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## CURRENT NEWS

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES: PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING

OVC Tribal grantees are required to submit their Quarterly Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and SemiAnnual Progress Reports, and Federal Financial Reports (FFRs), by **Saturday, July 30, 2022**.

Additional information about performance measures is available on the Office of Justice Programs' Grant Performance Measurement and Progress Reporting Information webpage [here](#).

For questions, contact the performance reporting assistance resources below:

#### OVC PMT Helpdesk

Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm ET  
[ovcpmt@usdoj.gov](mailto:ovcpmt@usdoj.gov) or 1-844-884-2503

#### JustGrants Support

Monday-Friday 5am to 9pm ET  
Saturday, Sunday, & federal holidays 9am to 5pm ET  
[JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 1-833-872-5175

#### OVC TFMC

Monday-Friday 12pm to 7pm ET  
[tfmc@ovctfmc.org](mailto:tfmc@ovctfmc.org) or 703-462-6900



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# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

**Tribe:** Native Village of Hooper Bay/RuralCAP, Inc.

**Program:** Bay Haven Shelter

**Award:** FY18 VSSA, FY19 CTAS PA 7, FY19 TVSSA, FY21 TVSSA

## What approach did your Program take to address vicarious trauma?

Bay Haven has been open since June of 2020. All our staff were hired locally and trained during a pandemic. All training was provided via teleconference where staff were oriented by their Community Development Manager based in Anchorage as well as our new partner, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center. No amount of training prepared our team for the true impact of helping our people through the crisis they were experiencing.



**Rural CAP**  
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

## What challenges did you overcome in addressing vicarious trauma?

The challenge lied mainly in how to coordinate training and live support for staff and consumers during a pandemic when travel was restricted. Bay Haven reached out to one of many people in our network system, the Child Welfare Academy, who provided a sixteen-hour session on the impacts of our own healing from generational trauma while helping others through their painful journey.



L to R: Theresa Nanuk (Victim Service/Legal Advocate); Cheryl Smart (Shelter Coordinator); Thomasina Smith (Victim Service Advocate, Overnight); Alvonna Joe (Victim Service Advocate, Day); Eunice Charlie (Community Wellness Specialist); Marietta Smith (Child Advocacy Center Coordinator); Valerie Chadwick (Community Development Manager)

*"OVC has provided great support through training and technical assistance. Through webinars, networking and contact with our TA Provider, we were able to request that monthly calls between other OVC grantees be set up so that we could learn from other Tribes about their successes and challenges and feel that we weren't all alone."*

*Valerie Chadwick, Community Development Manager*

## What recommendations do you have for other Tribal Programs to address vicarious trauma?

You need to pull together and identify the impact of abuse has on your team. For us, we saw our trauma response manifest mainly through staff interactions. There was an increase in calls to the Human Resources department with staff conflicts, and the concerns they had with each other couldn't quite be explained. This caused some staff turnover, which in turn, added more stress in longer shifts for those who were still here. The simple solution was to provide "conflict resolution" support. However, because our team is 100% Yup'ik and our Community Development Manager is also Yup'ik, she was able to recognize and understand why the group dynamic had changed once we began serving people in crisis. We started holding weekly staff meetings so each person felt supported and their concerns were heard and validated.

If you have questions about the program, contact Valerie Chadwick at [vchadwick@ruralcap.org](mailto:vchadwick@ruralcap.org). Read the full interview [here](#).

# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

**Tribe:** Valdez Native Tribe  
**Program:** Valdez Tribal Victim Services  
**Award:** FY19 VSSA



## What approach did your Program take to address vicarious trauma?

The Valdez Tribal Victim Services Program staff works diligently not only to connect with their community but also to support one another through the impact of vicarious trauma. Staff works on traditional beading, hosts community gathering circles (virtual and in person), and subsistence fishing and gathering. But one thing that has been crucial to the program is sharing their stories. The Program began a video series project. This started by staff sharing their own healing journeys, not realizing just how receptive the community would be. These practices continue to uplift the Program staff and ultimately provide victims of crime access to healing resources and support as well.

## What challenges did you overcome in developing this project?

One of the challenges the Program faced is lack of understanding of the cultural practices specifically related to the Alaskan Native people. The Program's goal is to honor individuals sharing their personal healing journey, using their own words, without re-victimizing or using their voice to fit a statistical narrative. The empowering video series has been a huge success reaching farther than the Valdez Tribal Victim Services Program could have imagined. They have received an outpouring of gratitude for the series honesty and for shedding light on the reality in Alaskan Native communities.



