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NACA Accepting Applications for Free On-Site Training!

We are accepting applications for any Native/Alaskan Native community interested in receiving free training and technical assistance to establish a child advocacy center or creating a multidisciplinary team to serve children who are victims of child sexual abuse. The deadline for the application is July 6th. To receive the guidelines please call 216-373-6862 or email request to: linda@nativechildalliance.org. This project is made possible through a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

NACA Is A Sponsor For the NICWA 28th Annual Protecting Our Children

We were pleased to help support and participate in this year's conference that was held in Reno NV, April 19-22. This year's conference theme, "Access to Prevention, Protection, and Treatment: A Matter of Fairness, Justice, and Action" drew over 500 attendees. NACA presented its workshop, "Hope & Healing: Establishing Child Advocacy Centers," which followed the conference theme that highlighted the important work that is being done in Indian Country around justice and child advocacy. We were also invited to participate in an exciting pre-conference institute, "Know Your Neighbor: Cross Border Learning Community on Canadian and United States Child Welfare." This one-day session allowed tribal professionals from both countries to exchange in a dialogue on best practices and approaches to child welfare issues. NICWA added a Canadian Track to its conference this year, which was very well received and attended by our friends in Canada.

Funding Opportunities

Remember that your local Wal-Mart stores have a corporate giving program. Go to this website to learn more: <http://www.walmart.com>

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following funding opportunities related to federally recognized tribes:

* Tribal Juvenile Detention and Reentry Green Demonstration Program

* Tribal Youth Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

To obtain further information about the above and other current OJJDP solicitations, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp>

RESOURCES

Remember to visit our website for downloadable resources. You can find information on how to start a child advocacy and tips on forensic interviewing.

Articles of Interest:

"Key Factors in Forensic Interviews with Native American Children." 2005. National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse

http://ndaa.org/publications/newslett/update_vol_18_number_6_2005.pdf>

Issue Paper: What Indian Tribes Can Do To Combat Child Sexual Abuse, Larry EchoHawk & Tessa Meyer Santiago

http://tlj.unm.edu/tribal-law-journal/articles/volume_4/abuse/index.php

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