

COMPASS

Moving Forward Together

NATIONAL AWARENESS FOCUS IN OCTOBER



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims. Americans live in daily, silent fear within their own homes. In addition, every year millions of children are exposed to domestic violence. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning.

An average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute

10M Abuse Victims Annually

Information from: nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-domestic-violence-awareness-month



1 IN 3 WOMEN

1 IN 4 MEN



have been physically abused by an intimate partner

Ready to Protect Your Community even more?

Join us for a new **PILOT Training Opportunity** for new strategies in investigating and prosecuting these cases.

Advanced Strategies for Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence

[December 15 -17, 2025](#) | Appleton, WI

[February 11 - 13, 2026](#) | Nashville, TN

Crime Prevention Month

Together, we can build safer communities through awareness, education, and action. This month, we honor the dedication of law enforcement professionals, educators, and community members working every day to prevent crime before it happens.

Explore NCJTC training opportunities designed to strengthen prevention strategies—from community policing and school safety to digital and youth crime prevention.



View training opportunities [HERE](#).

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TELL US YOUR STORY

You can **inspire others** and **earn NCJTC perks** by taking part in our

Tell Us Your Story series?

ncjtc.org/tellusyourstory

750K+

We have provided training and technical assistance to over 750,000 criminal justice professionals over the course of 32+ years. **More at ncjtc.org.**

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7:00 am - 5:00 pm CT (M - F)



NCJTC Impact

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a collaborative, person-centered approach that helps individuals explore their readiness for change. For professionals working in courts, probation, law enforcement, treatment and social services, MI offers a respectful and effective way to engage individuals who may be at risk of substance misuse or who are actively experiencing addiction. MI helps individuals recognize risks early, reinforcing protective factors and promoting long-term wellness.

Through Bureau of Justice Assistance funding, NCJTC's TRASM Training and Technical Assistance team was fortunate to be able to work with:

- Ponca Tribe's White Eagle Behavioral Health Team on **Basic and Advanced Motivational Interviewing Trainings** in January and September 2025 respectively
- Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria on Basic Motivational Interviewing Training in September 2025

Our Tribal Responses to Alcohol and Substance Misuse (TRASM) program offers a variety of resources, trainings and expertise in relationship to National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.



"The level of engagement and interaction helped me understand, practice and reinforce the skills and material."

- Advanced Motivational Interviewing Participant



Looking for additional substance misuse resources and requestable TRASM offerings?

Contact us at info@ncjtc.org or (855) 866-2582.

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

Relevant Recorded Webinars

Looking for online training? TRASM has a variety of Recorded Webinars regarding Prevention and Recovery.

- ✓ [Intro to Neurobiology of Addiction](#)
- ✓ [Neurobiology of Addiction - Beyond the Basics](#)
- ✓ [Leveraging Peer Supports to Enhance Substance Use Recovery in Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Peer Recovery Support Services in Alaska Native Villages](#)
- ✓ [Peer Recovery Support Services in Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Strategies to Reduce Underage Substance Use in Tribal Communities](#)

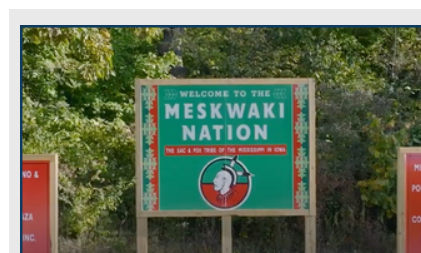
MESKWAKI NATION VIDEO PROJECT

We are proud to have been apart of this special project! Our NCJTC/FVTC media team, along with team members from our TRASM Program traveled to the Meskwaki Nation to gather photo and video footage that was used to create this public service announcement (PSA) video for the Meskwaki Nation's substance misuse prevention initiative.

The team was welcomed into the community, offering us the opportunity to photograph and film the annual pow wow, individual community members, their community programs in action and allowed the chance to photograph and film over 70 bison up close. The result was this powerful PSA depicting an authentic representation of the community, including narration by a community youth speaking against the use of alcohol and other substances.

We are honored to have been apart of this incredible experience and truly value our strong relationship with our Tribal partners!

Join us in promoting awareness, education, and prevention efforts that save lives. Together, we can strengthen communities and reduce the devastating impact of substance misuse.