Keristyn Weber, VNT Victims Services Advocate



VNT staff beadwork



Valdez Tribe Victim Services staff with TTA Provider, Unified, staff at a recent training held in Valdez, AK



Watch Keristyn's Story, along with other stories in the Healing Journeys series, at <https://valdeznavetribetribes.org/featured/keristyns-story>.

## What recommendations do you have for other Tribal Programs to address vicarious trauma?

Encourage Program Staff to find creative ways that tie in cultural practices when focusing on individual healing journeys, as well as the victims of crime the program supports.

If you have questions about the program, contact Victim Services Director, Samantha Rice, at [samantha.r@valdeznavetribetribes.org](mailto:samantha.r@valdeznavetribetribes.org)



# TRAINING AND EVENTS



## CONTEXT IS KEY: RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO STALKING

Stalking is criminal, traumatic, dangerous, and often misunderstood. This webinar by the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center provides an introduction to the crime of stalking, focusing on the definition, prevalence, dynamics, behaviors, and intersections with other crimes (including intimate partner violence).

**Register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 11am ET

## DEFINING INDIAN COUNTRY AND PROTECTING CRIME VICTIMS RESERVATIONS AND ALLOTMENTS POST MCGIRT

This webinar by the Victim Assistance to Support Tribes (VAST), a center within the National Center for Victims of Crime, will explain the federal definition of Indian Country, unpack the landmark case that properly recognizes Tribal reservations in Oklahoma, and dive into how this has impacted systems response on the reservations for AI/AN victims and survivors of crime.

**Register [here](#). Date:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 1pm ET

## CHILD ABUSE: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE

Learn the best approach with children who are alleged victims of child abuse in the initial phases of a case, after a concern has been identified. Develop the skills and techniques necessary to engage a child in such a way as to minimize suggestibility but still provide support, beyond what is taught in a First Responder Training. Review best practices in identification of a concern and learn to engage these children in a way that maximizes positive case outcomes and minimizes potential behaviors that can hurt cases.

**Register [here](#). Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 11am ET

## NATIONAL MASS VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION RESOURCE CENTER NATIONAL TOWN HALL ON MASS VIOLENCE: RESPONSE

Join the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center for a timely discussion on victim centric mass violence incident response. Participants will be able to:

- understand the role, resources, and limitations of the FBI and other government agencies in response to mass violence incidents;
- describe how to create an Initial Response and a Family Assistance Center;
- identify effective strategies to assess and address the needs of MVI victims and survivors; and strategies to assess and strengthen a community's capacity to meet survivors' needs, as well as the needs of community members; and
- describe components of an early intervention approach: Psychological First Aid.

**Register [here](#). Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 3pm ET

# TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

## SAFETY NET'S 10TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

This training by the Safety Net Project at the National Network to End Domestic Violence will focus on the intersection of technology and domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Explore some of the ways technology is still evolving, including in our own use as agencies, as well as other intersections of technology and intimate partner violence. The event is designed to help you understanding technology abuse, safety planning, immigrant survivors and technology, online data, and technology facilitated advocacy.

Register [here](#). Date: Tuesday through Thursday, July 19-21, 2022

## CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE

Learn techniques and strategies to enhance the likelihood of obtaining information from possible victims of child sex trafficking. Compare and contrast typical child sexual abuse cases with child sex trafficking (CST) cases and address the different points of entry into the criminal justice and welfare system for CST victims. Understand various disciplines' roles and responsibilities and how they can contribute to a positive outcome of the CST case. Examine question strategy, interview dynamics, language use, and interview suggestions.



Register [here](#). Dates: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 11am ET

## VIRTUAL STOP. OBSERVE. ASK. RESPOND (SOAR) TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING HEALTH AND WELLNESS VIRTUAL TRAINING

Participate in this free 2 hour live SOAR to Health and Wellness training that teaches providers how to identify and respond to human trafficking.

After completing the SOAR to Health and Wellness training, learners will be able to

- describe the types of human trafficking and potential risk factors,
- identify individual and environmental indicators of trafficking,
- screen and identify individuals who may have experienced trafficking,
- utilize a trauma informed, person centered, multidisciplinary approach,
- assess the unique needs of individuals who have experienced trafficking,
- deliver appropriate services to individuals who have experienced trafficking, and
- share the importance of trafficking awareness and responsiveness with others in your work environment.

