Greetings from Tribal STAR! Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter.

Now that Spring is officially here, we look forward to celebrating our young people and their educational accomplishments (and sending a few off to college!) and getting ready for all of our upcoming community events, gatherings and pow wows.

In April, we enjoyed a full house at the quarterly Seventh Generation Workgroup, which was graciously hosted by Riverside County Child Welfare Services and Pechanga Child and Family Services. It is always nice to visit our tribal communities and work together to benefit our children and families.

We invite you to visit our training schedule page to get the current schedule for ICWA trainings. We also invite supervisors and tribal social workers to join us to pilot our new ICWA curriculum, Let the Spirit Lead: Working with Native American Families and Tribes—ICWA for Supervisors. Your participation and feedback is greatly valued, and we look to you to help us create the best possible training. Please note that the dates have changed! Our first pilot will be in Riverside at the Academy for Professional Excellence facility on June 27, 2019. The second pilot will be held in San Diego at the Academy for Professional Excellence on July 25, 2019. We have only 36 slots available for each training, so please register early!

As always, we wish you a good month and hope to see you soon. Happy Spring!

Kim

Kim Mettler, Program Coordinator

Resource home serving Native foster youth opening in El Cajon
In the effort to serve Native Foster Youth Ileihno Bopachemihn, Inc. is seeking Resource parents to live in the resource home. Click for further information

Exclusive Southern California screening of "Blood Memory" documentary at Pala ICWA conference
Battles over blood quantum and 'best interests' resurface the untold history of America's Indian Adoption Era. Click for Official Trailer of Blood Memory

The best interest of Indian children-ICWA
ICWA provides the best interest standard for Indian children that exceeds state standards and contains a more directed and focused examination of what is in the Indian child's best interest, both short and long term, which will result in addressing immediate needs as well as facilitate development of healthy children into adulthood. Click for further information

Native justice: How tribal values shape Judge Abby's court
Judge Abinanti sees a straight line from Indian assimilation boarding schools 50 years ago to not just truancy, but illiteracy and low graduation rates today. Click for further information

AB 686- Access to courts for Native American tribes
Hearing attendance will increase for Native families due to alternative methods used to appear in ICWA cases. Click for further information

Senate Bill pushes the Feds to focus on Violence Against Native Women
The Not Invisible Act would help establish an overarching federal strategy for addressing the skyrocketing rates of violence targeted at indigenous people. Click for further 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.

May 9, 2019: Orange County
Santa Ana Regional Center
1928 S Grand Ave #A
Santa Ana, CA 92705
ICWA: Working with Native American Families and Tribes
8:00am-5:00pm

May 16, 2019: San Diego County
Academy for Professional Excellence
6505 Alvarado Rd.
Training Room 105
San Diego, CA 92120
ICWA: Working with Native American Families and Tribes
8:00am-5:00pm

June 13, 2019 Riverside County
Academy for Professional Excellence
3600 Lime Street, Suite 416
Riverside, CA 92501
ICWA: Working with Native American Families and Tribes
8:00am-5:00pm

June 27, 2019 Riverside County
Academy for Professional Excellence
3600 Lime St, Suite 416
Riverside, CA 92501
Regional Pilot Curriculum
8:00am-5:00pm

July 25, 2019 San Diego County
(May 30, 2019 Cancelled)
Academy For Professional Excellence
6505 Alvarado Rd Suite #107
San Diego, CA 92120
Regional Pilot Curriculum
8:00am-5:00pm

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Tribal STAR
Partner News

Pala Band of Mission Indians--ICWA Conference
Click image for registration information

Protecting Native American Religious Rights and Ancient Customs
Native rituals and values can powerfully promote rehabilitation...provide relief to Natives against the forced socialization and assimilation. Click for further information

POPS offers court recognized "in person" classes in the following areas:

* Parenting
* Co-parenting/High Conflict
* Anger Management
* Domestic Violence Prevention
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**

We are all one child spinning through Mother Sky.

- Shawnee

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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 June. 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 at #TribalSTARNews

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