Sonja V.; Marshall, Isiah, Jr.
Published: 2015
Journal: Journal of Family Strengths, v. 15, 1; art. 2, September 2015, p. 1-34
Information: Many young adults involved with the child welfare system have a unique set of circumstances and needs. As they come of age, separated from their …

Author: Nitardy, Charlotte M.; Duke, Naomi N.; Pettingell, Sandra L.; Borowsky, Iris W.
Publication: 2015
Information: Educational achievement and attainment are associated with health outcomes across the entire life span. The objective of this study was to determine whether racial/ethnic disparities in academic achievement and educational aspirations have changed over time.

Receipt of Independent Living Services Among Older Youth in Foster Care: An Analysis of National Data From the U.S.
Author: Okpych, Nathanael J.
Published: 2015
Journal: Children and Youth Services Review, v. 51, April, April 2015, p. 74-86
Information: …Recommendations are made for targeting services, future data collection, and research, including suggestions on ways to improve measurement of Chafee services.

Risk and Protective Factors for Problem Behaviors Among Youth in Residential Care
Author: Melkman, Eran.
Published: 2015
Journal: Children and Youth Services Review, v. 51, April, April 2015, p. 117-124
Information: In accordance with problem behavior theory (PBT), the study examined the contribution of risk and protective factors among high-risk adolescents living in residential care settings …

Taking a Long View in Child Welfare: How Can We Evaluate Intervention and Child Wellbeing over Time?
Published: 2015
Journal: Child Abuse Review v. 24, 2, March-April 2015, p. 95 106
Information: This paper synthesises ideas generated from an international knowledge exchange seminar series to explore the potential and pitfalls in utilising routine administrative data and survey data for longitudinal research about children involved in public child welfare services.

Using Kinship Navigators to Assess the Needs of Kinship Caregivers
Author: Suzanne T. Sutphin
Published: 2015
Information: This article details the implementation of the Connecting for Kids Kinship Navigators Program in a 3-year demonstration study funded by the Administration for Children and Families as part of the 2008 Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act.

**Why Have We Made Neglect So Complicated? Taking a Fresh Look at Noticing and Helping the Neglected Child**

Author: Daniel, Brigid.
Published: 2015
Journal: Child Abuse Review v. 24, 2, March-April 2015, p. 82 94

Information: …Over the last few decades, however, there has been a body of evidence building up to help with the understanding of the impact of neglect upon children and to guide intervention. This paper draws on experience as a researcher in the field.…

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**POLICY LEGISLATION AND LAW**

![Sharlot Hall Museum](image)

**Aligning Resources and Results: Increasing Equity Through the Budget**

Author: Center for the Study of Social Policy
Published: 2015

Information: The release of President Obama’s fiscal year (FY) 2016 budget proposal provides an important opportunity to emphasize how – and why – policymakers and community members should work together to maximize resources to promote child and family well-being and reduce equity gaps in outcomes. …

**Children’s Bureau Proposes Information System Regulations Updates**

Author: The Children’s Bureau
Published: 2015

Information: The Children’s Bureau published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in the Federal Register on August 11, 2015. When final, these regulations will replace the Statewide/Tribal Automated Child Welfare Information System (S/TACWIS) regulations at 45 CFR 1355.50 – 57.…
Child Welfare: An Overview of Federal Programs and Their Current Funding
Author: Stoltzfus, Emilie.
Published: 2015
Information: This report begins with a review of federal appropriations activity in FY2015 as it relates to child welfare programs, including the effect of the automatic spending cuts, known as sequestration. The rest of the report provides a short description of each federal child welfare program, including its purpose and recent (FY2012-FY2015) funding levels. Information is provided that indicates final FY2015 child welfare funding ($7.971 billion) was appropriated as part of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235)....

