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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

CILA has been given permission to forward the following notice sent by CNIGA to its members and a letter by the Redding Rancheria opposing the proposed BIA reorganization plan. The notice highlights the concerns CNIGA and the Redding Rancheria have with the proposed reorganization. BIA has been holding consultation meetings in California and written comments are due on AUGUST 15, 2018. We are encouraging all tribes to learn about the reorganization plan and submit comments to the BIA.

Sent to CNIGA Members:

As many of you are aware, the Department of Interior has proposed a major reorganization that would restructure current regional office boundaries and change the current processes under the guise of streamlining. One major proposed restructure would include splitting California into two regional offices. The reorganization could not only hinder the current relationships tribes have spent years cultivating with their regional offices but also further strain and jeopardize already diminished resources. Tribes nationwide have also expressed their major concerns regarding the proposed primary functions of the reorg, the on-the-ground implications of what interagency coordination would look like, the already existing lack of education amongst field reps, and whether or not the proposed reorg plan really effectuates and respects tribal sovereignty.

Several tribes have come out in opposition during the recent 2018 consultations for the DOI reorganization and, as Redding Rancheria states in their attached letter, John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, has said that silence on behalf of the tribes will constitute an acceptance of the proposed plan.

Because of this, Tribes are being called upon to send in comments to the BIA by the August 15th deadline in order to explicitly state their comments, suggestions, etc.

Please send all comments to consultations@bia.gov by August 15th, 2018. The next consultation session will be held on Tuesday, July 24th at the Morongo Tribal Council Chambers located at 12700 Pumarra Road in Banning, CA. All members are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully,
Dear Colleague:

We are currently collecting information about victim service providers to include in the Tribal Resource Tool, and we need your assistance.

Our team is working to identify any and all organizations that provide resources or support to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) crime victims living on and off tribal lands, Alaska Native villages, and in urban areas. If your organization provides services to help American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) survivors recover from crime and abuse, please submit your information to be listed in the Tribal Resource Tool by visiting our website at www.tribalresourcetool.org.

This web-based resource map and searchable database will:

- Connect AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse to resources
- Provide a listing of services available for AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse
- Help identify and address gaps in services

The Tribal Resource Tool is an innovative collaboration between the Office for Victims of Crime, the National Congress of American Indians, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and the National Center for Victims of Crime with the input and guidance of tribal stakeholders across the country.

Help us engage others in this important project by sharing information widely and asking providers to fill out our inclusion form.

For additional information about the project, to request materials to help promote the tool, or to share outreach events where the project team can present the tool, contact Kaylana Gates at kgates@victimsofcrime.org. Please find sample Facebook and Twitter posts below.

Sample Facebook post:
The Tribal Resource Tool needs your assistance! If your organization provides services to help American Indian and Alaska Native survivors recover from crime and abuse, submit your information to the Tribal Resource Tool by visiting our website: www.tribalresourcetool.org.

Sample Twitter post:
The Tribal Resource Tool is a web-based map and searchable database to connect American Indian and Alaska Native survivors of crime and abuse to resources. Find out how to get involved at victimsorcrime.org/docs/default-source/Tribal-Mapping/trt_flyer_print.pdf.

Institutional racism can cause lifelong trauma. How experts hope to help kids in need (Includes video)
Published: Sacramento Bee - July 25, 2018
Information: Serna said the unnamed initiative will inform people, like the county chief of probation and officials overseeing child welfare and public health services, about trauma-informed care.
Back to School Shoes & Backpack Drive!

Power help by donating backpacks, school supplies or gift cards for school stores. All donations received will be given to local Tribes with families who can use the extra help.

Needed:
- Backpacks for all grades 6-12 boys and girls
- School supplies such as pens/pencils/paper/hoodies etc.
- Gift cards for shoe stores (for new school clothes)

Volunteers:

Donations will be needed by August 31st. Please message me at 681-3 or email me for more info. Charlese Wansel Lawson@navajo reservation.

Any and all donations help, thank you!

