



Legal Outreach

Working for Equal Justice in the API Community

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Supporting Immigrant Communities Amid COVID-19 Crisis



Governor Newsom releases New Guidelines for California Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Modifications.

The COVID-19 continues to cause severe health, economic and social welfare hardships to our vulnerable communities, including frontline essential workers in public health, food and agriculture and transportation sectors. While the Shelter-in-Place (SIP) is a necessary measure to curtail the exposure to the COVID-19 and to stop the spread of the virus, it has resulted in a severe economic disruption of the local and national economy. **In California, Governor Newsom has released the 4-step plan to modify the current SIP Order.**

STEP 1: SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS

- Individuals are ordered to SIP and non-essential businesses are ordered to close.
- Make efforts to ensure safety at essential workplaces.
- build the capacity of hospitals to perform contact tracing tests, provide protective equipment.

STEP 2: LOWER RISK WORKPLACES

- Allow the opening of lower risk workplaces with safety precautions
- The government will work on expanding wage-replacement assistance to people who are sick and must stay home.

STEP 3: HIGHER RISK WORKPLACES

- Open higher risk workplaces with modifications, safety precautions, and limits on size of gatherings.
- E.g.: hair salons and gyms; movie theaters and sports venues (without live audiences); religious services .

STEP 4: END THE SIP ORDER

- Re-open the highest risk workplaces once all factors are satisfied and once therapeutics /treatments have been developed: concerts, convention centers, sports venues with live audiences.

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California Modifications to Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Order

APILO Equal Justice Works Fellowship Projects

- **Indigenous Peoples' Rights - Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)**
- **Elder Law & Mediation Project**

APILO Legal Services & APILO/AABA/API Council Legal Clinic.

Indigenous Peoples' Rights & Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

ICWA Indian Child Welfare Act



APILO is working to expand our legal aid services to Indigenous communities in the Bay Area and to ensure that the state courts and child welfare agencies comply with the key ICWA provision, such as notice, inquiry and providing culturally appropriate "active efforts."

California is home to nearly 1/5 of all federally recognized indigenous tribes and approximately 723,000 persons identifying as Indigenous people, making it the largest Indigenous population in the U.S.

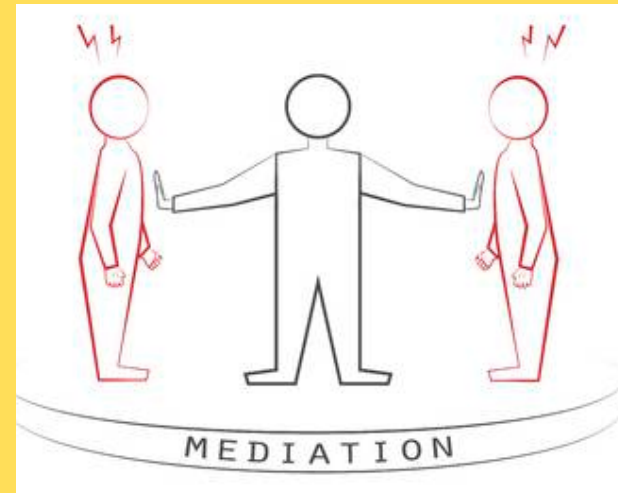
ICWA is a federal law enacted in 1978 in response to congressional findings that an alarmingly high percentage of Indigenous families were broken up by the unwarranted removal of Indigenous children and placement in non-Indigenous foster and adoptive homes. These children often suffered serious consequences of losing their cultural identities and connection to their tribal communities.

The fellowship focuses on **empowering Indigenous parents under the guidance provided by Indigenous advocates** and sharing information about **their legal rights under ICWA and also to support Indigenous women who are victims of domestic violence.** For more information, please call our office.

Elder Law & Mediation Project : Alternative Dispute Resolution

APILO is partnering with mediation entities to provide mediation services to underserved seniors and adults with disabilities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

What is mediation? During mediation, **a third party mediator facilitates a conversation between all parties to address an issue or problem.** The goal of mediation is for the parties to create a solution together. This makes mediation well suited to many elder law and elder abuse cases, which are often between a senior and a family member, caregiver, or another person the senior is dependent on. For more information, please call our office.



What cases might be suitable for mediation?

Cases involving non-strangers (someone the senior knows), such as a family member or caregiver

- Cases involving a mixture of legal and non-legal goals
- Cases where a party is hesitant to involve the courts and/or law enforcement

Case Examples

- An senior's adult child has been withdrawing money from the elder's bank account without consent
- A senior is living with a roommate who doesn't pay rent and is verbally abusive, but the senior is also dependent on the roommate for food and medical care
- Due to the shelter-in-place, we are exploring options to conduct mediation by telephone or video conference.

APILO LEGAL SERVICES & APILO/AABA/API COUNCIL FREE VIRTUAL LEGAL CLINIC



If you wish to speak with an attorney for legal advice, call our office at **(415) 567-6255 or (510) 251-2846 between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from Monday through Friday.**

APILO Staff is ready to speak with you in **Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese, Vietnamese** and English.

Multilingual legal assistance over the telephone or by video conferencing in Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Do you have legal questions involving

- ❖ Small business & nonprofit economic issues
- ❖ Rent & tenants' rights
- ❖ Mortgage & foreclosure
- ❖ Applying for state and federal Covid-19 disaster aid and relief
- ❖ Domestic violence
- ❖ Elder abuse
- ❖ Human trafficking

Call **Tuesdays or Fridays** from **2:00 pm to 5:00 pm** to make your appointment to speak with an attorney

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API Legal Outreach appreciates all of the frontline workers in the Bay Area communities for your tireless efforts and hard work to keep our communities safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Thank you.

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