

COMPASS

Moving Forward Together



NATIONAL AWARENESS FOCUS IN SEPTEMBER



Campus Safety Awareness Month

In 2008, National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) was unanimously approved by Congress to encourage a public conversation on important topics in violence prevention at our nation's colleges and universities.

According to **Educator's School Safety Network** in their [Violent Threats and Incidents in Schools: Analysis of the 2024-2025 School Year](#):

- ✓ The number of threats in a given school year has decreased longitudinally, however the rate of violent incidents is still higher than in the pre-pandemic years.
- ✓ Gun violence remains a concern, however the majority of incidents that occur in a school continue to be not gun related.

In the 2024-2025 school year, the **four most common incidents of violence** were:

- 1** A false report of an active shooter
- 2** A gun found on campus
- 3** Non-gun related violent incident (such as violent and aggressive behavior)
- 4** Outside violence spilling into the school

2022-2023

699 violent incidents in schools

2023-2024

536 violent incidents in schools

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

According to the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), in 2024 over "31.7 million adults aged 18 or older perceived that they ever had a substance use problem" with 7 of 10 adults considering themselves in recovery (SAMHSA, 2024). This is an encouraging statistic that may signify a growing awareness, increased access to resources and a willingness to pursue recovery. In this edition, we recognize those on their recovery journey and we remain committed to ensuring criminal justice professionals and service providers have access to meaningful training, TA and resources to impact change in their communities.

Together, we can break the stigma and foster a community that prioritizes mental well-being for all.

23.5M

Americans have courageously sought help for substance use disorder

36

Years of National Recovery Month being celebrated in September



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NCJTC Impact

Our Tribal Response to Alcohol & Substance Misuse Training & Technical Assistance Program Champions Recovery

NCJTC is honored to serve as the training and technical assistance provider for the Tribal Responses to Alcohol and Substance Misuse TTA Program, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The TRASM TTA Program provides support to BJA Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Area 3 grantees, tribal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grantees, and other interested tribal communities.

The over-arching goals of our TRASM TTA program are to build the capacity of tribal justice-funded grantees and tribal justice systems in preventing and reducing crime related to the impact of illicit opioids, stimulants, and other substances on tribal members and communities, reduce the number of overdose fatalities, and foster healing and culturally based pathways to recovery.

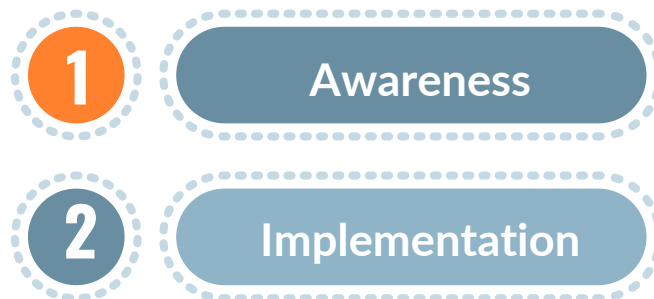
Training and technical assistance (TTA) opportunities include: onsite meeting facilitation and customized & specialized training, regional trainings, conferences, webinars and virtual training, peer-to-peer support, written resources on alcohol and substance misuse, community planning, justice system collaboration and grantee best practices.

TRASM TTA program also maintains a very close, collaborative relationship with external agencies and other BJA Tribal TTA Providers and COSSUP TTA Providers to ensure comprehensive and cohesive support is provided to tribal communities.

This program also seeks to enhance multidisciplinary and multi-jurisdictional collaborations including with federal, state, and local partners to address public safety and wellness needs. Providing a holistic approach to supporting our Tribal partners remains one of our top priorities, as we deploy a multi-phase approach to partners.

The first phase remains centered on creating awareness of the trends, risks, and approaches to blending evidence-based practices with culturally driven treatment and interventions.

The second phase is focused on providing training, resources and support as they implement changes within their communities.



