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OVC News...

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The United States Department of Justice [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \(CTAS\)](#). The US Department of Justice (DOJ) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. DOJ's existing Tribal Government-specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. Current Closing Date for Applications: March 20, 2018.

OVC TTAC is Now Accepting Applications for the [Spring 2018 NVAA Leadership Institute](#). The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Center (OVC TTAC) is happy to announce that it is now accepting applications for the Spring 2018 NVAA Leadership Institute, which will be held from January 29 to April 13. This comprehensive training covers essential skills you need to guide, motivate, and support your staff to achieve your organization's mission and vision.

[Raising Awareness About Tax Refund Theft](#). Tax identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number to claim your tax refund. Visit the Federal Trade Commission website for Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week (January 29-February 2, 2018) promotional materials and to learn more about protecting your identity. You may also participate in Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) free online training, Identity Theft Victim Assistance Online Training: Supporting Victims' Financial and Emotional Recovery. For additional information, visit the Fraud and Identity Theft page and the Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft section of the Internal Revenue Service website.

Now Available: 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Artwork. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is pleased to present the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide artwork in English and Spanish. Theme artwork, theme posters, web artwork, and awareness posters are now available to help communities and victim assistance providers promote awareness of crime victim issues. [View and download](#) the 2018 NCVRW artwork today.

The [OVC HELP Brochure Series](#) provides a resource for victims of crime and the victim service providers that work with them every day. Each brochure defines a type of victimization; discusses what to do if you are the victim of this crime; and provides national resources for more information and assistance on where to go for help. Topics include: Assault, Child Abuse, Domestic Abuse, Domestic Violence, Impaired Driving, Homicide, Robbery, Sexual Violence, Stalking, and What Adults Need to Know about Child Abuse.



For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>.



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Registration Now Open for Fiscal Year 2018 CTAS Application Webinars...

To provide guidance on the FY 2018 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), the Department of Justice is sponsoring 10 webinars that will educate applicants on CTAS application requirements for specific purpose areas, as well as meeting grant budgetary requirements and preparing strategies to access grant funds. The first webinar was Jan. 9, 2018, and the final webinar is March 8, 2018; both begin at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Most webinars provide a questions and answers session.

Remaining webinars are as follows:

[Register](#) for the **FY 2018 CTAS Application: Purpose Areas 6 & 7 Webinar**.

WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, 1 p.m. EST (U.S. and Canada).

The key goals of this webinar are to:

- * Provide a general overview of CTAS Purpose Areas 6 & 7;
- * Highlight key application and purpose area requirements;
- * Identify tools and resources for applicants that will facilitate the application process;
- * Provide an opportunity for applicants to ask CTAS-related questions; and
- * Discuss how the FY 2018 solicitation differs from the CTAS solicitations from previous years.

[Register](#) for the **FY 2018 CTAS Application: Purpose Areas 8 & 9 Webinar**

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, at 1 p.m. EST (U.S. and Canada)

The key goals of this webinar are to:

- * Provide a general overview of CTAS Purpose Areas 8 & 9;
- * Highlight key application and purpose area requirements;
- * Identify tools and resources for applicants that will facilitate the application process;
- * Provide an opportunity for applicants to ask CTAS-related questions; and
- * Discuss how the FY 2018 solicitation differs from the CTAS solicitations from previous years

[Register](#) for the **FY 2018 CTAS Application: Purpose Area 1 (COPS) Budget Worksheet Completion Webinar**

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at 1 p.m. EST (U.S. and Canada)

The key goals of this webinar are to:

- * Provide an overview of completing the budget worksheet for Purpose Area 1 in the CTAS application process;
- * Identify tools and resources for applicants that will facilitate the application process; and
- * Provide an opportunity for applicants to ask CTAS-related questions.

[Register](#) for the **FY 2018 CTAS Application: Checklist Review and Q&A Webinar**

WHEN: Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 1 p.m. EST (U.S. and Canada)

The key goals of this webinar are to:

- * Provide a general overview of CTAS-related questions;
- * Provide an opportunity for applicants to ask CTAS-related questions.

***** To register for any of the remaining webinars, as well as to access video recordings of past webinars, please visit**

<https://www.justice.gov/tribal/webinars>.

Resources...

Native American women [speak out](#) about sexual violence. According to U.S. government statistics, Native American and Alaska Native women are more than 2.5 times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted than other women in the country.

New release from Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS): "[Jails in Indian Country, 2016](#)." Describes jails, confinement facilities, detention centers, and other correctional facilities operated by tribal authorities or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This report presents trends in Indian country jails, including inmate counts, characteristics, and offense types; midyear, peak, and average daily populations; admissions and expected average length of stay at admission; rated capacity, facility crowding, and jail staffing; and deaths in custody. Findings are based on BJS's 2016 Survey of Jails in Indian Country.

