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March 2018**Hope for Fathers with Native Children from POPS – Paternal Opportunities Program & Services**

Every Wednesday evening fathers from all over San Diego County gather to learn how to protect their connection with their child at a Men's Talking Circle. All have something in common, they're relationships to their children are being challenged. It's difficult to overcome as fathers are mostly overlooked in the reunification and placement process. This practice that has silently gone unquestioned since the beginning of child welfare practices. The talking circle allows fathers to learn from each other and develop strategies to improve their situations.

There is little doubt that children with missing fathers are at risk. Research shows these children are more likely to be depressed, fail in school, commit crimes, use drugs, and have sex early, which can result in life-long consequences including pregnancy or even incarceration (*National Fatherhood Initiative www.fatherhood.org*).

It is harshly true that some fathers choose to disengage from their parental duties because of lack of self-confidence, overwhelming financial debt (child support), incarceration, and "drama" from the child's mother. Others are kept from their children because of conflict and maternal gatekeeping.

The key is for fathers to take responsibility and prove their worthiness. They also need robust advocacy and representation in the child welfare system that has for so long acted blindly at the first allegations of lack of interest toward a child by the father. However, many of the allegations never receive due process of investigation and therefore fewer interventions are provided to fathers. Success for these fathers is not always easy; but, it can be achieved.

Every Wednesday anywhere from 15 to 30 fathers drop into the weekly Men's Talking Circle in Old Town San Diego with an increasing number of Native fathers and fathers of Native children. At least 5-10 newcomers attend each month, and many are returning for on-going support. This group has been going steady since 2012 and has grown by word of mouth within the father community, a testament to POPS success and credibility within the fatherhood community, child welfare, and the courts.

Since 2014 POPS has seen over 3000 fathers, of these approximately 45% per year are CWS related. To date, 87% overall ended in a positive custody influence or reunification, better than when they entered the program.

To better serve Native families, POPS is holding meetings on the Campo Reservation and is hoping to reach Tribal communities in North San Diego. If you or someone you know can benefit from this program, please contact info@sandiegopops.org and visit www.sandiegopops.org. Southern California's largest fathers' advocacy and a nonprofit organization that has served fathers and families for over a decade.

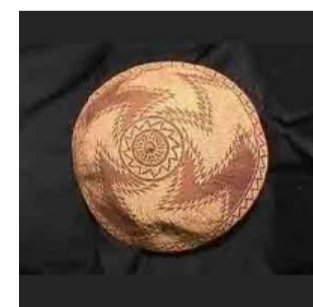
**Tribal STAR Summit**

On January 24, 2018, Riverside County managers, deputy directors, assistant director and tribal social services providers participated in The Summit. The goal of The Summit is to enhance leadership skills and awareness to achieve child welfare success from tribal and non-tribal perspectives. The one day interactive training was informed by the California ICWA Compliance Task Force report, and focused on improved collaboration to enhance ICWA compliance in Riverside County.

Facilitated by Tribal STAR team members Margaret Orrantia, Kim Mettler and Sunni Dominguez, participants discussed challenges to collaboration between the County and tribes, and developed action plans to address those challenges, which participants will implement within two weeks and three months of The Summit. Derrick Perry, Deputy Director, Children's Services Division, attended the Seventh Generation Workgroup on January 30 and reported that a number of participants had already taken steps to implement their action plans. Other participants expressed a renewed commitment to working with tribal nations and families, and better insight to making those relationships more effective. The Tribal STAR team was heartened by the dialogue between tribal and county participants, and supports their continued commitment and efforts to improve teaming and engagement for enhanced ICWA compliance and the well-being of our children, families and tribal nations.

**RESEARCH AND RESOURCES**

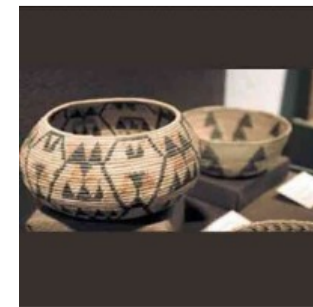
Up-to-date research applicable to those who work with Tribal foster youth

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Newly published articles foundational for those who work with Tribal foster youth

**FUNDING AND EVENTS**

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**TRIBAL STAR TRAINING**

Tribal STAR trainings in a variety of areas relevant to Tribal foster youth and their communities

When it comes your time...

