Greetings from the Tribal STAR family! Welcome to the new Tribal STAR Drumbeats e-newsletter, where you will find updates from the Tribal STAR team, collaborative partners and other information we hope will help you to better serve Native youth and families.

The tribal community is no stranger to change and this year has proven to be no different. We said goodbye to Tribal STAR co-founder Tom Lidot, welcomed LaPrincess Greene to the team, Sunni Dominguez and I assumed new responsibilities and we welcomed new collaborative partners. The Academy also saw changes with the addition of new staff and a refresh of the Academy branding in support of our mission to provide workforce development and learning experiences that transform the heart, mind and practice. We look forward to more change in the new year, but most importantly we look forward to fulfilling our commitment to our community and other stakeholders in providing innovative training and technical assistance, and continued collaboration with the many people and organizations dedicated to improving outcomes for Native youth and families.

We couldn’t do our work without the guidance and support of our community and collaborative partners. Thank you for all you do and for being a part of the Tribal STAR family. From everyone at Tribal STAR and the Academy for Professional Excellence, we wish you all the blessings of health, love, and joy this holiday season and throughout the year.

Kim Mettler, Program Coordinator
Information: Statement from the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), and the Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) regarding the United States Department of Justice's decision to defend the Indian Child Welfare Act.

California Children's Justice Act Task Force
Tribal Services Needs Assessment Report
Published: OCTOBER 2018
Information: The Tribal Services Needs Assessment Report has just been approved for public use with results appropriately cited.

Tribal Star Training

The trainings provide up-to-date, research-based information in a variety of areas for those that work with Tribal foster youth and their communities.

Tribal Star Trainings

Partner News

INDIAN HEALTH COUNSEL, INC.
FALL NEWSLETTER

Tribal Star Resource Gateway

Here are some resource links you can use in your practice:

• CAREGIVER & PROVIDER RESOURCES
• CULTURAL EVENTS, CONFERENCES & TRAINING
• PROMISING PRACTICES
• LAW & POLICY
• CURRENT GRANTS & FUNDING
• RESEARCH, DATA & STATISTICS

May the Warm Winds of Heaven
Blow softly upon your house.
May the Great Spirit
Bless all who enter there.
May your Moccasins
Make happy tracks
In many snows,
and may the Rainbow
Always touch your shoulder

~ Cherokee Prayer Blessing

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

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