NO TIME TO LOSE: A Policy Agenda to Support College Success for Foster Youth
Author: John Burton Foundation for Children Without Homes and California College Pathways
Published: 2015
Information: This report aimed at identifying the specific policies and practices that can help mitigate the barriers that can prevent youth in foster care from achieving their postsecondary education goals.

Recruiting Families for Native American Children: Strengthening Partnerships for Success
Author: National Resource Center for Diligent Recruitment at AdoptUSKids
Published: 2015
Information: This publication provides a brief overview of relevant laws, best practices, tips, and considerations for partnering effectively with tribes and recruiting families for Native American children in foster care.

The Modern Family Court Judge: Knowledge, Qualities and Skills for Success revised
Author: Knowlton, Natalie Anne
Published: 2015
Information: This position paper explores the complex knowledge, skills, and qualities needed by today's family court judges....

PROMISING PRACTICES
First, Do No Harm: Model Practices for Law Enforcement Agencies When Arresting Parents in the Presence of Children
Author: Lisa H. Thurau, Esq.
Published: 2015
Information: Outlined model practices and protocols for before, during and after officers respond to a call for service listed.

Information Packet: Transgender Youth in Child Welfare Settings
Author: Priya Sikerwar and Erin Rider
Published: May 2015
Information: The packet provides professionals with an overview of information and tips for supporting transgender youth.

Recruiting Families for Native American Children: Strengthening Partnerships for Success
Author: National Resource Center for Diligent Recruitment at AdoptUSKids
Published: 2015
Information: This publication provides a brief overview of relevant laws, best practices, tips, and considerations for partnering effectively with tribes and recruiting families for Native American children in foster care.

Sustaining Momentum: Improving Educational Stability for Youth in Foster Care
Author: Annie. E. Casey Foundation
Information: …This report highlights the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s four-year effort to counter such educational instability. It highlights key lessons learned and leaves readers with specific recommendations and next steps for continuing Casey’s work…

PROVIDER RESOURCES

2014 ICWA Designated Tribal Agents

A Journey Through the Mental Arts of Foster Youth
Author: Fresno County Department of Social Services, Fresno American Indian Health Project: Clubhouse Youth Program, EMQ Families First, Central California Training Academy, and the Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research, and Training Center
Published: 2015
Information: This article incorporates the artistic expression of foster youth and documents methods used by practitioners in therapy that helped youth achieve higher levels of self-esteem.

Am I Making a Difference?
Author: DeGarmo, John.
Published: 2015
Information: This narrative from a foster father talks about fostering children as a calling, the dedication of foster parents, the hard work of fostering and the …

California’s Efforts to Support Academic Success
Author: Children’s Bureau Express
Published: 2015
Information: Children’s Bureau Express cite two recent publications that highlight efforts in California to improve educational outcomes for the foster youth population. A publication from Chapin Hall focuses on the State’s implementation of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 and the law’s provision allowing States to extend foster care services for youth after they reach age 18. California also enacted the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), a comprehensive change in the State’s education funding system, which is the focus of a research brief from SRI International and J. Koppich & Associates.

Child Welfare and Human Trafficking
Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway
Published: 2015
Information: This issue brief provides a broad overview of the crossover between the child welfare field and the work currently being done to prevent and respond to human trafficking of children and youth in the United States.

**Disproportionate Representation of Children and Youth of Color [Webpage]**
Author: National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections
Published: 2015
Information: This webpage provides links to a variety of resources on this topic, including state and local efforts to address disproportionality.

**Evaluating Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Programs**
Author: Children’s Bureau Express highlights Child Trends
Published: 2015
Information: This article lists a series of products to assist organizations with the evaluation of healthy marriage and relationship education programs.

**Health-Care Screening for Children in Foster Care**
Author: Children’s Bureau Express
Published: 2015
Information: This article highlights barriers to health care for children in foster care.

**Help Improve the Family Engagement Inventory**
Information: The Family Engagement Inventory is an informational tool designed to familiarize users with family engagement practices across child welfare, juvenile justice, behavioral health, education, and early education.

