Connection, Culture, Collaboration

Welcome to our June e-Newsletter!

Tribal STAR and our collaborative partners have all been busy sowing seeds, whether creating new curriculum, building new relationships or planning trainings and events. Here in Southern California, where we have experienced more rain than usual, we are also enjoying the beautiful wildflowers, flowering trees and the butterflies they attract. Later this month, we will welcome Summer, the longest (and brightest!) day of the year. Summer is the time for us to soak up the Light and warmth of the long sunny days, and to cultivate and enjoy the abundance and gifts of all we have created so far.

Did you know that Tribal STAR does more than provide Core 3.0 ICWA training? Tribal STAR, since its beginning in 2003, has been innovative in creating trainings that transform peoples’ hearts and minds, and support social workers in creating positive outcomes for Native youth and families. In addition to ICWA as a part of Core 3.0, we offer The Summit, ICWA for Supervisors, The Other Side of ICWA and The Gathering. We provide technical assistance to Southern California counties and specialize in assisting with protocols for learning and engagement. We also co-host the Seventh Generation Workgroup, a collaborative comprised of county and tribal social service agencies, educational partners and other service providers working to improve outcomes for Native families and children. If your agency needs support or training on ICWA or learning and engagement with tribes, contact us! We would be happy to work with you.

Summer is also a celebration time! Many of our families will be on the road to powwows and participating in local community cultural gatherings. Check out this link http://newsfromnativecalifornia.com/events/ for a calendar of events. Some of these events are not open to the general public, so if you are not sure, contact the host tribe to inquire. Enjoy the gift of culture, but be respectful and observe appropriate protocols.

Thank you all for your continued collaboration and support. Happy Summer Solstice!

Kim

ICWA for Supervisors

Child Welfare Supervisors, please join us for this new dynamic training addressing ICWA’s application in the field. RSVP to LaPrincess Greene, Administrative Assistant, (619) 594-3126, lngreene@sdsu.edu

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Youth share stories of trauma and resilience at 570-mile "Healing Journey" Kick off

In the effort to bring awareness and healing to future generations Alaskan non-profit My Grandma’s House is working toward influencing change in Indian Country, starting with the most sacred, our children.

Who Can Adopt a Native American Child? A Texas Couple vs. 573 Tribes

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The Brackeens are challenging a federal law governing Native American children in state foster care: It requires that priority to adopt them be given to Native families, to reinforce the children’s tribal identity.

Canadian Inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women details race-based genocide

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Ultimately, and despite different circumstances and backgrounds, what connects all these deaths is colonial violence, racism, and oppression,” says the report.

Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents

Jerry Milner, Associate Commissioner, Children’s Bureau

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The Children’s Bureau encourages Parents and Foster Parents with real life stories.

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

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

July 25, 2019 Regional
ICWA for Supervisors Academy For Professional Excellence
6367 Alvarado Ct. Room 105
San Diego, CA 92120
8:00am-5:00pm

For more information contact LaPrincess Greene, lngreene@sdsu.edu.

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Tribal STAR Partner News

Pala Band of Mission Indians--ICWA Conference
Join us for the 26th Annual State ICWA Conference!
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Casey Family Programs
Life of Hope
Life of Hope award presented to recognize an enduring commitment to ensuring the safety and success of children, families and the communities where they live. Click for further information

San Bernardino County and Morongo will be hosting a viewing of the film “Dawnland”
Bring your families for a viewing on cultures that allows for conversation.
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Intertribal Court of Southern California
NICWA
Child and Family Policy Update
Proposes to Eliminate over 90% of Native Children’s Data Elements in AFCARS; Seeking Public Comments. Click for further information

The hawk swoops down on its prey, so does the Indian. In his lament he is like an animal. For instance, the coyote is sly, so is the Indian. The eagle is the same. That is why the Indian is always feathered up, he is a relative to the wings of the air.

~ Black Elk, Oglala Lakota Sioux (1863-1950)

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