[Watch NOW](#)

Conference Opportunities

Americas Safe Schools Week

We celebrate Safe Schools Week by equipping ourselves to prevent violence, foster trust, and build a culture of safety in our schools and communities. Join us at #SRO2026 to make strong connections, learn from subject matter experts, and gain new skills for keeping your school and community safe. ***Every student deserves a safe place to learn, grow, and thrive.***

Don't miss out on these connections and the impact made. **Register Today!** ncjtc.org/sro

2025 SRO Conference Recap...

200+
attendees

28 
presenters

06 
expert-led
plenaries

20 
interactive
breakouts

countless
connections made &
strategies learned

Still time left to share your expertise!

We have two 2026 conferences with Call for Presentations **SITLL OPEN!**

**Submit your
proposals by
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](#)

Conference 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.

Did you miss any of our recent webinars? Don't worry - they are available to watch now!

- ✓ [Critical First Steps: Assessment Techniques in Missing Children Incidents](#)
- ✓ [Digital DNA at the Crime Scene: Leveraging Mobile Signals to Uncover the Truth](#)
- ✓ [Survivor Stories: From Abduction to Advocate](#)
- ✓ [Missing in Alaska: The Ashley Johnson-Barr Story](#)
- ✓ [Beyond Offense: Recognizing and Responding to CSEC Victimization in Juvenile Justice](#)



What's New at NCJTC?

64th edition of the AMBER Advocate magazine

The AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) is pleased to share with you the [64th edition of The AMBER Advocate magazine](#). Our fall 2025 issue includes:

- **CART Smart Restart:** Learn how we've made it easier for agencies to create child abduction response teams (CARTs) by simply focusing basics—the 12 core components needed for a successful team. The Louisiana State Police participated in a pilot CART training workshop and couldn't be happier with the results.
- **A Heartfelt Rescue:** A Nevada community's embrace of a life-or-death situation that warranted an AMBER Alert led to an abducted 10-month-old infant being recovered safely—just in time for heart surgery next day.
- **Neighbor to the North:** Get to know Josée Melanson, an AMBER Alert Coordinator from Canada who focuses on cross-border collaboration work that's integral to our Northern Border Initiative.



Find this issue—plus numerous learning opportunities, resources, and more — at AMBERAdvocate.org.

✨ New Series



Got something to share?
Submit your successes [HERE](#).

Training works. Let's prove it.

This is about the quick wins. The small shifts. The “hey, that actually worked” moments.

We're on a mission to spotlight more wins, more often. So in addition to Tell Us Your Story, we're expanding how we share your success. That's where the **NCJTC Spotlight Series** comes in—a fast, flexible way to share what's working, in your own words.

WHY? Because **good news deserves more airtime**.
Because **your experience might help someone else**.
Because celebrating what's going right **builds a stronger, more connected criminal justice community**.

Spotlight Sample

Greg Schiller, CEO - Child Rescue Coalition, has leveraged NCJTC tools, technology and training 15 years and counting to successfully prosecute countless cases of internet crimes against children. [Hear our first spotlight HERE.](#)

NEW Prevention and Treatment Resources

- ✓ [Preventing Underage Substance Use in Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Culturally Responsive Pathways to Peer Programming in Tribal Communities](#)
- ✓ [Spotted Bull Recovery Resource Center: Integrating Cultural Practices Into Prevention and Treatment](#)



Newsorthy Events

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference

The Pechanga Band of Indians, in partnership with the California Department of Social Services, hosted this year's statewide Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference on October 28-30, 2025 in Temecula, CA.

The 32nd Annual Statewide ICWA Conference brought together experts and leaders in law, legislation, and social services, offering social services personnel, attorneys, government leaders, and community members from across the state for a unique opportunity to learn and share ideas about how to protect and preserve Tribal families.

NCJTC was honored to present at the conference on multiple topics relating to Prevention, Cultural Resilience, and supporting Native Fathers. NCJTC also collaborated with partner, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, to provide a session on Identifying and Supporting Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Approach.

Conference Presenters: Kevin Poleyumptewa, Carrie Jensen (Director of Operations, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children), Star Naye (NCJTC Associate), Nikki Roemer (Director of Training & Alliance Development, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children) and Kevin Mariano



Onsite Training Success

Thank you to the Detroit Police Department for hosting, and huge congratulations to the detectives and all attendees who completed the vital **Enhancing Investigations through Genetic Genealogy** in October.

This intensive course demonstrates your powerful commitment to integrating cutting-edge Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG). By mastering these techniques, you've gained the crucial knowledge needed to crack complex cold cases and identify human remains, ultimately supporting victims and their families.



Interested in bringing this **vital training** to your region or joining a future class? Find upcoming dates and details [HERE](#).



Did You Know?

We can come directly to YOUR facility to [host](#) our most highly-sought after training courses!



Did you miss the last issue of the NCJTC Compass? [Read the September issue!](#)



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