

Tribal STAR Drumbeats Newsletter

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Connection, Culture, Collaboration

Dosha!

January was a busy month for Tribal STAR. Our post-holiday quiet time let us catch up on paperwork and finish scheduling our ICWA trainings for the fiscal year. We also had our first Seventh Generation Workgroup Meeting of 2019, graciously hosted by Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians in their beautiful brand new tribal government building. We always appreciate the opportunity to come together with everyone in this collaborative, and to be a part of the ongoing efforts by county agencies and tribal and community organizations to support our youth. We also mourned the passing of Karen Vigneault, a member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel and an expert geneologist and a prominent LGBTQ activist.

Tribal STAR, with the help of its collaborative partners, remains committed in its effort to connect youth, families caregivers, and child welfare professionals with support and services resources. This month, our resource is for foster youth who have concerns about a placement, who need additional support or have other questions and concerns : [Foster & Adoptive Resource Family Services KIDSLine](#): (877) 792-KIDS (5437) for assistance. If you have a resource that you would like us to share, please contact [LaPrincess Greene](#) at Tribal STAR.

Wishing you a February filled with love and blessings.

Kim Mettler, Program Coordinator



Remembering Karen Vigneault



The Tribal STAR family is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Karen Vigneault, member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel. Karen was a prominent LGBTQ activist and educated people about Kumeyaay culture and traditions, especially those relating to the role of two-spirit people within the community. Karen was also an expert genealogist who extensively researched ancestral histories and connected people with their families, tribes and culture. Helping people connect with their Native heritage was something Karen took pride in, and frequently provided her services for little to no cost. In 2008 she

was inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame. Karen's smile, laugh, and no-nonsense demeanor brought love and friendship to many. She will be greatly missed. We extend our sincerest condolences to her loved ones.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/long-lost-native-american-sisters-reunite-for-a-joyous-thanksgiving/4667964.html>

Joint Press Release from National Native Organizations on the Overwhelming Support for the Indian Child Welfare Act

(Portland, Ore., January 18, 2019)—On Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 325 tribal nations, 57 Native organizations, 21 states, 31 child welfare organizations, Indian and constitutional law scholars, and seven members of Congress joined the United States and four intervenor tribes in filing briefs to urge the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), the long-standing federal law protecting the well-being of Native children by upholding family integrity and stability...

[Read More NICWA](#)

National Native Organizations Unite and Urge the President and Congress to Re-Open the Government

(Portland, Ore., January 10, 2019)—On the 20th day of the government shutdown, eight national Native organizations are jointly urging the President and Congress to immediately end the partial government shutdown, which breaks the treaty and trust obligations the federal government owes to tribal nations.

[Read More NICWA](#)

## The United States Department of Justice and Department of Agriculture

Greetings Colleagues,

The United States Department of Justice and Department of Agriculture hosted the first Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Summit in Des Moines, Iowa, on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. The Summit brought together elder justice professionals from across the country with the purpose of supporting efforts to combat elder abuse and financial exploitation in rural and tribal communities.

We encourage you to review the issued [press release](#) and the brand new [Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide](#) and for you to disseminate this information through your networks.

Thank you for all that you do. Have a wonderful Friday!

Sincerely,  
The [NCEA](#) Team



## 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.

### Upcoming Trainings

#### February 21, 2019: Orange County

Orange County TCD  
[1928 South Grand Avenue](#)  
Room A110  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
8:00am-5:00pm

#### February 28, 2019: San Diego

Academy for Professional Excellence  
[6367 Alvarado Court, Room 105](#)  
San Diego, CA 92120  
8:00am-5:00pm

#### March 7, 2019: San Bernardino

County of San Bernardino DCFS  
[1094 South E Street](#)  
Conference Room A  
San Bernardino, CA  
8:00am-5:00pm

#### March 20,21,22, 2019: San Diego T4T

Casey Family Program  
[3878 Old Town Ave](#)  
San Diego, CA 92110  
8:00am – 5:00pm

For more information contact LaPrincess Greene, [Ingreene@sdsu.edu](mailto:Ingreene@sdsu.edu).



## Tribal STAR Partner News

### CalSWEC

**SERVE: Indigenous Community Social Workers for Change (formerly the American Indian Recruitment Program)** supports the **Title IV-E schools of social work** in CalSWEC's consortium. Its goal is to support the Title IV-E graduate and undergraduate social work programs currently operating within the CalSWEC consortium by assisting with capacity and relationship building with Tribal entities and organizations within each region. Eligible American Indian students can receive financial support as full- or part-time social work students with an emphasis on children and families in the **SDSU Title IV-E Stipend Program**.

### County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency

The **Quality Parenting Initiative**, a strategy of the Youth Law Center, is an approach to strengthening foster care, refocusing on excellent parenting for all children in the child welfare system. Please see below for our quarterly meetings as well as local meetings in North County.

Norma Rincon, Deputy Director, **Child Welfare Services**  
Margo Fudge, **Foster & Adoptive Resource Family Services**  
**County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency**

#### 2019 STEERING COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

April 17, 2019  
July 17, 2019  
October 16, 2019  
Time: 10:00am-Noon  
Location: [8911 Balboa Ave.](#), Magnolia Room

San Diego, Ca. 92123  
Contact Margo Fudge at 858-650-5778 with any questions.

**NORTH COASTAL | NORTH INLAND**

Ambassadors: Agency staff: Martha Mackenzie 760-754-3429  
Resource Parent: Patty Boles 760-643-8373 & Martha Tavares: 760-703-6124

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Location: [851 W. San Marcos Blvd.](#)  
San Marcos, CA 92078

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## Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.

**Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.** is hiring a Social Worker for their Indian Social Services department.



## 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](#)



Live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.

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When your time comes to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with 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 a different way.

Sing your death song, and die like a hero going home.

- Tecumseh, Shawnee (1768-1813)

[Live your life...](#)

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### CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEXT ISSUE

General information, pertinent articles and resources related to Native American Foster Youth can be sent to us at [tstar@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto: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 March. All submissions will be reviewed and are published at the sole discretion of the Tribal STAR editorial staff.



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