<http://www.inspirationforthespirit.com/native-american-wisdom/>



When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes, they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in



RESEARCH DATA AND STATISTICS

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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.

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 SW, Eighth Floor
 Washington, DC 20024
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Attachment and Bonding in Indian Child Welfare.

Author: A publication of the National Indian Child Welfare Association
 Published: 2017

Information: A summary of research that concludes the key to mental health and psychological well-being is for children to be raised in a developmental niche that gives consistent messages about values and identities.

Children in Foster Care, by Race/Ethnicity

Author: Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health
 Published: Current

Information: Kidsdata.org promotes the health and well being of children in California by providing an easy to use resource that offers high-quality, wide-ranging, local data to those who work on behalf of children.

Site Selection: Assessment Tools: Tribal Community Pre-Assessment (Tool on Implementation Tools Resource Page)

Published: 2017

Information: A tool from the Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG) delineates a three-phase assessment process to guide the site selection process: pre-assessment, initial assessment, and full assessment.

Provider Resources

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AdoptUsKids

Families for Native American children: Considerations when fostering or adopting

Children's Bureau

Lists and links to new comprehensive Child Welfare information.

Evaluation of Boys Town In-Home Family Services With Families Referred by Child Welfare

Author: Gilbert R. Parra, Jordan R. Ross, Jay L. Ringle, Natalie R. Samson, & Ronald W. Thompson
 Published: March 2016

Information: This study evaluated the Boys Town In-Home Family Services (IHFS) model with families referred by child welfare for issues related to maltreatment. Results serve as an important step in building the evidence base of a widely disseminated intervention.

What safety and risk assessment tools are used in tribal child welfare?

Author: Casey Family Programs

Published: February 6, 2018

Information: This document defines safety and risk assessments, discusses findings from a national needs assessment survey, and highlights the way nine tribes address safety and risk assessment in their child welfare agencies. It concludes with considerations for adapting standardized tools that are widely used in other child welfare jurisdictions.



POLICY, LEGISLATION AND LAW

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Foster Youth Rights Handbook

Author: Ohio Youth Advisory Board

Published: May 2017

Information: The handbook informs foster youth of their rights and responsibilities and how to talk to someone if those rights are violated.



Judicial Update

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Alaska Transfers Child Welfare Services for Native Alaskans to Tribes

Author: Chronicle of Social Change

Published: February 21, 2018

Information: The Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact, which was signed into law in October 2017 by Alaska Gov. Bill Walker (I), allows 18 Alaska tribes to provide child welfare services with the goal of reducing the disproportionate number of Native children in foster care in the state.

Congress And Trump Administration Are Violating Treaties

(Includes audio)

Author: KJZZ

Published: February 21, 2018

Information: The National Congress of American Indians said Congress and the Trump Administration have been ignoring recommendations of tribal governments and failing to provide resources promised in treaties.

Inside the Native American foster care crisis tearing families apart

Author: Vice

Published: February 07, 2018

Information: Elisia Manuel remembers when she and her husband Tecumseh received their first foster child. "We had to go buy the boy some clothes," she told me. "We had to get him everything, because he came with nothing. The agency even had to lend us a car seat to bring him home." Elisia, who comes from the Mescalero Apache and Yaqui tribes, and Tecumseh, an Akimel O'odham from the Gila River Indian Community located just south of Phoenix, were thrilled to get a Native child to care for—even if it meant completely outfitting the little boy, purchasing a heavy-duty washer, and finding other supplies. But state and tribal child welfare agencies say that Native foster families like the Manuels are hard to find. And that shortage can cause havoc when non-Native foster families wishing to adopt a Native child try to circumvent a law designed to keep tribal kids in their communities.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North and South Dakota sues major opioid manufacturers and distributors

Author: Star Tribune

Published: February 13, 2018

Information: A federal lawsuit filed Tuesday on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux alleges that major manufacturers and distributors of opioids created a public health crisis on their reservation by fraudulently concealing the addiction risk of the drugs.