Recorded Webinars

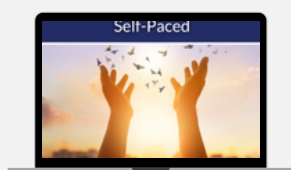
- ✓ Addiction and Working with Clients: Enhancing Motivation When None Exists
- ✓ Opioid Addiction and Medication Assisted Treatments for Tribal Communities
- ✓ Co-Occurring Disorders Simplified
- ✓ Social Emotional Skill Development
- ✓ Examining the Relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Misuse among Tribal Populations
- ✓ Strategies to Reduce Underage Substance Use in Tribal Communities

For more training details and a full list of recordings, visit ncjtc.org/trasmwebinars

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You may also request TTA online via ncjtc.org/trasm or by scanning the QR code

Opportunities for YOU!

Still time left to share your expertise!

We have two 2026 conferences with the
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November 14!

School Resource Officer Training Conference

June 9 - 11, 2026 | Appleton, WI | [Learn More and SUBMIT your proposal](#)

The SRO Training Conference focuses on critical issues impacting the safety of schools, youth, and communities. Conference sessions highlight best practices, lessons learned from relevant cases, and current or emerging trends in addressing school violence through crime prevention and response strategies.

WI Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training Conference (LEAP)

June 17 - 19, 2026 | Onalaska, WI | [Learn More and SUBMIT your proposal](#)

The conference is a place for administrative professionals, executive assistants, and support personnel from criminal justice and other governmental agencies to come together to discuss relevant topics focused on improving communication, enhancing skills, and fostering community outreach.

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Still time left to register for these LIVE Webinars

Missing in Alaska: The Ashley Johnson-Barr Story | [October 2](#)

This presentation highlights the tragic story of Ashley Johnson-Barr, a 10 year old abducted from Kotzebue, Alaska. Explore the challenges and importance of responding to a missing or abducted child. Participants will gain insight into the role of community coordination and the impact of the AMBER Alert in Indian Country program.

From Call to Court: How Technology is Revolutionizing Crime Solving | [October 16](#)

Join us for an engaging webinar that explores the digital tools, forensic innovations, and data-driven strategies that are reshaping modern criminal investigations — both today and into the future. With the belief that we are all digital detectives; this session will take a closer look at the latest advancements powering today's investigative efforts. As we work to increase solve rates and better serve victims in our communities, the integration of technology into every phase of an investigation is proving essential.

NEW

Beyond Offense: Recognizing and Responding to CSEC Victimization in Juvenile Justice | [October 22](#)

This webinar delves into the dual reality faced by many youths in the juvenile justice system who are not only involved in offending behaviors but are also victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the intertwined nature of offending and victimization, the critical role of a trauma-informed lens, and practical strategies for identifying CSEC indicators. Examine how comprehensive wrap-around services and the power of lived experience mentorship can break the cycle and support healing.

NCJTC in the News

MMIP MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATION

Remembering and honoring missing and murdered Indigenous relatives (MMIR) is a crucial step in the journey toward healing and justice.

Members of AATTAP's AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) team attended a powerful MMIP Memorial Bench Dedication in Fairbanks, Alaska, hosted by the [Tanana Chiefs Conference](#). The event brought together families, Tribal leaders, and community members to honor the lives of those tragically taken or still missing.

The dedication included heartfelt speeches and the reading of 48 names, each one representing a person, a story, and a life stolen.

The AIIC team is grateful to the Tanana Chiefs Conference for inviting us to this meaningful gathering. Events like this highlight the urgent need for continued collaboration and support. We are committed to working with our partners to ensure that every community has the resources to respond swiftly when a child goes missing and to honor those we've lost by protecting those still with us.



Top: Gladys Derendoff (mother of missing Willis Derendoff) and other family members sharing memories of their loved one. **Bottom left:** Martha Bravo AKNWRC Executive Coordinator reading the names of the 48 people missing. **Bottom Right:** Fairbanks Rural Unit Sergeant Josh Moore with the gift he was presented by the family of Doren Sanford.

Being surrounded by families and communities who carry such a deep pain and resilience is a powerful reminder of why we do this work.

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