Philadelphia Obituary [project](#) makes homicide victims more than just stats.

From National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV)-- "[The Difference Between Surviving and Not Surviving: Public Benefits Programs and Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims' Economic Security](#)."



New report from the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA): "[Social Support Can Diminish Negative Effects of Elder Abuse](#)." Elder abuse represents a serious and growing public safety and public health concern. Although elder abuse has been shown to have negative effects, very little is known about the possible consequences of elder abuse over time, particularly long-term outcomes. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has been critically committed to expanding knowledge regarding this issue. Through NIJ's involvement, NAPSA has not only been able to investigate the link between elder abuse and negative outcomes, but also on tangible solutions for victims, specifically what aspects of elder adults' lives can be changed in prevention and intervention efforts. This article describes a series of studies that have pointed to the critical role that social support may play in preventing and ameliorating the negative effects of elder abuse.

February Is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Approximately 1 in 10 teenagers nationwide who were in a relationship within the past 12 months were hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object by their dating partner, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report. To raise awareness and explore ways to prevent teen dating violence, President Obama has proclaimed that February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. OVC [highlights](#) the following websites, which provide comprehensive information about preventing dating violence and assisting its victims.



Training & Events...

Call for Presentations | 2018 Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference presented by National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC). August 22 - 24, 2018 | Rothschild, WI | Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center.

This conference will provide participants with multi-disciplinary approaches to creating or improving innovative victim assistance programs and resources. Conference sessions highlight critical topics, advanced strategies, inter-agency relationships, and other issues relevant to enhancing services to victims around the state.

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Leverage the latest knowledge and advanced skills to serve victims of crime more effectively
- Improve outcomes of and responses to crime victims
- Employ effective and advanced approaches and strategies to servicing crime victims
- Develop new strategies for assisting crime victims integrate their voices through the justice system

Law enforcement, community corrections, educators, prosecutors, social services, victim service providers, and community members have attended past conferences.

Share your expertise! [Submit](#) your application by 5:00 pm CST, Friday, February 23, 2018

Join EVAWI for a [Virtual 5K](#)! End Violence Against Women International - EVAWI invites you to get 2018 off to a healthy start by participating in our Virtual Running Club's first 5K!

Indian Country Criminal Trial Advocacy Training at the National Advocacy Center. The National Indian Country Training Initiative, together with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services, is pleased to announce they are co-sponsoring the Indian Country Criminal Trial Advocacy Seminar. The seminar is March 19-23, 2018, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Lodging and travel accommodations will be provided by the Department of Justice. This seminar is an intensive advocacy skill program designed for tribal prosecutors and tribal prosecutors cross-designated as Special Assistant United States Attorneys with little to no trial experience and who will be responsible for the trial of criminal cases. This seminar utilizes lectures, skill exercises, critiques, and trial strategy sessions. Topics covered include preparation and presentation of opening statements and closing arguments, as well as direct and cross-examination and handling exhibits. This session will use a domestic violence and narcotics trafficking fact pattern and experienced tribal, state and federal prosecutors will be faculty. The Federal Rules of Evidence and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure will be used throughout the training. Email Leslie.Hagen3@usdoj.gov for a nomination form!

[Register](#) today for OVC's Expert Q&A: "Strangulation and Intimate Partner Violence." February 21, 2018; 2:00–3:00 p.m. e.t. In this session targeted to sexual assault clinicians, providers will learn about the prevalence of strangulation associated with intimate partner violence, the physiology of strangulation, and patient care considerations. Note: This session will be recorded and posted on the Past Sessions tab when available.



Save the Dates: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshops...

OVC CTAS Grantees, be on the lookout for your program's SAVE THE DATE (sent via email) to one of the four OVC Grantee Regional Training Workshops that are being planned throughout 2018. Locations and dates are included below:

Midwest Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):

May 15-17, 2018. Keshena, Wisconsin.

Only for grantees located in ND, SD, MN, WI, NE, SC and MI

Northwest Regional Training (approved by DOJ):

June 26-28, 2018. Spokane, WA.

Only for grantees located in WA, OR, ID and MT

Southwest Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):

July 17-19, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.

Only for grantees located in CA, NV, AZ, NM, CO, KS, OK, MS, and NC

Alaska Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):

August 7-9, 2018. Anchorage, AK.

Only for Alaska grantees



These regional trainings are **MANDATORY** for all OVC Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance (CTVA) and Children Justice Act (CJA) Grantees. For any questions or concerns, please contact Devin Rieckmann-Sell (NCJTC) at rieckmann@fvtc.edu or Jesucita Hernández (Unified Solutions) at jesucita@unified-solutions.org. We look forward to seeing each of you in your respective workshop locations!

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