**How Federal Legislation Impacts Child Welfare Service Delivery**
Author: Child Welfare Information Gateway
Published: 2015
Information: This factsheet provides an overview of the process by which legislative actions and policy changes at the Federal level impact State and Tribal child welfare systems and service delivery.

**Improving Educational Outcomes: Federal, State, and Local Efforts**
Author: Children’s Bureau Express
Published: 2015
Information: …An example of collaboration among systems to improve children’s outcomes can be seen in the efforts of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS), the Pittsburgh Public School (PPS) District, and the Allegheny County Family Court. Using a 17-month Children’s Bureau grant, these agencies continued their work to improve educational stability and permanency outcomes for children served by all three systems….

**Learning to Let Go: Coping with Reunification Anxiety**
Author: Foster Care and Adoption Resource Center  
Published: 2015  
Information: A tip sheet that defines what reunification anxiety is, discusses how both foster families and the foster children that they care for can experience reunification anxiety, and provides ways for foster parents to cope and effectively manage reunification anxiety.

Parent Partner Programs for Families Involved in the Child Welfare System [Website]
Published: 2015  
Information: The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) website is designed to allow you access to a summary of practice topical areas or programs...

SAMHSA’s Free Trainings

Online Training for Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals
Through this course, you can learn more about the impact of child welfare and dependency court requirements on parents who are in substance use disorder treatment and who are involved with the child welfare system.

Child welfare professionals should have a basic knowledge of substance use disorders and their impact on the family, as a framework for collaborating across the other systems needed to improve the outcomes for these families.

Staying Connected to Culture: Meaningful and Sacred
Author: Fresno County Department of Social Services, Fresno American Indian Health Project: Clubhouse Youth Program, EMQ Families First, Central California Training Academy, and the Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research, and Training Center  
Published: 2015  
Information: This article incorporates the artistic expression of foster youth and documents methods used by practitioners in therapy that helped youth achieve higher levels of self-esteem.

Supporting Students in Foster Care: Collaboration Between Education and Child Welfare Agencies Is Key
Author: Legal Center for Foster Care and Education and the Data Quality Campaign  
Published: 2015  
Information: reports information from Data for Action 2014 on which states securely share limited, critical information about how students in foster care fare in education.

The Homestretch
Producer: Spargel Productions LLC, Kartemquin Educational Films and Independent Television Service (ITVS)  
Information: This is a 90-minute documentary that follows three Chicago-area youth who ended up
homeless at an early age.

“The Love That I Was Missing”: Exploring the Lived Experience of Motherhood Among Teen Mothers in Foster Care
Authors: Aparicio, Elizabeth.; Pecukonis, Edward V.; O’Neale, Shalita.
Published: 2015
Journal: Children and Youth Services Review, v. 51, April, April 2015, p. 44-54
Information: The present study employed Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) to explore the experiences and meaning of motherhood among teen mothers in foster care.

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is pleased to announce the launch of TribalCoalitions.org which provides one-stop access to a wide range of resources on sex trafficking in Indian country.

Working with American Indian and Alaska Native Individuals, Couples, and Families: A Toolkit for Stakeholders
Author: Cross, Terry; Cross, Amanda.
Publication Year: 2015
Information: This toolkit provides practical suggestions for engaging and serving this population, particularly for incorporating healthy marriage and relationship education skills into service delivery systems as part of a comprehensive family-centered approach to promoting self-sufficiency.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PI-15-02
Information: This Program Instruction (PI) provides instruction on the availability of Federal fiscal year 2015 funds under the Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect program created by Title II of CAPTA as amended by Public Law (P.L.) 111-320.

Best Buy Foundation Accepting Applications for National Youth Technology Program

Deadline: November 1, 2015
Information: Grants of up to $200,000 will be awarded to programs that provide underserved teens with access to new technologies and help them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills to help prepare them for future education and career success.

