

# COMPASS

Moving Forward Together



**NEW**

## NCJTC Video Series - Coming January 2025!

This January, we're excited to bring you the [Tell Us Your Story](#) series—stories of impact straight from the frontlines of criminal justice. *These aren't just anecdotes; they're powerful accounts from professionals just like you, who've faced challenges, embraced growth, and made a life-saving difference in their communities with the help of our training, technical assistance and resources.*

Each story is told by the people living it: law enforcement officers, victim advocates, investigators, Tribal partners, forensic analysts, and justice professionals who are tackling the toughest public safety issues head-on. Relevant topics such as missing and endangered children, digital evidence, Tribal justice, forensics, death investigations, cybercrime, and more.

You'll hear how they've strengthened their work, built partnerships, and transformed their impact with tools and strategies gained through our programs.

These stories come from the field—your field. They're about shared challenges, solutions that work, and a collective mission to enhance public safety.

Join us in January as we drop the very first episode. Their experiences may sound a lot like your own—and could help you within your own cases.

For first-access to the episodes, and to see how NCJTC training can help you make a difference in your community, be sure to [subscribe](#) to our email list ([ncjtc.org/signup](#))!



*If NCJTC training, technical assistance or resources helped you achieve a goal or solve a case...we want to hear from you! **Learn more:** [ncjtc.org/tellusyourstory](#)*

### THESE POWERFUL INTERVIEWS ARE:



*Video format - highlighting an agency, tribe or individual's story*



*Their stories, in their own words.*



*Case-study write-up with added details on case/outcomes, training taken, etc.*

**~10 min**

*Videos are SHORT, making for easy viewing & actionable insights*

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## DID YOU KNOW?

We can come directly to YOUR facility to [host](#) training!

[Catch up](#) on last month's issue of the NCJTC Compass!



We have provided training and technical assistance to over 750,000 criminal justice professionals over the course of 30+ years (and counting!)  
**More at [ncjtc.org](#).**

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8:00 am - 4:30 pm CT (M - F)



# NCJTC Impact

## NCJTC Supports the 18th Annual Indian Nations Conference

At NCJTC, we are deeply committed to empowering rural, tribal and underserved communities by providing culturally sensitive training, technical assistance, and logistical support. As it's been for over 30 years, our efforts remain focused on addressing critical public safety challenges while respecting tribal values and traditions. We developed our training and technical assistance approach by listening and understanding needs first and then responding to each unique circumstance.

We truly value our long-standing partnerships with some of the Nation's leading providers in areas of Tribal justice, law enforcement, child safety, and victim services, and are proud to partner with them.

One example of such partnership is the [National Indian Nations Conference](#) hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

This event brought together tribal leaders, service providers, and other professionals to share knowledge and strategies for enhancing public safety and supporting victims in tribal communities.

We are proud to assist with logistical coordination for the conference, ensuring participants can focus on meaningful collaboration and learning.

Several members of our NCJTC team spent the week on the reservation of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians at the 18th National Indian Nations Conference - including NCJTC Coordinator, Kevin Poleyumtewa serving as one of the conference Emcees.

*Check out behind-the-scenes coverage of the December 10 - 13th event!*



NCJTC Project Coordinators, Jessica Heimann and David Chewiwie



The Oscar-nominated Osage Tribal Singers kicking off the event



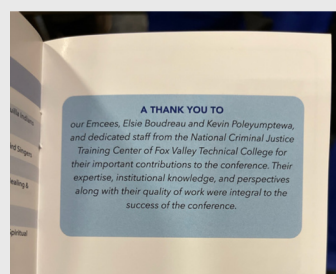
Kevin Poleyumtewa, NCJTC Coordinator and conference Emcee



NCJTC team at the conference!

(Back left to right): Aaron Tomlinson, Devin Rieckmann-Sell, Roicia Banks, Kevin Poleyumtewa, Janell Rasmussen, Alica Wildcatt, Jenniffer Price-Lehmann, Amy Hood-Schwindt, Dave Chewiwie

(Front left to right): Jessica Heimann, Tysha Wood, Brittnei Farmakes, Kevin Brennenstuhl, Angel Cruz, Pamela Foster, Justine Souto



# 2024 Reflections

## To you, our valued customers and collaborative partners:

As 2024 comes to a close, we reflect on the incredible relationships and partnerships that have strengthened our mission this year. Together, we've tackled complex issues and created impactful solutions, driven by collaboration and shared dedication to public safety.

This year, we proudly supported professionals in Tribal justice, law enforcement, child protection, victim services and more through innovative training and technical assistance. From addressing the opioid crisis to enhancing leadership in rural and underserved communities, 2024 has been a year of listening, learning, and responding to the unique needs of those we serve.

We're grateful for the trust of the U.S. Department of Justice and the opportunity to support the nation's most critical criminal justice priorities. For over 30 years, NCJTC has focused on empowering individuals and communities—and that mission remains stronger than ever.

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. On behalf of the NCJTC staff and associate cadre, 300+ strong and growing, we are excited and honored to work with you in 2025 - and beyond!

Have a healthy, safe and happy holiday season.



**Bradley Russ**

Executive Director

National Criminal Justice Training Center



*NCJTC is dedicated to developing new programs and resources to meet the constantly evolving needs of the criminal justice communities we serve. In addition to an array of scheduled regional training events, NCJTC stands ready to assist you in hosting technical assistance and other programmatic support activities important for your community.*



*NCJTC offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, December 24 - January 1.*

*We will be back to serve you in the new year on Thursday, January 2, 2025.*

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