Supreme Court ends conservative attack on Indian Child Welfare Act

Author: Indianz.com

Published: February 21, 2018

Information: The U.S. Supreme Court has turned away another conservative attack on the Indian Child Welfare Act. Without comment, the justices on Tuesday denied a petition in *Renteria v. Superior Court of California, Tulare County*. The move, which came in an order list, ends a lawsuit which claimed ICWA was based on "race" and should be declared unconstitutional.

Tribes see continued challenges as more cases head to highest court

Author: Indianz.com

Published: February 21, 2018

Information: An unusually large number of Indian law petitions have been presented to the nation's highest court as tribes face continued challenges to their sovereignty. The U.S. Supreme Court ends up rejecting most of the petitions. Very few cases, in fact, are heard by the justices.

Promising Practices

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Identifying Trauma-Related and Mental Health Needs: The Implementation of Screening in California's Child Welfare Systems

Author: Miller, R., Honeycutt, T., Sevak, P.

Published: 2017

Information: This brief illustrates how state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies can use performance management tools and processes to leverage their data systems to improve their programs. VR agencies play an important role in delivering services to transition-aged youth with disabilities who are preparing to move into employment or postsecondary education.

Preserving connections Best strategies for recruiting and retaining tribal foster families for American Indian and Alaska Native children

Author: Casey Family Program

Published: 2018

CURRENT GRANTS AND FUNDING

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Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD)
 Deadline: March 7, 2018
 Information: Fiscal Year 2018 funds for the Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD).

Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE): Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) CFDA Number 84.101A
 Deadline: March 19, 2018

Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance

Deadline: April 9, 2018
 Information: The Native Language Preservation and Maintenance program provides funding for projects to support assessments of the status of the native languages in an established community, as well as

Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Deadline: May 14, 2020
 Information: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory developmental research to improve Native American (NA) health.

U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

Deadline: May 20, 2018
 Information: The US Department of Justice (DOJ) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities.

Evaluation of Policies for the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Violence

Deadline: May 21, 2018
 Information: NCIPC is seeking research proposals focused on rigorously evaluating previously or currently implemented federal, state, local, tribal or organizational policies for impacts on multiple forms of violence, including child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence and/or suicide.

Indian Housing Block Grant Program

Deadline: Rolling
 Information: The Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG) is a formula grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas. The block grant approach to housing for Native Americans was enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Eligible IHBG recipients are Federally recognized Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entity (TDHE), and a limited number of state recognized tribes who were funded under the Indian Housing Program authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA).

Indian Community Development Block Grant

Deadline: Rolling
 Information: The ICDBG Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons.

Karma for Cara Foundation

Deadline: Open
 Applications for Youth Microgrants
 Information: Grants will be awarded to kids 18 and under for service projects in their communities.

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.

Start a Snowball

Applications for Youth Philanthropy Projects
 Deadline: Rolling
 Information: Grants will be awarded in support of philanthropic projects led by youth between the ages of 5 and 18.

Aiden's Red Envelope Foundation Supports Families of Children With Special Needs

Deadline: Rolling
 Information: Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to Southern California families that have children with disabilities for special equipment, therapy, summer camps, or treatments.

Craft Emergency Relief Fund Accepting Applications From Craftspeople in Need

Deadline: Open
 Information: Grants and loans of up to \$8,000 will be awarded to professional craftspeople experiencing career-threatening illness, accident, fire, theft, or natural disaster.

Grants.gov Calendar

Native American Scholarship Resources:

[American Indian Graduate Center](#)
[College Scholarships.Org](#)
[The Gates Millennium Scholars Program](#)

Cherokee Nation donates \$47K to area CASA groups

Tahlequah Daily Press - December 21, 2017
 The Cherokee Nation donated a total of \$47,000 to two area court-appointed special advocate organizations...



EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

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This 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.