15th Annual Community Celebration

- Sharing Best Practices for Collaboration & ICWA Implementation
- Honoring Champions
- Honoring History
- 2003 - 2018

Tribal STAR

Friday
September 21, 2018
San Diego, CA

RESEARCH AND RESOURCES

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

POLICY, LEGISLATION, LAW AND PROMISING PRACTICES

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

FUNDING

Current Grants and Funding

CULTURAL EVENTS, TRAINING, AND CONFERENCES

Current Cultural events, trainings and conferences

TRIBAL STAR TRAINING

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

Great Words From Great Americans

https://www.legendsofamerica.com/

A warrior who had more than he needed would
The man who would thank the food—some worthy old medicine man or warrior—said:

"...look to the old, they are worthy of old age; they have seen their days and proven themselves. With the help of the Great Spirit, they have attained a ripe old age. At this age the old can predict or give knowledge or wisdom, whatever it is; it is so. At the end is a cane. You and your family shall get to where the cane is."

~Black Elk. Oglala Lakota (1863 - 1950)

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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Washington, DC 20024
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Child and Family Services Reviews Aggregate Report
Round 3: FYs 2015–2016
Published: April 2018
Information: As noted above, this report summarizes findings from reviews conducted during FYs 2015 and 2016, the first 2 years of Round 3 of the CFSRs. The report presents findings from only 24 out of 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC, and thus should not be considered representative of all states. As more states complete their Round 3 CFSRs and additional analyses become possible, the data will yield a deeper understanding of the status of child welfare practice at the national level.

Change and Implementation in Practice
Published: 2018
Author: Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative
Information: Are you looking to address complex problems and challenges in your agency or system? The Change and Implementation in Practice series is a collection of research-informed and user-friendly resources that can help agencies achieve meaningful changes in child welfare practice and improve outcomes.

HUD Strong Families Initiative
Published: May 1, 2018
Author: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Federal Publication/Policy
Information: Responsible Fatherhood grantees include states, territories, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and public and nonprofit community groups (including religious organizations). The 44 most recently awarded RF grants, which are scheduled to run through FY2020, have included a new emphasis on key short- and long-term outcomes intended to enhance evaluation and strengthen program design. According to the Office of Family Assistance (in the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services), it is expected that the new RF grant-funded programs (and their evaluations) will increase the understanding of policymakers and others of what works and why.

Literature & Resource Review: Characteristics of Successful Foster, Adoptive and/or Kinship Caregivers of American Indian, Alaska Native, First Nations and Native Hawaiian (AIAN/FN/NH) Children and Suggested Training Themes for these Parents
Published: June 2018
Author: National Training and Development Curriculum For Foster and Adoptive Parents, Spaulding for Children
Information: This literature review was conducted to help identify characteristics of a successful foster, adoptive and/or kinship caregivers of AIAN/FN/NH youth as well as suggested training themes for these parents.

Mental Health Interventions for Children in Foster Care
Author: Children's Bureau Express
Journal: Spotlight on Mental Health and Children and Youth in Foster Care, Vol. 19, No. 6 July/August 2018
Information: Children placed in out-of-home care usually have suffered adverse childhood experiences or situations that can lead to high rates of mental health problems,... Researchers identified 10 interventions that fit the above criteria...
2018 Gen-I Native Youth Reception Speakers
Information: Each year, the Gen-I Native Youth Summer Networking Reception connects DC-based Native youth, ages 14-24, with other local indigenous youth and professionals. Here’s a list of this year’s featured speakers...

AdoptUsKids
Families for Native American children: Considerations when fostering or adopting

Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.
Information: This resource center houses publications, tools, and webinars to help states that are seeking to improve the oversight and monitoring of psychotropic medication use for children in foster care. These resources are a product of CHCS’ Psychotropic Medication Quality Improvement Collaborative, made possible by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a three-year collaborative that supported six states in assessing and improving the strength of their oversight and monitoring systems.

Children’s Bureau
Lists and links to new comprehensive Child Welfare information.

