

Tribal STAR Drumbeats Newsletter

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Connection, Culture, Collaboration

Happy New Year! Tribal STAR is back after enjoying our annual holiday break. We enjoyed our time with family and friends, celebrating and reflecting on 2018. We begin 2019 with a renewed commitment to supporting improved outcomes for Native youth through training and technical assistance. We also will offer new curriculum and training opportunities. Collaboration will be among our highest priorities, and we will recommit to our long term partnerships as well as create new ones. Our biggest strength, and the foundation for all of the work we do, remains our cultural values and connections to community. Individually we are great advocates for our youth, but together we can move mountains for them. We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Kim Mettler, Program Coordinator



7th Generation Workgroup Meeting

Congratulations to Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians on their new government center. We appreciate their generosity in welcoming Tribal STAR and the 7th Generation Workgroup; and providing us the space to hold our first meeting of 2019. Thank you to Karan Kolb, Director of Social Services at Indian Health Council and Rincon for co-hosting our meeting on January 17, 2019 from 10am – 1pm (PST) at Indian Health Council, [50100 Golsh Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082](#),

Due Date for Brackeen et al. v. Zinke Amicus Brief

December 17, 2018.

To All Tribal Leaders: The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has just issued the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals briefing schedule. The United States' and tribal defendants' Opening Brief and all supporting (amicus) briefs are due on January 14, 2019. NARF's deadline for signing on to the amicus brief will be end-of-day Thursday, January 10, 2019.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA), the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) need your help as signatories to an amicus brief in support of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) that will be filed with the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

It was determined that the ICWA was unconstitutional and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs' ICWA Regulations implementing the ICWA were invalid. The defendants in the case are the Department of Interior and four intervening tribes: the Cherokee Nation, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Oneida Nation, and Quinault Indian Nation.

The court's decision pending an appeal of the case on its merits. A "stay" prevents the district court's ruling from taking effect in Texas, Louisiana and Indiana, the named plaintiff states in the case.

NCAI, NARF, AAIA, and NICWA are preparing an amicus brief and are seeking support from all tribal nations, inter-tribal organizations, and ICWA organizations by giving their approval to be a signatory on the brief. An "amicus" brief, also known as a "friend of the court brief," is filed by non-parties to educate the court on their concerns and the serious impacts the court's decision will have on them and their interests.

The tribal defendants filed their Notice of Appeal on November 25th, and the U.S. filed its Notice on December 3rd. The court has set a briefing schedule for the tribal defendants with their Opening Brief due December 31st which would make the amicus brief due January 7th. However, this schedule will most likely be modified since the filing of U.S.'s Notice of Appeal. The drafters of the amicus brief are hoping to have a draft ready for circulation by December 17th (tentatively). NARF will share with interested tribal nations and organizations a draft brief when it is ready and will keep them informed of all upcoming deadlines.

*Joining the Amicus Brief: No formal resolution or letter from the Tribe is necessary unless the Tribe's policies require that. All that is needed is:

(1) An email with a statement from an authorized individual (chairman, president, attorney general, etc.) or body (council, executive, etc.) asking NARF to add the Tribe as a signatory on the brief; and

*(2) The full and correct spelling of the Tribe's name, as it should appear

If you have additional questions, please contact Dan Lewerenz at lewerenz@narf.org, Dorothy Alther at dalther@calindian.org or 760-746-8941, or any CILS office for more information.





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

Palomar Health Foundation

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Stewards of Children®

Learn how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

WHAT:

- Stewards of Children®: Darkness to Light Child Abuse Prevention Seminar
- Led by a Forensic Health Services professional expert in the field of child abuse

WHO:

- Caregivers
- Educators
- Group leaders that work with children are especially encouraged to attend or send one person

WHY:

- Because children are so reluctant to come forward, the majority of child abuse cases go undetected
- In an effort to educate adults who work with children, we want to offer the evidence based program called Stewards of Children®

REGISTRATION:

To register, or for more information, contact:
Kimberly.Cardoso@PalomarHealth.org or 760.739.2787

Date: Friday, January 25

Time: 9 - 11 a.m.

Place: Pinon Government Center
One Government Center Lane
Valley Center, CA 92082

Cost: FREE!

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[Sycuan Tribal Members Elect New tribal Council](#)

December 11, 2018

The Sycuan General Council elected their new Tribal Council. Officers and Council Members will assume office on January 2, 2019, for four year terms.



Tribal Star Resource Gateway

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

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When you know who you are
When your mission is clear
and you burn with the inner fire
of unbreakable will
No cold can touch your heart
No deluge can dampen your purpose
You know that you are alive

~ Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)

When you know...

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



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