



CTFC WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Latest News From California Tribal Families Coalition

Tribal Youth Over 18 Years of Age Lose Access to Critical Extended Foster Care Benefits

California Tribal Families Coalition is looking for tribal youth in or that aged out extended foster. We are specifically looking to talk to youth that lost critical state funded Foster Youth Support, including housing and monthly foster care maintenance payments, when they aged out of the foster care system. Do you know any tribal foster youth 17 years old or older, either currently in the system or that aged out? Want to help tribal foster youth get benefits they are legally entitled to? Please forward this information to anyone you know that might be interested in this issue, and have any youth you know fill out the contact form [HERE](#) or email [Blair Kreuzer](mailto:Blair.Kreuzer).

CTFC Applauds the Passage of AB 477

On July 16, 2021, AB 477 (Rubio) was signed by Governor Newsom. CTFC applauds the passage of AB 477 as it was designed to ensure that when counties use child advocacy centers to investigate reports of child abuse, that counties must include the child advocacy center team in multidisciplinary team meetings. Seeing that Tribes were not included as participants in the multidisciplinary teams, CTFC worked with Assemblymember Rubio's office include tribes in the legislation. CTFC is thrilled to report AB 477 added tribal representatives and thanks the Assemblymember for supporting tribal involvement in multidisciplinary team meetings. [Click here for the text for AB 477.](#)

Are you a Native American Youth that has been in foster care? Are you over 18?

Have you lost access to extended foster care benefits like housing or monthly payments after receiving your tribal 18 monies?

CTFC would like to ensure tribal youth are able to access benefits they are entitled to and is gathering information to determine next steps.



If you are an affected youth or know an affected youth, please contact **Blair Kreuzer** at contact@caltribalfamilies.org or fill out the form at: <https://caltribalfamilies.org/efcbenefits/>



Photo from Assemblymember Rubio's website.

Thank You to UCLA Law Students!

CTFC is delighted to thank law students Tiffany Sarchet, AK Shee, Kerry Sakimoto and Kavya Parthiban, and Professor Lauren Van Schilfgaarde from the UCLA Tribal Legal Development Clinic. These aspiring attorneys provided outstanding research on the intersection of the Indian Child Welfare Act with assisted reproductive technology and tribal customary adoptions. Their research and analysis lays ground work both for legal arguments but also CTFC's legislative goals. Many thanks to UCLA for this amazing program! Questions about these research projects can be directed to [Kimberly Cluff](#).

This year, CTFC has been tracking various bills involving child welfare that intersect the Indian Child Welfare Act. On our website ([HERE](#)), we have posted the updated letter. If you have any questions about the legislation we are tracking, please contact [Mica Llerandi](#).



CTFC's Annual Dinner - September 22, 2021 at 6 PM

(by invitation only)

Save the date for CTFC's Annual Dinner! This year, the Annual Dinner will be at Mix in downtown Sacramento. Join us for an evening of dinner, networking and short presentations on CTFC's work over the year. This year, the MC for the Annual Dinner will be Chairwoman Erica Pinto of the Jamul Indian Village of California.

UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES

- **August 18 (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM)- CDSS Southern Regional RFA Consultation Session**
- **September 22 - Annual CDSS Tribal Consultation Summit**
- **September 22 - SAVE THE DATE! CTFC Annual Dinner in downtown Sacramento.**

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