Free Walk-In Legal Clinics at Indian Health Councils in San Diego County
Published: March 9, 2018
Author: Nicole Scott
Information: CILS offers two free walk-in legal clinics from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Indian Health Council on the Rincon Indian Reservation and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Southern Indian Health Council in Alpine.
Read More...

Dads Rock! Engagement Toolkit
Published: 2018
National Child Abuse and Neglect Technical Assistance and Strategic Dissemination Center (CANTASD)
Information: We designed this toolkit for professionals working to establish healthy relationships with fathers to improve service and/or program engagement. It includes a full complement of tools to help you use this film in your work.

First Nations Development Institute
Information: Provides support to strengthen American Indian economies for healthy Native communities.

The Dark U.S. Legacy Of Ripping Children From Their Families
Author: Sarah van Gelder
Published: 2018
Information: A new film tells the story of Native American families forcibly separated.

Traveling with a Medical Condition
Author: InsuranceWith
Published: 2018
Information: The article advises regarding traveling with medication, with a disability that affects movement, and with regards to traveling with a medical condition that needs to be monitored.

Published: July 2018
Author: Children’s Bureau Express
Information: This factsheet is designed to explain child welfare work and how law enforcement professionals (police officers, crime scene investigators, detectives, etc.) can forge a mutually beneficial relationship with child welfare managers and caseworkers to keep children, families, and communities safe. The factsheet looks at best practices for collaboration, the importance of information-sharing and cross-training, and various State examples. It also includes a list of relevant resources.

POLICY, LEGISLATION AND LAW
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2017 Annual Report
Published: 2018
Author: California Indian Legal Services (CILS)
Information: CILS celebrates 50 years. A historical review is included in their
Ad Hoc committee to look in to Humboldt County’s agreement with Red Deer Consulting
Published: July 24, 2018
Information: The group has been working on behalf of DHHS Child Welfare Services, providing tribally specific cultural advising and mentoring services to children and youth. Tribal leaders have reached out to both First District Supervisor Rex Bohn and Sundberg, asking them not to renew the contract. For his part, Supervisor Bohn said he received comments from Bear River and Trinidad Rancheria on the topic.

CILS ENewsletter
Published: June 2018
Author: CILS
Information: Tribal Issues, AB 924, and employment changes.

CILS Conducts Statewide Tribal Legal Needs Assessment
Published: June 6, 2018
Author: Nicole Scott
Information: Mark Romero, Chairman of the CILS Board of Trustees and former Chair of the Mesa Grande Band of Indians, and Nicole Scott, CILS Director of Marketing and Development are visiting tribes throughout California to talk about their current legal issues.

If you don’t know treaties and sovereignty, you don’t know history
Published: 2018
Journal: Indian Country Today
Author: Suzan Shown Harjo, Cheyenne & Hodulgee Muscogee
Also wrote: Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations
Information: Historical account of treaties and their importance for tribes today.

Promoting Permanency for Teens: A 50 State Review of Law and Policy
Published: 2018
Author(s): Johnson, Anna; Speigelman, Richard; Mauldon, Jane; Grimm, Bill; Perry, Miranda.
Information: This report explores the diversity of State policies and practices for teens in foster care in two potentially competing areas: teens’ need for a permanent connection to a family (either their birth family, or an adoptive or guardian family), and teens’ developmental and practical needs in transitioning to legal adulthood, independence, and self-sufficiency. It summarizes State policies that promote teen permanency and identifies barriers that hinder the permanent connection of teens through reunification, adoption, or guardianship.

Judicial Update

California Tribal Court-State Court Forum
Published: Monthly 2018
Information: Forum E-Update from the Judicial Council of California regarding current research, conferences and funding opportunities.

Promising Practices

Extracurricular Activity Participation And Educational Outcomes Among Older Youth Transitioning From Foster Care
Published: 2018
Author(s): White, Tony; Scott, Lionel D; Munson, Michelle R.
Journal Name: Children and Youth Services Review v. 85, January 2018, p. 1-8
Information: This study examined factors associated with extracurricular participation and whether participation in extracurricular activities is associated with completing high school and attending college among a sample of older youth transitioning from foster care (n = 312)…results suggest that efforts that make extracurricular participation a normative aspect of the developmental experience of foster youth are important for their educational well-being.