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Seeks Applications for Mental Health Research
Deadline: November 1, 2015
Information: Grants of up to $20,000 will be awarded in support of innovative interventions designed to prevent major social, psychological, behavioral, or public health problems.

SHAPE America Issues RFP for 2015-2016 Research Grant Program
Deadline: November 2, 2015
Information: Grants of up to $5,000 will be awarded to early-career investigators and graduate students for research about the benefits of social justice and diversity in health, physical education, physical activity, dance, and/or sport in schools.

Filmmakers From Underrepresented Communities Invited to Apply for Tribeca All Access Program
Deadline: November 4, 2015
Information: Five narrative filmmakers and five documentary filmmakers from a community that is statistically underrepresented in the film industry will each receive a grant to use toward the development, production, post-production, or marketing of their film project.

NCTM Invites Applications for Equity in Middle School Mathematics Grants
Deadline: November 6, 2015
Information: Grants of up to $8,000 will be awarded to projects that incorporate middle school classroom materials or lessons designed to improve the achievement of student groups with previous records of underachievement in math.

Medical Library Association Invites Applications for Scholarship for Minority Students
Deadline: December 1, 2015
Information: A scholarship of up to $5,000 will be awarded to a minority student who is entering a graduate program at an American Library Association-accredited library school.

Latest HRSA Health Care Service Area Competition (SAC) Program
Deadline: December 2, 2015
Information: Grants to provide comprehensive primary health care services to an underserved area or population, including low-income persons, public housing residents, the homeless or migrant farmworkers in “CHCs,” “HCHs”, “MHCs” and “PHPCs”.

Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Accepting School Library Grant Applications
Deadline: December 14, 2015
Information: Grants of up to $7,000 will be awarded to help libraries in schools where 85 percent or more of students qualify for free or reduced lunches expand, update, and diversify their book collections.

ACF Invites LOIs for Projects Promoting Native Alaskan Values
Deadline: December 15, 2015 (Letters of Intent)
Information: Grants of up to $20,000 will be awarded to organizations or individuals working in the areas of climate change, food security, sustainable economies, energy, or holistic wellness.

Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities
Deadline: January 31, 2016
Information: Grants of up to $2,500 will be awarded to high-quality programs that engage children and youth in hands-on learning experiences focused on the environment in their schools and communities.

Harpo Foundation Accepting Applications for Native American Artists Fellowships
Deadline: February 15, 2016
Information: One-month residential fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center will be awarded to Native American visual artists who demonstrate strong artistic ability, an evolving practice, and capacity for intercultural dialogue.

California Historical Society Accepting Proposals for 2015 Book Award
Deadline: May 1, 2016
Information: A cash prize of $5,000 will be awarded to the author(s) of a manuscript that makes an important contribution to California historical scholarship and deepens public understanding of some aspect of the state’s history.

Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-CA-1119
Deadline: April 14, 2016
Description: The primary purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to provide financial support to selected tribes, tribal organizations, and migrant programs for child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

FOA title: Foster/Adoptive Parent Preparation, Training and Development Project HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-CO-1122
Deadline: May 23, 2016
Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to an organization to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents.
State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Implementation Partnership Grants HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-CT-1123

Deadline: June 13, 2016

Information: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support the creation of effective practice model partnerships between state courts and/or Court Improvement Program, state public child welfare agency and a tribe, group of tribes, or tribal consortia, including both the tribal child welfare agency and tribal court for effective implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 (Pub.L. 95-608)....

Public Welfare Foundation Accepting LOIs for Social Justice Programs

Deadline: Ongoing

Information: Grants will be awarded in support of efforts to advance justice and opportunity for people in need through criminal justice, juvenile justice, and workers’ rights programs....

More grants: Grants.gov

Health and Human Services Grant Forecast

EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Sharlot Hall Museum
Woman with water

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.

