

Unified Solutions is a 501c(3) tax-exempt social profit organization dedicated to bringing communities together to overcome existing social problems and co-create a world of physical, emotional, social, and spiritual wellness.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Unified Solutions is dedicated to partnering with American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) communities and their allies to end violent crime, heal from the effects of trauma, and promote resilience. We recognize the problem of violence in our communities and at home can be directly linked to institutional practices of dominance and privilege. Therefore, we invite individuals and agencies to examine and transform these practices and dismantle internalized oppression at all levels.

In addition, we:

- (1) provide training and resources to build confident and responsive grassroots and workplace leadership;
- (2) work in partnership with diverse community sectors, actively seek the participation and involvement of resident community members in our work, and recognize equitable, shared power among all stakeholders involved in a project;
- (3) facilitate learning environments and promote linkages between multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary, and multi-faith communities to develop a best practices network of “unified solutions” to sustain peace in our world;
- (4) tailor our services and products to uphold the unique cultural heritage and spiritual vitality of those we serve.

ABOUT OUR LOGO



The Unified Solutions logo was formed from a collaborative process with community members. We receive great blessing from those who support the vision of Unified Solutions and offer their talent to express this vision in visual art.

Special thanks to Victor Robles, Yaqui artist, and Desiree Trowbridge, Latina artist, who helped breathe life into this work.

The image depicts a Phoenix, the Earth, and four sets of hands coming from each direction to create something new. A light radiates out from the center between the hands, to show the sacred power of the work that comes from this kind of collaboration.

The image tells a story and sends a message:

The fate of our world depends upon our ability to come together and create together—all people, young and old, of all colors, from all directions. When we commit our hand together in action, creating a new way with unified solutions, the power of this light shines from within the Phoenix.

The Phoenix burns to ashes and is re-born.
The Phoenix takes on all that is finished,
all that no longer serves us
—like greed and fear and competition
—and burns it away.
All that is left is the light that guides us,
and the Earth is reborn.

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“Building capacity through education,
training, and resource support.”

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WHAT IS T&TA?

Unified Solutions is the Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Provider for the Tribal Victim Assistance (TVA) in Indian Country Grant Program sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), US Department of Justice (DOJ). Our services are free of charge to grantee programs.

Through Tribal Victim Assistance programs, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities can initiate or expand efforts to provide direct services to victims of crime. TVA Programs are designed to address the needs of unserved and underserved victims, particularly those victimized by crimes such as child abuse, homicide, elder abuse, DUI, gang violence, sexual assault, stalking, domestic abuse, and arson. TVA Programs provide services that respond immediately to the emotional and physical needs of tribal crime victims.

Our purpose as the T&TA provider is to assist TVA programs to be the best they can be. Our goal is to ensure that all program staff and related agencies, such as law enforcement, are adequately trained. We assist as needed to ensure management operations such as budgeting, data collection, and timely report writing are successfully implemented. We join with our grantees in their heartfelt commitment to provide the most comprehensive, highest quality services possible to the deserving members of their communities, and we do all we can to help them

WHAT T&TA PROVIDES:

We are committed to providing quality services to the TVA Programs, including:

Communication: Frequent contact to connect and support tribal victim assistance programs throughout the lower 48 states and Alaska. Programs are invited to participate on the TVA Advisory Board to help shape service delivery.

On-Site Training: Individualized, culturally-relevant training specific to the needs of reservation-based and urban communities. Trainings are delivered on-site by experienced, professional personnel who understand the unique needs of tribal people and programs.

Annual Skills-Based Training: Each year a skills-based training conference is developed based on annual needs assessment interviews, previous conference evaluations, and planning committee recommendations.

Teleclasses: We provide periodic teleclasses in a number of topics during each grant year. A facilitated forum allows participants to share information with peers and to identify and develop best practices in Native American Victim Assistance Programs nationally.

Best Practices: A program that features grantee programs around the country that are doing innovative work in the field of victim services. The Best Practices trainers become members of our Mentoring Program. Experienced grantees are commissioned to provide on-site training to newly emerging grantees in our TVA community. We believe the best education is the one we get by learning from each other.

TVA Website: This provides links to tribal, state and federal resources, including listings for State VOCA administrators, Victim Compensation directors, FBI Victim Witness coordinators, and Victim Specialists from the US Attorney offices.

Resource Library: Features training manuals, articles, and web links for law enforcement needs and advocacy issues, as well as sample tribal codes, Tribal Victim Bill of Rights, program policies & procedures, and educational articles on signs and symptoms of child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, domestic abuse, gang-related crime, elder abuse, and other topics.

Newsletters & Assistance with Management Reports: Quarterly T&TA Newsletters feature educational articles, training opportunities, funding opportunities, and information about valuable resources. Several times per year we offer training workshops to provide assistance in filling out all the necessary program reports and financial reports required by OVC and the Office of the Comptroller.

Training Workshops Offered by Unified Solutions

Law Enforcement Investigations for:

- Elder Abuse
- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking and Strangulation
- Domestic Abuse
- Report Writing for Law Enforcement to Enhance Victim Safety and Offender Accountability
- Understanding Victim Trauma for Law Enforcement
- Homicide Response

Advocacy Training and Effective Community Organization for:

- Elder Abuse
- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking and Strangulation
- Domestic Abuse
- Cultural Competency
- Compassion Fatigue and Stress Relief for Service Providers in Indian Country
- Homicide in Indian Country: Victim Compensation Issues
- Safety Planning for Victims
- Victims' Rights

On-Scene Crisis Response Skills - includes overview of physical and emotional reality of the victim and specific interviewing techniques and behaviors to maximize productivity of investigations and services.

Crimes Affecting Adolescents for:

- Dating Violence
- Bullying in Schools
- Sexual Assault
- Gang-related Activity

Program Management topics:

- Community Change Strategies
- Grant Writing and Program Sustainability
- Data Collection & Program Evaluation
- Recruiting and Managing Volunteers
- Coordinated Community Response
- Team Building
- Leadership Development for Program Managers

To make a training request tailored for your needs:

Call us toll-free at 1-877-438-4400, or send a fax to 1-480-966-3599.