

## Winter Newsletter

### We Will Miss Our Friend Terri Gillett

It is with deep sadness that NACA expresses its loss of Board member Terri Gillett. We will always remember Terri's strong advocacy for the safety of Native American children. She dedicated her life to serving children through her work at Osage Nation and as a long-time Board member of NACA where she served as our Secretary/Treasurer. She was a true inspiration to all who knew her as she continued her life's passion of working for children and not letting her battle with cancer interfere with her work. She passed away December 6th. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

### New Board members Elected:

We are happy to announce and welcome the following new Board members:

Barbara Graham Bettelyoun, Ph.D of St. Paul MN

Nikki Jo Finkbonner, VOC Coordinator, Lummi Nation

Geri Wisner-Foley, JD of Shawnee, OK

Earl Sutherland, PH.D of I.H.S. Crow Agency, MT

### NACA teams up with film maker/producer Chris Billing

We are pleased to announce that NACA will use the documentary film, *Lost Sparrow* at its National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) workshop in April, 2010. We will lead a discussion on the epidemic of child sexual abuse occurring in our Native American communities and how tribal leaders and professionals can develop effective programs to prevent and respond to this growing crisis. Producer/ Director Chris Billing will be available to talk about his film. *Lost Sparrow* won the **Best Documentary Feature** award at the 34th annual American Indian Film Festival, San Francisco, CA in 2009. NICWA's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Protecting Our Children's conference theme this year is "From Opportunity to Reality: Honoring Our Dream." It will be held from April 11-14<sup>th</sup> in Portland OR. To register for this conference go to: [www.nicwa.org](http://www.nicwa.org).

### Funding news:

#### **Improve Broadband Penetration in Underserved Areas! Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)**

POSTED: 1/22/2010

FUNDING SOURCE: Dept. of Commerce (DOC)

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofits, public agencies, cooperatives and for-profit businesses

\$ AVAILABLE: \$2,600,000,000

GRANTS AVAILABLE: 2,200

MAX GRANT SIZE: N.A.

DEADLINE: 3/15/2010

CONTACT INFORMATION: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1097.htm>

DESCRIPTION: Funds for hardware and software costs to deploy broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas.

**Improve Broadband Penetration in Rural Areas!  
Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP)**

POSTED: 1/22/2010

FUNDING SOURCE: USDA

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofits, public agencies, cooperatives and for-profit businesses

\$ AVAILABLE: \$2,400,000,000

GRANTS AVAILABLE: N.A.

MAX GRANT SIZE: N.A.

DEADLINE: 3/15/2010

CONTACT INFORMATION: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-1099.htm>

DESCRIPTION: Grants for loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas.

**Prevent Sexual Assault!**

**Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Grant Program**

POSTED: 1/22/2010

FUNDING SOURCE: DOJ

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofits

\$ AVAILABLE: N.A.

GRANTS AVAILABLE: N.A.

MAX GRANT SIZE: \$300,000

DEADLINE: 2/18/2010 (LOI); 3/4/2010 (final)

CONTACT INFORMATION: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/sasp-cultural.pdf>

DESCRIPTION: Grants to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims within culturally specific populations.