Parent Perspectives On Adoption Preparation: Findings From The Modern Adoptive Families Project
Published: 2018
Author(s): Lee, Bethany R; Kobulsky, Julia M; Brodziinsky, David; Barth, Richard P.
Journal Name: Children and Youth Services Review v. 85, January 2018, p. 63-71
Information: Preparing prospective adoptive parents for receiving a child into their family is an important task for child and family professionals. This study uses data from the recent Modern Adoptive Families survey to understand parent perspectives on their preparation for adoption…Implications of these findings include the need for adoption mental health competent training for adoption professionals to better support families preparing for or experiencing adoption.
CURRENT GRANTS AND FUNDING

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California Tribal Court-State Court Forum
Published: Monthly 2018
Information: Forum E-Update from the Judicial Council of California regarding current research, conferences and funding opportunities
PDF

Native American Health Center
Position: Behavioral Health Clinician II, LCSW Youth & Family, SBHC
Req Code: 89
Site: School Base Health Centers

William T. Grant Foundation Seeks Applications for Inequality Research
Deadline: August 1, 2018
Information: This grants program supports research on reducing inequality or improving the use of research evidence.

OVC FY 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program
Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime
Deadline: August 6, 2018
Information: Under the solicitation, OVC will award eligible tribes, tribal consortia, and tribal designees grants to support a wide-range of services for victims of crime.

Disability Communications Fund
Deadline: August 10, 2018 (Letters of Intent)
Information: DCF awards grants to community-based nonprofit or educational organizations in California which establish projects and programs designed to benefit the communication needs of Californians with disabilities of all ages.

Tribal Management Grant Program Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service
Deadline: August 17, 2018
Information: The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant announcement is to announce the availability of the Tribal Management Grant (TMG) Program to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations (ITOs) in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services and activities (PFSA) through a Title I contract and assist established Title I contractors and Title V compactors to further develop and improve management capability.

Native American Independent Living Demonstration Project Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living
Deadline: August 24, 2018
Information: As a capacity-building strategy, ILA proposes that the Native American Independent Living Demonstration Project will support Native American Independent Living (ILA) Specialists who have similar responsibilities to the non-Native American IL Specialist counterpart in the center for independent living, but with a focus in Indian Country.

Native Arts Initiative
Deadline: August 30, 2018
Information: Selected Native-controlled nonprofit organizations and tribal government programs must have existing program initiatives in place supporting Native artists and the field of traditional Native arts as well as a demonstrated commitment to increasing the intergenerational transfer of knowledge of traditional Native artistic practices and perpetuation and proliferation of traditional Native arts.

Tribal College Research Area of Expertise Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Deadline: August 30, 2018
Information: The Tribal College Research Area of Expertise (TCRAE) for fiscal year (FY) 2018 to assist 1994 Land-Grant Institutions in building research capacity through competitive funding of applied projects that address student educational needs and solve community, reservation or regional problems consistent with the 1994 Research Grants (Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994) (Public Law 103–382; 7 U.S.C. 301 note).

Herk Block Foundation
Deadline: October 4, 2018 (Letters of Inquiry)
Information: This program, Defending Basic Freedoms, helps safeguard the basic freedoms guaranteed in our Bill of Rights, to help eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and to assist government agencies to be more accountable to the public.

Herk Block Foundation
Deadline: February 5, 2019 (Letters of Inquiry)
Information: This program, Pathways out of Poverty, will focus on helping needy young people and adults gain a quality education.

Aiden’s Red Envelope Foundation Supports Families of Children With Special Needs
families that have children with disabilities for special equipment, therapy, summer camps, or treatments.

Craft Emergency Relief Fund Accepting Applications From Craftpeople In Need
Deadline: Open
Information: Grants and loans of up to $8,000 will be awarded to professional craftpeople experiencing career-threatening illness, accident, fire, theft, or natural disaster.

