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Dear NACA Member

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, it is one of the benefits of your membership in the Native American Children's Alliance.

NACA receives National Juvenile Justice Programs Award

We are very excited to announce that the Department of Justice is supporting NACA's mission to reduce the victimization rates of Native/Alaskan native children through the development of Native Child Advocacy Centers (CAC). This award will allow us to continue to educate Native communities throughout the United States on the effectiveness of the CAC model. In addition to the educational objectives, we will also be able to provide technical assistance to tribal communities that are interested in adapting and implementing a CAC in their community. Anyone interested in participating in this project should contact NACA at info@nativechildalliance.org.

Native Child Advocacy Center Pilot Survey Project Update.

Over the past several months NACA has been working the Colorado Injury Control Research Center to pilot test a survey that gathers information on Native CAC's/MDTs. This project has been completed and results of the surveys will be available in early 2008. Information from the survey will help to paint a fuller picture of the existing programs that are present in tribal communities and will highlight the current challenges. We hope to find additional funds to continue to gather both qualitative and descriptive data regarding child maltreatment in Native/Alaskan Native communities. A special thank you to all the programs that participated in this survey!

Collaborating With NICWA

NACA is one of the co-sponsors for the National Indian Child Welfare Association's (NICWA) 26th Annual "Protecting Our Children" conference. This important event will be held in Minneapolis April 20-23, 2008. NACA will lead a training session at the conference. If you register by March 28th there is a substantial savings for the "Early Bird" rate. The host hotel is the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Book your room early to get the government rate! To register online go to: www.nicwa.org/conference

Funding Opportunities

Crime and Justice Research Solicitation Funding amounts for this year's NIJ Crime and Justice Research solicitation have doubled-up to \$4 million may be available. We also extended the time for applicants to write proposals-90 days. We're looking for innovative, precedent-setting ideas in what we call our "open" solicitation for social and behavioral research and evaluation on criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. As always, the questions your research answers should have clear implications for criminal justice policy and practice. Go to: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000820.pdf>. Proposals are due: March 5, 2008

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