Register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 1pm ET

## VICTIM PRIVACY: AN INTRODUCTION TO PRIVACY, PRIVILEGE, AND CONFIDENTIALITY FOR ADVOCATES

Helping survivors control the disclosure of their personal information protects them from being re-victimized during proceedings. The right to privacy refers to protections involving limiting or preventing access to victims' personal information. Among these protections are laws affording victims' privilege and/or confidentiality over communications with certain service providers, as well as general victims' rights to privacy and protection. This interactive session from Unified Solutions and the National Crime Victim Law Institute will discuss sources of privacy, analyze the differences between privacy, privilege and confidentiality, review considerations and promising practices for protecting privacy when working with survivors, and describe how victims' rights attorneys can partner with advocates to fight for victim privacy.

Register [here](#). Dates: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 2pm ET

# TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

## RESPONSE TO AT RISK MISSING AND HIGH RISK ENDANGERED MISSING CHILDREN

Gather information on how to engage and construct a collaborative response to at risk missing and high risk endangered missing children. Explore how a missing child's path to becoming a victim of exploitation intersects with the child protection, law enforcement and juvenile justice systems and acts as a risk factor to abductions. Identify opportunities within those systems for prevention and engagement. Examine the complex, layered exploitation these victims endure and how exploiters capitalize on this victimization.

**Register** [here](#). **Dates:** Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 9am ET

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 101 FOR TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

Unified Solutions and Victim Assistance to Support Tribes (VAST), a center within the National Center for Victims of Crime, are offering an introductory and refresher webinar on domestic violence in Tribal communities. This training provides an overview of the dynamics and prevalence of domestic violence, what it can look like and how that may differ in Tribal communities, its impact on victims and survivors, and the advocacy skills needed to effectively support victims and survivors.

**Register** [here](#). **Dates:** Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 2pm ET



## 38TH ALASKA TRIBAL COURT CONFERENCE: TRADITIONAL VALUES AND STRONG TRIBES: LEADING OUR JUSTICE SYSTEMS

This conference will feature new developments and current topics for Alaska tribes and their impacts on tribal courts. Sessions include Responding to Child Emergencies in the Rural Communities, Keeping Children Connected to their Culture through Resource Families and Kinship Care, Current Drug Trends in Alaska, Guiding Tribal Courts with Traditional Values, Tribal Policing in Alaska, Tribal Probation and Re Entry, the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization 2022, and much more.

**Register** [here](#).

**Dates:** Tuesday through Friday, August 2-5, 2022 from 8am-5pm AKST

**Location:** Fairbanks, AK

## ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER SUMMIT: STANDING TOGETHER WE TAKE OUR POWER BACK

This Alaska-specific training will provide information on domestic violence, building community safety nets around prevention, enhancing community safety through education, and weaving culture in as a healing factor. The summit offers both in-person and virtual attendance options.

**Register** to attend **in person** [here](#). **Register** to attend **virtually** [here](#).

**Dates:** Tuesday through Thursday, August 9-11, 2022 from 9am-4pm AKST

**Location:** Anchorage, AK and virtual



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## BJA FY2022 COMMUNITY BASED APPROACHES TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS HATE CRIMES

Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to support comprehensive community based approaches to addressing hate crimes that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve responses to hate crimes. This program empowers community based organizations and civil rights organizations to establish community centered approaches for public awareness, education, and prevention of hate crimes. The program is also designed to develop community informed model policies, practices, and trainings for law enforcement and prosecution entities regarding how hate crimes are reported, investigated, and prosecuted.

Learn more [here](#).

**Deadlines:** Grants.gov July 12, 2022; JustGrants July 18, 2022

## DOJ FY 2022 TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM

The Tribal Access Program (TAP) helps provide Tribes with access to national crime information systems for both criminal and non-criminal purposes. OVC is one of the U.S. Department of Justice Program Offices that funds TAP. Tribes may apply for TAP funding for one of the following primary purposes—

- law enforcement;
- sex offender registries authorized by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act;
- non-criminal or criminal court issuance of protection orders, or entry of misdemeanor convictions for domestic violence;
- foster care placement; or
- child abuse/neglect investigations

Learn more [here](#). Download the solicitation materials [here](#).

**Deadlines:** August 31, 2022 by email to [TAP.App@usdoj.gov](mailto:TAP.App@usdoj.gov)

# TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## OVC PROVIDES SEVERAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TTA) RESOURCES AT **NO COST** TO GRANTEES

Programmatic TTA providers offer training, resources, and information to build grantees' capacity to develop and implement grant-funded victim service projects. Services include help with strategic planning, community needs assessments, policies and procedures, eLearning and in-person training, and much more. Contact your assigned Programmatic TTA provider for more information.

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Financial TTA builds grantees' capacity to administer federal grant funds by assisting with preparing budget modifications, creating financial policies and procedures, and answering general financial questions. Contact the OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) for more information.

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