



**Host Site:** Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** Tribal Law/Health/Housing

**Location:** Wausau, WI

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Native American Housing Rights and Elder Outreach Fellow (Fellow) will help to address the unique challenges faced by Native American communities in Wisconsin. The Fellowship aims to empower Native American elders and Tribal Benefits Specialists by providing comprehensive education on the post-COVID-19 changes in public benefits and ensuring access to stable housing through legal advocacy in tribal courts.

The Fellow will help develop educational materials to inform Native American elders and Tribal Benefits Specialists about the unwinding of public benefits in the aftermath of COVID-19. The Fellow will conduct outreach events across Wisconsin to disseminate crucial information and offer guidance on benefit access procedures, under the guidance of our Native American Elder Outreach Project Staff Attorney.

The Fellow will create housing rights education for tenants in tribal courts across Wisconsin, focusing on tenants' rights, eviction proceedings, and legal resources. Under the supervision of our Housing Law Supervising Attorney, the Fellow will provide advice and representation in eviction cases, safeguarding Native Americans from housing instability and homelessness.

This Fellowship will empower Native American communities by ensuring informed decision-making regarding public benefits and their housing rights. By bridging the knowledge gap and offering legal support, we aim to prevent homelessness and promote stability, dignity, and self-sufficiency among Native American elders and Families.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

Organization anticipates an in-person Fellowship. Proficiency in Hmong or Spanish preferable, but not required.

