

NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN TRAINING FORUM

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About NACTF

Since 2012, NIJC has received funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to conduct the Native American Children Training Forum (NACTF).

The purpose of the project is to address the unmet training needs of California tribes and tribal service providers who assist Native American children who are victims of or at risk for child abuse and/or neglect.

Project Sites

Eighteen (18) tribes and community-based organizations participate in NACTF. These sites have received technical assistance to improve their capacity to engage in and/or provide ICWA related distance learning, professional networking and client support services.

To view our NACTF Project Sites, [click here](#).

Trainings & Online Classroom

The trainings and courses offered online are designed for tribal social workers, child welfare workers, social workers, children's services providers, youth advocates, department of justice professionals, law enforcement professionals, elected Tribal officials, Tribal leaders, and all tribal staff or community partners who represent tribal interests in serving Native American children who have been abused/neglected or are at risk.

Visit our NACTF webpage to learn more about the online courses we offer.

[Register Today!](#)

Upcoming Trainings & Surveys

- ◆ We currently have 8 NACTF online training courses available for free. [Register today!](#)
- ◆ 3 Blended Training Sessions in CA, see page 2.
- ◆ 1st NACTF Guidance Webinar with all 18 Project Sites is scheduled on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 3-4PM.
- ◆ New NACTF Frequently Asked Questions Page and NACTF Project Evaluation Survey



<http://www.nijc.org/NACTF.html>

NACTF Regional Trainings

Three blended trainings (on-site and online) in California. For more information on our regional trainings & registration, please visit us at: http://www.nijc.org/NACTF_it-and-training.html



NACTF Guidance Webinar

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 3:00-4:00PM

Goals

- To provide sites with developed training curricula to meet the needs of Native American children who are victims of child abuse and/or neglect or at-risk of abuse and neglect
- To provide distance learning opportunities for project sites to reach and educate a greater number of Tribal members including the Tribal Council.
- To provide training events and accessibility of training sessions to tribal child welfare personnel.
- To encourage sites to use the regional hub sites for remote training, web conferencing, a local classroom environment and workgroup meetings, which accommodates and enhances the distance learning experience.
- To encourage communication between sites and NIJC



NACTF Project Frequently Asked Questions

A Frequently Asked Questions page on the NACTF project has been created. To view please, go to the webpage: http://www.nijc.org/NACTF_regional-hub-sites.html



Message to Project Sites

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide NACTF project sites with new updates about ICWA related issues, trainings, availability of new courses and resources.

A friendly reminder, please contact me if your site will be continuing its participation in the NACTF project.

Also, I will be sending out an evaluation survey link soon. NIJC and NPC Research are conducting an evaluation for CalOES and CJA Task Force (see page 3 for more information).

Thank you!

Very Respectfully,
Christy Garcia

NACTF Project Specialist

Quotes from Participants

“My concern for our Indian children is shared across the world and from all walks of life.”

“This training made me feel as if I could do this without the grant writer, if I had to.”

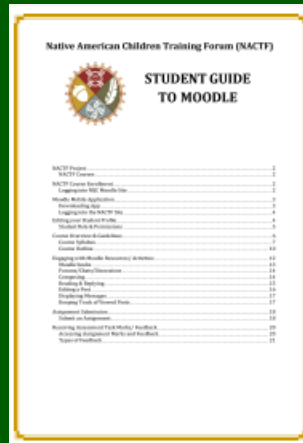
NACTF Student Guide to Moodle

NACTF online training courses are specific to California and federal rules governing the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

To view our NACTF Student Guide to Moodle, please register for a free online course ([click here](#)).

Courses include:

- Tribal STAR: ICWA
- ICWA 101
- ICWA Qualified Expert Witness
- Computer Literacy
- Active Efforts
- Mandatory Reporting
- Courtroom Decorum
- NICWA Positive Indian Parenting



NIJC & NPC Research Evaluation Survey

The National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) and NPC Research are conducting this survey for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the California Children's Justice Act Task Force (CJA) to assess the needs of the Indian child welfare (ICW) system in California. Your perspective will help us gain a better understanding of what is going well and what challenges the ICW system is facing. Your feedback will help CalOES and the CJA Task Force determine funding priorities and provide needed resources for California Tribes and Tribal organizations.

To complete the survey, please click on the following link: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4444724/California-Indian-Child-Welfare-Needs-Assessment>. Please respond by July 31st. Thank you so much for sharing your experience with us. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact **Juliette Mackin** at 503-243-2436 x114 or mackin@npcresearch.com.

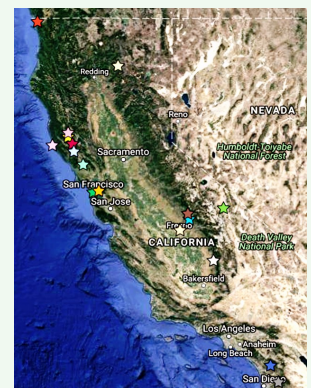


RESOURCES

- [National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative](#)
- [United National Indian Tribal Youth](#)
- [Food for Thought, Eating Your Way to Mental Health](#)
- [Addressing Human Trafficking in Native Communities](#)
- [Cultural Awareness When Working in Indian Country Post Disaster: Tips for Disaster Responders](#)

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NACTF Online Resources

The NACTF Online Resource Library contains training manuals, books, videos and other media you can download or peruse online.

Please follow the link to access training and technical assistance resources.

http://www.nijc.org/datasheets/calema_icwa_resourceslist.php

For questions or if you would like to add resources to the page, please contact Christy Garcia at christyg@nijc.org



Funding Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services-Administration for Children & Families
Basic Center Program

Deadline to apply is July 5, 2018

For more information go to:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=298176>

Department of Health and Human Services-Administration for Children and Families
Strengthening Child Welfare Systems to Achieve Expected Child and Family Outcomes

Deadline to apply is July 18, 2018

For more information go to:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=298470>

Department of Justice-Office for Victims of Crime , OVC FY 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program

Deadline to apply is August 6, 2018

For more information go to:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=306472>



“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.”

—Sitting Bull, Hunkpapa Lakota Chief & Holy Man—

ICWA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [NICWA’s Official Statement on Trump Administration Ending the Forced Separation of Children and Families at the Border](#)
- [BIA Issues New Guidance on Criminal Background Checks for Foster Care Placements](#)

OUT-OF-STATE TRAININGS

July 23-25, 2018 in Reno, NV

Key Federal law: VAWA, TLOA, & ICRA

[Tribal Courts: Probation & Sentencing Alternatives](#)

Go to www.nijc.org/training.html for more information.

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