OVC News...


The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) has announced the availability of funding for the 2018 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Projects. With support from the Office for Victims of Crime, at least 60 communities will receive up to $5,000 each to support events and activities to promote public awareness of crime victim rights and available services during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 8 – 14, 2018. Organizations eligible to apply for funding include local victim services providers, community coalitions, prosecutor offices, law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations and other agencies/organizations interested in promoting crime victims’ rights and services. The application deadline is Monday, October 16, 2017. NAVAA will also be holding an applicants’ webinar on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 beginning at 4:00 pm Eastern Time. Registration is required by going to: [http://bit.ly/18NCVRW_App](http://bit.ly/18NCVRW_App). Visit the NCVRW CAP website, [http://cap.navaa.org](http://cap.navaa.org), for additional information and applications.

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)’s Crime and Victimization Fact Sheets, available in both English and Spanish, are a resource for victim service providers and allied professionals to raise awareness of victims’ issues throughout the year. Use statistics and compelling graphics from these Fact Sheets in email and social media marketing, presentations, and on your website to help raise awareness and help demonstrate why crime victims’ rights matter. [https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2017/fact_sheet.html](https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2017/fact_sheet.html)

Interested in learning more about a specific topic in victim services? Visit OVC TTAC’s Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online for a foundational Web-based victim assistance training program that offers victim service providers and allied professionals the opportunity to acquire the essential skills and knowledge they need to more effectively assist victims of crime. [https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dsponline_vatonline.cfm](https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dsponline_vatonline.cfm)

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit [http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx](http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx).

Resources...

From the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), “National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits: A Multidisciplinary Approach” includes 35 recommendations that were designed to assist medical professionals, law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors and laboratories in implementing coordinated, collaborative and multidisciplinary approaches to sexual assault investigations. The recommendations are rooted in a victim-centric, multi-disciplinary approach that encourages victim engagement and increases the potential for legal resolutions. They provide a roadmap for collecting, transferring, preserving, storing and analyzing sexual assault kits in order to help...

Victims of domestic and sexual violence face daunting barriers when trying to access safe and affordable housing. The recently launched Safe Housing Partnerships website provides resources and tools that support victim advocates and providers at the critical intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, and housing. Safe Housing Partnerships is supported by the Office on Violence Against Women, Office for Victims of Crime and other federal partners. [http://safehousingpartnerships.org/](http://safehousingpartnerships.org/)

**From The Capacity Building Center for Tribes: (be sure to scroll through for individual links for each new release!)**

“The Capacity Building Center for Tribes has had an exciting summer and have released a number of new products designed to support Tribal Child Welfare agencies and staff. In case you missed any announcements, below is a summary of these recently released products. We hope you find them useful as you work to support your children, families and communities!

**ICWA Guide – now an app!**

*Our Children, Our Sovereignty, Our Culture, Our Choice*

Access our ICWA Guide for Tribal Governments and Leaders online or download it as a PDF! On a tablet or smartphone? The online version can be saved to your home screen as an app for easy offline access! Developed by Tribal Leaders, Tribal child welfare staff, and knowledgeable ICWA experts, the purpose of this Guide is to recommend actions that tribal leadership can take towards ensuring compliance with ICWA. You can also download our printable poster to hang in your office. [https://icwaguide.tribalinformationexchange.org/](https://icwaguide.tribalinformationexchange.org/)

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month...

October is domestic violence awareness month. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) women suffer domestic violence and physical assaults at rates higher than any other ethnicity. Federal reports indicate that 34 percent of AI/AN women will be raped in their lifetime and 39 percent will suffer domestic violence. An average of 67 percent of AI/AN victims of rape or sexual assault describe the offender as non-Native. In addition, national studies show that 49 to 70 percent of men who batter their companion also abuse their children. The safety and well-being of AI/AN victims of domestic violence and their children is critical to the strength and stability of tribes.

As such, please take the time to review and disseminate the following tribal domestic violence resources. Increased awareness is an important step on the path of ending domestic violence.

**National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC):** [www.niwrc.org](http://www.niwrc.org)

*Photo by Jaqueline "Jax" Agtuca (9/22/2015). Women from tribal coalitions stand united on the front line at the entrance of the Sacred Stone Camp to tell the world "Water & Women Are Sacred."*

The National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC) is a Native nonprofit created specifically to serve as the National Indian Resource Center (NIRC) addressing domestic violence and safety for Indian women. The NIWRC seeks to enhance the capacity of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, Native Hawaiians, and Tribal and Native Hawaiian organizations to respond to domestic violence. The NIWRC website has comprehensive information on training events, webinars, resources, the NIWRC *Restoration Magazine*, and a news page that is updated with tribal news and grant opportunities related to the fight to end domestic violence.

**Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC):** [www.aknwrc.org](http://www.aknwrc.org)

The Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC) is a Native nonprofit dedicated to strengthening local, tribal government’s responses through community organizing efforts, advocating for the safety of women and children in their communities and homes, especially against domestic and sexual abuse and violence.

The AKNWRC website has comprehensive information on Alaska-specific training events, webinars, and resources.
Domestic Violence Hotline Resources

- **Strong Hearts Native Helpline:** 1-844-7Native or 1-844-762-8482
  The StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, confidential service for Native Americans affected by domestic violence and dating violence.
  Hours of operation are: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST.

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-SAFE or 1-800-787-3224
  Hours of operation are: 7 days a week from 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Central time.

Domestic Violence Publication Resources

**National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC):** [www.niwrc.org/resources](http://www.niwrc.org/resources)

The National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC) has an extensive resource page that can be searched using keywords. Select “domestic violence” from the “Resource Topic” option on NWRC’s main resource page to access over twenty resources on domestic violence as it impacts Native people.

**Tribal Law and Policy Institute:** [www.Home.TLPI.org/publications](http://www.Home.TLPI.org/publications)

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) has comprehensive resources addressing domestic violence in Indian country. These resources are part of the TLPI Violence Against Native Women and Sexual Assault topic series. The publications cover a range of topics, from creating strong domestic violence laws to addressing the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and domestic violence. Visit TLPI’s publications page to access these free resources.

Training & Events...

The Healing of the Canoe Project is a collaborative project between the Suquamish Indian Tribe, the Port Gamble S'Klallams Tribe and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington. Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam both identified the prevention of youth substance abuse and the need for a sense of cultural belonging and cultural revitalization among youth as primary issues of community concern. The Healing of the Canoe partnership has sought to address these issues through a community based, culturally grounded prevention and intervention life skills curriculum for tribal youth that builds on the strengths and resources in the community. Interested in learning more about this program or inviting the Healing of the Canoe team to give a training in your community? [http://healingofthecanoe.org/](http://healingofthecanoe.org/)

Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country Seminar - November 28-30, 2017. The United States Department of Justice’s National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI) is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring the Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country Seminar. The seminar will be held November 28-30, 2017, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Education. This class is for law enforcement officers who fulfill all other BIA minimum requirements to receive a SLEC, and for USAO personnel who have responsibility under the TLOA to teach the CJIC class but may not have experience with the class format and materials. Nominations are due by October 20, 2017. For more information or for a nomination form email Delores McCarter at delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov.

Request a training date for your organization to learn more about “At Risk Youth - Lessons Learned,” an offering from National Criminal Justice Training Center. In this workshop, your program will discover the threats that Native American children face when they are runaways, throwaways, disenfranchised or involved in activities that put them at greater risk of victimization. You will also learn how to develop a community-based response to protect children in tribal communities. [https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/.../at-risk-youth-lessons-learned](https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/.../at-risk-youth-lessons-learned)

Register now for the 2017 National Center for Victims of Crime, National Training Institute! December 5-7, 2017 | Hilton Portland Downtown | 921 SW Sixth Avenue | Portland, OR 97204. This training offers a chance to network and learn from other professionals in the victims’ field, as well as connect with victim advocates, counselors, program managers, attorneys, social workers, psychologists, researchers, nurses, volunteers, administrators, clergy, nonprofit managers, system-based service providers, and leaders from across the country. Training highlights Include: • 78 workshops and four plenary sessions covering topics such as violence...
against women, campus crimes, elder abuse, victims with disabilities, underserved populations, children and youth, and many more; • Option to obtain Continuing Education Credits • Networking opportunities over lunch. https://victimsofcritetrainings.secure-platform.com/a/page/NTI

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 2017 and 2018. Locations and dates are included below: (The pictured Save the Date is for the Northwest Regional Grantees Only)

Northwest Regional Training: Spokane, WA on October 24-26, 2017 (Only for grantees located in WA, OR, ID and MT).

Southwest Regional Training: Phoenix, AZ on April 17-19, 2018 (Only for grantees located in CA, NV, AZ, NM, CO, KS, OK, MS).

Midwest Regional Training: Keshena, WI on May 15-17, 2018 (Only for grantees located in ND, SD, MN, WI, NE, SC and MI).

Alaska Regional Training: Anchorage, AK on August 7-9, 2018 (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!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!