

# Free Legal Services for Low Income Native Americans and Alaska Natives

## Do you have a civil (non-criminal) legal problem?

The **Native American Unit (NAU)** at **Northwest Justice Project (NJP)** provides free **civil** legal services to eligible Native Americans and Alaska Natives who cannot afford a lawyer in Washington. The NAU emphasizes cases involving state agencies' policies and practices that have had disproportionate, adverse impacts on Native communities. The NAU also has dedicated resources for legal matters that stem from being a victim of crime.

### The NAU can work with you on:

- **Protecting Indian monies** (per capita, settlement, and other tribal income) from garnishment and/or impacting other income and benefits;
- **Trust land rights** – leasing, rights of way, homeownership, and purchase/sale agreements;
- **Child welfare** and nonparental custody matters in state courts involving a Native child;
- **Education** – suspensions, expulsions, special education, truancy, foster and homeless student issues;
- **Civil matters relating to a client's experience as a crime victim**, such as an eviction due to a domestic violence incident, protection orders for vulnerable adults, bullying at school, or sexual harassment in the workplace;
- **Estate planning and probate** issues before the BIA; and
- **Other issues** arising directly from a person's legal status as an American Indian or Alaska Native.

### To find out if we can help you, please call.

Residents of King County can call Janel Riley at 206-707-0920. Residents of all other counties can call NJP's CLEAR hotline at 1-888-201-1014, Monday through Friday between 9:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

If you are a victim of crime with a civil legal issue, ask a social services or tribal provider to refer you or call Camille McDorman at 206-707-7210.

#### What is Northwest Justice Project?

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is a statewide non-profit organization with 18 offices in Washington State that provides free civil legal services to low-income people. NJP's mission is to secure justice through high quality legal advocacy that promotes the long-term well-being of low-income individuals, families, and communities.