Now until November 1, 2015

Lost Childhoods: an exhibition of the Foster Youth Museum
9 AM to 6 PM daily
Grace Cathedral
1100 California Street
San Francisco, CA

November 2-3, 2015
Plymouth, MI
34th Annual Statewide Child Abuse & Neglect Conference

November 5th, 2015
6th Annual Cultural Awareness Conference
8am to 5pm
NO REGISTRATION FEE
RSVP by October 30, 2015
AVI HOTEL & CASINO
10,000 Aha Macav Parkway
Laughlin, NV 89028
Contact: Fort Mojave Department of Social Services
(928) 346-1550

November 7th & 8th, 2015
Santa Fe Springs Pow Wow 2015
Santa Fe Springs, California
Native Hope International Presents
California’s Largest Traditional Pow Wow
Traditional Native Dance & Drums Native American
Artist Selling Jewelry, Pottery, and Fine Arts.
Native foods, Fry Bread & Tacos
Social Dances for the Entire Family
GRAND ENTRY 11 AM & 7 PM Saturday
TIME: SAT. 10 AM – 10 PM
SUN. 10 AM – 7 PM
ADDRESS: Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
Contact: (818) 383-8619
SPONSORED BY NATIVE HOPE INT’L AND POLISHED ARROW
email: bbrightcloud@hotmail.com

November 7 to 8, 2015
Veteran’s Pow-Wow and Big Time
D-Q University: Davis, Davis, CA
Nov. 7 Grand Entry 1pm & 7pm
Gourd Dancing 11:30am & 6pm
CA Dancers 5pm to 6pm

http://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/tribal-star/current-newsletter/
Community Feed 5pm to 6:30pm
Nov. 8 Grand Entry 1pm
Gourd Dancing 11:30 am only
CONTACT: Ira Hoaglen
PHONE: 916-947-3704
EMAIL: Wailaki10@comcast.net

November 7 to 8, 2015
1st Annual “Empowering Our Native Youth Through Education” Traditional Pow Wow
Harold J. Ballard Parent Center
– Indian Education Program:
2375 Congress St.
San Diego, California
CONTACT: Connie GreyBull
PHONE: (619) 293-4427
EMAIL: cgreybull@sandi.net

November 7 – 8, 2015
5th Annual Inter-Tribal PowWow & Cherokee Hog Fry
Kerr-McGee Center California
Join us for the 5th Annual Ridgecrest Traditional Cherokee Hog Fry Potluck Picnic, and Inter-Tribal PowWow!
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m
CONTACT: Little Deer Durvin
PHONE: 760-382-4096
EMAIL: durvin53@verizon.net
WEBSITE: www.rpfestival.com

November 10-12: 2015
New Orleans, LA
National Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantees Conference

November 11-13, 2015
National Harbor, MD
JuST (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) Conference

November 15, 2015
Piscataway, NJ
New Jersey’s 34th Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption” Conference
Concerned Persons for Adoption; Rutgers University School of Social Work, Institute for Families; and
New Jersey Interagency Adoption Council

**November 15-17, 2015**
Phoenix, AZ

**27th Annual National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference**

November 16–2015
Bentonville, AR

**ChildFirst® National Conferences**
Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**TribalSTAR**

Addressing the needs of Tribal Foster Youth

**Summit**

**Date and Time**

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Registration from 8:00-8:30 a.m.)
Continental Breakfast and lunch will be served

**Location**

CFS Victorville
Conference Room
15020 Palmdale Road
Victorville, CA 92392

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**Objectives**
The goal of the SUMMIT training is to impact practice and policy in Public Child Welfare, ultimately leading to increased positive outcomes for Tribal foster children and youth by enhancing collaborative efforts between Tribal and non-Tribal entities and by identifying and illuminating ways Managers and Supervisors can support their staff who work with Tribal children and youth.

