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What Services are Available for Students?
NJP’s Native American Unit is available to provide advice and representation to Native American youth and their families in civil (meaning non-criminal) legal matters that can impact the student’s attendance of and performance in school.

This can be school-related, such as:
- Expulsion, suspension, & truancy;
- Discriminatory discipline;
- Special education & learning disabilities; or
- Parents’ rights.

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- Emancipation (students seeking to be legally independent of their parents);
- Foster and homeless student issues;
- Health matters including denial of health care services or assistance in obtaining mental health services;
- Public benefits matters including applying for, denial of, or reduction of public benefits;
- General school/district education on cultural responsiveness.

Other Services
The NAU has services available for Native American victims of crime. Camille McDorman is available to provide advice, brief services, and referrals in civil legal matters stemming from the client’s experience as a victim of crime, even if the crime has not been reported or prosecuted, such as:
- Family law matters involving domestic violence or sexual assault;
- Housing problems due to a crime in the house;
- Health matters, including accessing services to deal with victimization;
- Economic security issues such as medical bills, utility access, & other consumer problems;
- Employment issues such as sexual harassment or wage theft; and
- Other legal problems resulting from being a victim of crime.

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