



CTAS Purpose Area #3 Grantee Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Resource List — Self-Help, Legal Assistance, and Public Defender Resources

- **Alaska Native Justice Center (anjc.org):**
 - [Clinics for Family Justice | Alaska Native Justice Center](#): This is for the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC)'s pro se legal clinics. Their virtual and in-person clinics place knowledge in the hands of participants and supports them in effectively advocating on their own behalf. ANJC offers pro se legal clinics to Alaska Native and non-Native people needing assistance in the state of Alaska. The virtual clinics for Winter/Spring 2024 are: Divorce/Divorce with Custody, Child Custody for Unmarried Couples, Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO) Clinic, and Stalking.
- **Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (asucollegeoflaw.com):**
 - [Indian Legal Clinic Archives - Indian Legal Program](#): This site provides information about the Legal Clinic Program at Arizona State University. The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, renamed for the retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice in 2006, is pursuing a bold and transformative model for public legal education and is dedicated to making the law school a valuable resource for addressing major regional, national, and international problems of law and public policy. The Indian Legal Program trains students to effectively engage the representation of Native peoples and seeks to promote an understanding of the differences between the legal systems of Indian Nations and those of the state and federal governments.
- **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) (bja.ojp.gov):**
 - [Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance \(TCCLA\) Program](#): This is a link to The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) site for funding opportunities. The TCCLA program provides legal aid and indigent defense to low-income individuals and Indian tribes and provides training and technical assistance to grantees and interested Indian tribes to support the goals above.
- **Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (fptc.org):**
 - [Public Defender Program — Fort Peck Tribal Court](#): This site is for the Tribe's Public Defender Program as well as provides printable files such as a brochure, policy guidelines, and an application for services.



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- **National American Indian Court Judges Association (naicja.wildapricot.org):**
 - **[Emerging Practices in Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance \(November 2016\):](#)** *This report intends to share the tribal justice systems and legal aid organizations that model emerging and innovative programs serving tribes around the nation with the goal of 1) acknowledging excellence; 2) spreading knowledge and expertise among tribal courts; 3) building court capacity and innovation; 4) improving court services to low-income clients; and 5) bringing justice and fairness to all citizens in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages.*
 - **[Collateral Consequences Infographics:](#)** *Using two infographics, these publications are intended to provide general information about collateral consequences that result from convictions and/or incarceration. These publications should be used as the first general step on the path to identifying specific solutions to collateral consequences in tribal communities.*
 - **[Seeking Assistance to Address Collateral Consequences:](#)** *An infographic listing multiple resources dedicated to helping individuals deal with collateral consequences after cycling through the tribal justice system.*
 - **[Tribal Initiatives: Tribal Public Defense and How to Use Existing Resources to Provide Holistic Defense in Tribal Communities Webinar \(wildapricot.org\):](#)** *A webinar held on January 13, 2015, on tribal public defense and how to use existing resources to provide a holistic defense in tribal communities.*
- **National Center for State Courts (ncsc.org):**
 - **[Best Practices for Creating Legal Self-Help Materials \(March 2023\):](#)** *This guide highlights best practices for creating and assessing self-help materials.*
 - **[Nonlawyer Navigators in State Courts - Voices from the Field:](#)** *In this webinar, Georgetown Justice Lab Senior Fellow Mary McClymont discusses emerging trends across the country from her report, *Nonlawyer Navigators in State Courts: Part II An Update*, and a panel of experts who run navigator programs also discusses how they leverage nonlawyers to provide essential services to court users and best practices in launching and evolving court-based navigator programs.*