**Audience**

This training is designed for Directors, Managers and Supervisors in the child welfare system from Tribal and non-Tribal agencies and organizations who work together to increase positive outcomes for Tribal foster children and youth.

**Course Description**

This interactive training will include the following topics:
Cultural awareness
Collaboration
Effective methods for working with the Tribal community
Tribal values and culture
Addressing the needs of Tribal foster children and youth

**Continuing Education**

Continuing Education Credit is available for post LCSW’s and/or MFT’s as required by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. A $35.00 fee will be assessed for those receiving CEU credits. (Pay by check only at the training.)

**Registration**

Contact Tina Kerrigan to register.
tkerrigan@mail.sdsu.edu or (619) 594-8291

Only 36 spaces are available! RSVP by Friday, November 13, 2015. Those selected to participate in this training will receive confirmation via email. This training is provided by the Academy for Professional Excellence and is free of charge.

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**November 19th, 2015**

**December 2-4, 2015**

Save-the-Date!

Beyond the Bench 23

User Experience will take place, in Southern California (hotel information to follow).
Information: Beyond the Bench brings together judicial officers, court professionals and volunteers, legal services providers, social workers, probation officers, educators, and others working with families & children involved with the court. 

Sponsored by the Judicial Council’s Center for Families, Children & the Courts, the conference is primarily funded by registration fees, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, foundations, and other agencies.

**email:** beyondthebench@jud.ca.gov  
**Contact:** (415) 865-7599 

December 3rd  
ILS Career Fair  
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm  
Where: Palomar YMCA Teen Center  
1050 N. Broadway  
Escondido, CA 92025  
**Contact:** Ally Bartz, ILS Case Manager  
760-859-6358  
*RSVP by November 25th* 

December 5, 2015  
Washington, DC  
**2015 Adoption & Foster Care Expo Adoptions Together** 

December 9-11, 2015  
Las Vegas, NV  
**Federal Indian Law** 

December 9-11, 2015  
Las Vegas, NV  
**Sacred Sites, Monitoring & NAGPRA** 

December 31 – January 1, 2016  
Uniting Native Families Central Valley  
New Year’s Eve Red Road Pow-wow  
Fresno, California, United States  
Convention Center Exhibit Hall 1  
848 “M” Street, Fresno, California  
**CONTACT:** Rene’ Duran-Diaz  
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TRIBAL STAR TRAINING

Approximately 800 Tribal and non-Tribal professionals, leaders, public Human Service agency staff, regional training academy staff and university students have received training throughout the project. The training package provides up-to-date, research-based information in a variety of areas, including: the youth development philosophy, methods for collaboration, effective ways to work with rural populations, effective ways to work with Tribal rural foster youth and their communities, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Act.

For more information regarding trainings in your area please contact technical assistance.

To register for one of the trainings below please contact:
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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.

All ICWA Trainings –
Registration 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Training 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Continental Breakfast and working lunch included

Next trainings:
December 15, 2015
ICWA, Academy for Professional Excellence, 6505 Alvarado Road, Suite 105, San Diego, CA 92120

January 13, 2016
ICWA, Inland Region Training, Riverside Training Academy, 3600 Lime Street, Bldg. 4, Suite 414, Riverside, CA 92501

June 2, 2016
ICWA, Academy for Professional Excellence, 6505 Alvarado Road, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92120

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.

Next trainings:

November 19, 2015
Summit, Victorville CFS
15020 Palmdale Rd, Conference Room
Victorville, CA 92392
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Registration 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Training
Continental Breakfast and working lunch included
The Other Side of ICWA
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.

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.
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.

Next training: TBA

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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.

Next training: TBA

NEXT ISSUE

General information, pertinent articles and resources related to Native American Foster Youth can be sent to tstar@mail.sdsu.edu by December 1, 2015. The newsletter will be distributed during the last week of December. Please see the distribution schedule for other dates.

Quote from Celebration 2015

“We can all do something in Indian country no matter what nation we’re from.”