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.

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).

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.

Partnership With Native Americans
PWNA serves Native Americans through eight distinct [funding] programs.

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.

The Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program
Deadline: Open
Information: The grant program enables our company to provide financial support to communities in one or more of our strategic areas of giving: Community Safety and Vitality, Education with a focus on STEM, Environmental Sustainability.

Grants.gov Calendar

Native American Scholarship Resources:
American Indian Graduate Center
CollegeScholarships.Org
The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

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CULTURAL EVENTS, TRAINING & CONFERENCES

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

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2018 Gatherings, Powwows, and Peon Tournaments
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August

August 3 - 5, 2018
Rocky Boy’s 54th Annual Celebration
Chippewa Cree Tribe
Rocky Boy, MT

August 5 - 10, 2018
Pact Family Camp East
August 6, 2018
Positive Youth Development: The Intersection Between Theory and Practice Workshop
Rockhurst University
Kansas City, Missouri

August 7-10, 2018
North American Council on Adoptable Children 44th Annual Conference
North American Council on Adoptable Children
Saint Paul, MN

August 11, 2018
10th Annual Colorado Springs Native American Intertribal Powwow
Norris-Puvrose Event Center
Colorado Springs, CO

August 13-16, 2018
30th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference
Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center and Dallas Police Department
Dallas, TX

August 24-26, 2018
Pala Powwow
Pala, CA

August 25-26, 2018
Suscol Intertribal Council Powwow
Yountville Veterans Home
Yountville, CA

August 25-26, 2018
Santa Rosa Days Pow Wow and Gathering
Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino Outdoor Pavilion
Lemoore, CA

August 27-30, 2018
NITA’s 20th Anniversary - National Intertribal Tax Alliance
Kalispel Tribe - Northern Quest Resort & Casino
Airway Heights, WA

August 28-29, 2018
2018 Native American Languages Summit; Honoring the Gift of Native American Languages
Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center
Oklahoma City, OK

August 31 – September 2, 2018
47th Annual Barona Powwow
Barona Sports Park
Lakeside, CA

August 31 – September 2, 2018
37th Annual Stockton Labor Day Pow Wow
Wendell Phillips Center
Stockton, CA

September

September 5-6, 2018
Tribal Self-Governance Strategy Session
Mohican Sun Resort
Uncasville, CT

September 10-12, 2018
Sacred Sites: NAGPRA & Cultural Monitoring
Opioid & Substance Abuse in Indian Country
Reno, NV

September 11-12, 2018
NCAI Impact Days
Washington, DC

September 15, 2018
Native American Trade Feast celebrating the Museum’s 51st year
Miwok Park
2200 Novato Blvd.
Novato, CA 94947

September 17-20, 2018
National Transportation in Indian Country Conference
Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
Duluth, Minnesota

September 17-20, 2018
20th Anniversary American Indian Tourism Conference
Isleta Resort Casino
Isleta, NM

September 18-20, 2018

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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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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:
Suni Dominguez – sadominguez@SDSU.edu or call 619-594-6107.

Next training:

August 9, 2018 ~Riverside
PCTWA Riverside Training Center
3600 Lime Street, Suite 416
Riverside

August 16, 2018 ~San Diego
Academy for Professional Excellence
6367 Alvarado Ct., Room 103
San Diego

August 23, 2018 ~San Bernardino
PCTWA Riverside Training Center
3600 Lime Street, Suite 416
Riverside

September 6, 2018 ~San Bernardino
PCTWA Riverside Training Center
3600 Lime Street, Suite 416
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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.

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 focuses 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 20 - 22, 2019

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 Sunnii Dominguez sadominguez@sdsu.edu.
I C W A  B i a s ,  M e d i a  a n d  H i s t o r i c a l  C o n t e x t  e L e a r n i n g

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:

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NEXT ISSUE

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 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 September. All submissions will be reviewed and are published at the sole discretion of the Tribal STAR editorial staff.

For current news, thoughts and events follow us on Twitter #TribalSTARNews

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