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- [Unlocking Justice: Essential Guides to Navigating the Legal System | NCSC](#): This series of videos is designed to educate the public with knowledge about the legal system. From decoding court jargon to understanding civil and criminal cases, these videos aim to demystify legal procedures and provide essential tips for navigating the court system. Learn what to do after being served court papers, how to file a motion, and gain insights into small claims court. Discover the difference between legal information and legal advice and explore key terms in court cases. These videos provide invaluable resources for both the public and the courts.
- [Nationwide Court-Based Self-Help Centers: National Survey Findings, Recommendations, and Best Practices \(July 2023\)](#): This publication is a summary of findings and recommendations based on a 2022, national survey of court-based self-help center programs conducted by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and Massachusetts Applesseed Center for Law and Justice.
- [Self-Help Friendly Court: Designed from the Ground Up to Work for People Without Lawyers - Access & Fairness](#): This book is an attempt to take a broad overview of the many results of the self-help process and the impact on unrepresented litigants. It poses the question how one would build a courthouse environment, from physical structure to procedures and services, that takes advantage of every possible innovation.
- [Gender-Inclusive Language in the Courts: How to Communicate with Fairness, Dignity, Impartiality, and Accuracy](#): This toolkit will inform courts on what they can do now to make all court users feel safe, seen, and heard in court proceedings. There is a need to update gendered language to be gender inclusive and this should be a priority area of focus for courts to ensure accuracy, impartiality, and public trust in.
- [Self-Help for Self-Help Centers - Not Your Average Self-Help Center](#): In this webinar, an expert panel explores innovative approaches, mobile and virtual programs, and alternative service delivery models and strategies redefine the self-help center landscape.
- [Self-Help for Self-Help Centers - The Fundamentals - Access & Fairness](#): In this webinar, panelists share the fundamental components needed to run an effective court-based self-help center.
- [Self-Help for Self-Help Centers - Level Up - Access & Fairness](#): In this webinar discover effective strategies and insights to elevate your self-help center, guided by the latest national survey findings and best practices.



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- **National Criminal Justice Association (ncja.org):**
 - [Defender Initiatives in Indian Country Webinar \(PowerPoint Presentation\)](#): This webinar discusses public defender initiatives in Indian Country.
 - [Supporting Indigent Defense Programs During Times of Crisis](#): This video addresses indigent defense programs and the need for support especially during crisis or other situations that affect tribes negatively such as during a pandemic or post-pandemic.
- **Pine Tree Legal Assistance (ptla.org):**
 - [A Self-Help Guide to The Tribal Court System | Pine Tree Legal Assistance](#): This article was written by Chief Tribal Judge Gary Grow in 1996 and was designed to provide a guide to any individual who has the occasion to appear in the Penobscot Tribal Court in connection with a Civil (any non-criminal) matter.
 - [All Court Forms | Pine Tree Legal Assistance](#): These forms cover a variety of legal matters in tribal court from civil to criminal, including e-service notice, summons, as well as many other topics.
- **Safety and Justice Challenge (safetyandjusticechallenge.org):**
 - [Over-Incarceration of Native Americans: Roots, Inequities, And Solutions \(2022\)](#): This report was created with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as part of the Safety and Justice Challenge, which seeks to reduce overincarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. Core to the Challenge is a competition designed to support efforts to improve local criminal justice systems across the country that are working to safely reduce over-reliance on jails, with a particular focus on addressing disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color.
- **Seattle University School of Law— American Indian Law Journal (law.seattleu.edu):**
 - [Smith, Gregory D. J.D., "A Streamlined Model of Tribal Appellate Court Rules for Lay Advocates and Pro Se Litigants," American Indian Law Journal: Volume 4: Issue 1, Article 4 \(2015\)](#): This Article proposes a streamlined model of tribal appellate court rules for lay advocates and pro se litigants. The proposed rules are intended as a supplement to pre-existing formal appellate rules that apply a "level playing field" to all litigants, irrespective of whether an attorney is involved or not.



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- **State of Colorado (state.co.us):**
 - [*Colorado Judicial Branch - Self Help Resources and Forms*](#): This site includes forms, instructions, a glossary of terms, and other resources.
- **Tribal Access to Justice Innovation (tribaljustice.org):**
 - [*Navajo Nation DNA People's Legal Services - Tribal Justice*](#): DNA People's Legal Services provides free, culturally appropriate, civil legal services in tribal, state and federal courts to qualifying low-income residents living in geographically isolated portions of Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. DNA is an acronym for a Navajo phrase that translates to "attorneys who work for the revitalization of the People".
- **United States Department of Justice (justice.gov)**
 - [*Tribal Criminal Defense Federal Resource Guide \(justice.gov\)*](#): This resource publication is to provide an overview of grants, training, technical assistance, and other resources provided by the federal government that may be of particular interest to tribal criminal defense and delinquency representation provider.



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