February 28-March 2, 2018

2018 Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Summit
 Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center
 Orlando, FL

March 2, 2018

Tribal/Federal Relations - Understanding the Basis for Community and Economic Development
 WEBINAR: The Comfort of your Home/Office

March 4-7, 2018

31st Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health
 University of South Florida Department of Child & Family Studies
 Tampa, FL

March 10-11, 2018

2018 CSU Long Beach Puvungna Pow Wow & Outreach
 1250 N Bellflower Boulevard
 Long Beach, CA 90840 United States

March 14-17, 2018

Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine 2018 Annual Meeting
 Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
 Seattle, WA

March 15, 2018

14th Annual Childhood Grief and Traumatic Loss Conference
 Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect
 Los Angeles, CA

March 18-21, 2018

2018 National Conference on Juvenile Justice
 National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
 San Diego, CA

March 20 - 22, 2018

Tribal Interior Budget Council
 Washington, DC

March 23, 2018 - March 24, 2018

Native Trade Conference
 Casino del Sol Resort & University of Arizona
 James E. Rogers College of Law

March 27, 2018 - March 29, 2018

Tribal Self-Governance Second Quarterly Meeting
 Embassy Suites, DC-Convention Center, Washington, DC

March 31, 2009 - April 3, 2019

National Events
National Indian Child Welfare Association - 37th Annual Conference
 Albuquerque, NM

April 14, 2018

46th Annual UC Davis Powwow
 UC Davis Memorial Union Quad, Davis CA
 The Powwow Planning Committee and the Cross Cultural Center would like to warmly invite you.

April 15, 2018 - April 18, 2018

NICWA 36th Annual Conference
 Anchorage, AK

April 23, 2018 - April 24, 2018

Understanding Jurisdiction on Tribal Lands

Riverside, CA 92518

April 24-25, 2018

National Conference on Coaching in Human Services
Center for Human Services at the University of California, Davis
Davis, CA

April 26-29, 2018

Child Welfare League of America 2018 National Conference
Child Welfare League of America
Washington, DC

June 4, 2018- June 6, 2018

25th Annual Statewide ICWA Conference
Graton Rancheria resort and Casino
Rohnert Park, CA
Registration opens on Feb. 28, 2018.
Contact: **Kevin Neldich**, Analyst, Office of Tribal Affairs
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TRIBAL STAR TRAINING

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Approximately 8000 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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Email: tlidot@mail.sdsu.edu

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA): WORKING WITH NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES AND TRIBES

ICWA: Working with Native American Families and Tribes is intended to provide social workers with foundational knowledge of the Indian Child Welfare Act and best practices.

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
*Note the pre-requisite to attend these trainings is a 60-90 minute eLearning on ICWA Introduction. For registration please contact:
Sunni Dominguez – sadominguez@sdsu.edu or call 619-594-6107.

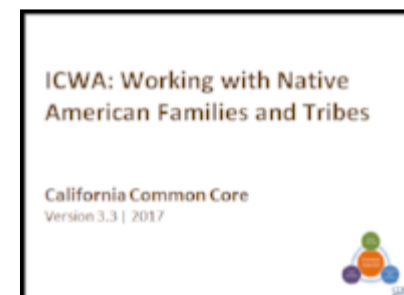
Next training:

March 1, 2018—Riverside
22690 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley

April 5, 2018—Riverside
22690 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley

May 16, 2018—San Diego
6505 Alvarado Road, San Diego

May 24, 2018—San Bernardino
3600 Lime Street, Suite 416, Riverside



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 training: TBA

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

T4T

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: **March 13-14-15, 2018**

The training will be from 8am – 5pm.
Working lunch provided.
Participants will need to complete the pre-requisite ICWA eLearning before March 13.
Preference is given to individuals who plan to train ICWA in 2018-2019, and county child welfare staff who serve as ICWA liaisons, coordinators, or specialists.

Location TBD.

For more information contact Sunni Dominguez sadominguez@sdsu.edu.

E-LEARNING

ICWA Bias, Media and Historical Context eLearning: This eLearning course will explore how media and propaganda have affected our perceptions resulting in a bias toward American Indians. During this course you will be asked to identify three events in American history related to American Indians – and what do these events have in common?

For more information contact Tom Lidot at tlidot@mail.sdsu.edu or call 619-594-3158.

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General information, pertinent articles and resources related to Native American Foster Youth can be sent to us at tstar@mail.sdsu.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the Tribal STAR eNewsletter. Whenever possible please make submissions 3 weeks prior to publication of the next newsletter. The next issue will be published the first week of April. All submissions will be reviewed and are published at the sole discretion of the Tribal STAR editorial staff.



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