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TVA Financial Reports are due November 10
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Hello Everyone!

Time has just flown by since our last newsletter! October was a flurry of positive activity and change for us here at Unified Solutions. We apologize for missing a month with our newsletter, but hope that you will enjoy this double issue. We are excited to share with you the events of the past month, as well as the many upcoming opportunities for training and funding, not to mention some new resources that are available to you!

We recently welcomed two new team members to the Unified Solutions family. **Tseteesia Natalia Calhoun** is our newest trainer. A former Unified Solutions consultant and enrolled member of the Lummi Nation, she comes to us from Washington State where she was the Victim Services Coordinator for the Lummi Victims of Crime program. She brings her expertise from over 20-plus years as a community leader, presenter, trainer and manager, as well as her remarkable presence and insight.

Lori VanBuggenum, a member of the Cherokee Nation, is our new research and publications specialist. She recently moved to Tucson from the Inland Northwest where she worked at the Washington State University Women's Resource Center as a sexual assault risk-reduction program coordinator. Please see our "Say Hello" article on page 4 to learn more about Tseteesia and Lori.

October was an important month in honor of Domestic Violence awareness. We were honored to be a part of the **8th Annual Family Violence Conference**, sponsored by the **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians**. Tseteesia, along with Veronica Guerrero (Yaqui), and Gus Abeita (Laguna/Santo Domingo) facilitated three trainings, *Domestic Violence in Indian Country*, *Sexual Assault in Indian Country*, and *Building Community Competence in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*. The conference was a kickoff for a list of week-long community events in recognition of Domestic Violence month. Please see our featured article about the Turtle Mountain community and their commitment to addressing issues of violence in their community on page 2.

As I am writing, Tseteesia and Veronica are with the **Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe** facilitating a three-day training in honor of their Domestic Violence Awareness activities. **Terrance Veo, Program Director**, asked us to teach *Crisis Intervention for Law Enforcement*, *Crisis Intervention for First Responders*, and *Legal Advocacy and Mock Trial*. We look forward to sharing more about our visit with the Cheyenne River Sioux community in our next newsletter. In the meantime, please visit our resource library on our website www.generatingsolutions.org to access the latest training materials as PDF files, as well as other resources.

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Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa 8th Annual Family Violence Conference Hand in Hand, We Can Make a Difference

By Lori VanBugenum (Cherokee)



Beautiful rolling green hills covered with birch and aspen trees and dotted with lakes and streams created the backdrop for the perfect "short-sleeve weather" autumn morning in Belcourt, North Dakota. Head Start children wearing white t-shirts reading, "Hand in Hand We Can Make a Difference," walked down the road on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indian Reservation. The procession was led by flag-barriers and a drumming group, with the children and community members following behind. Law enforcement officers drove out in front and behind the group, providing traffic protection. People gathered on the sidewalk to show their support, and school children came out of their classrooms to watch as the marchers passed by. From a distance, one might assume that this was a typical autumn community celebration, common in many small communities.

But appearances can be deceiving. This was not a typical small community parade; this was a community response, a statement of solidarity. The members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians had gathered to express their commitment to themselves and one another to build a healthy, thriving community, free of violence and crime. The **8th Annual Family Violence Conference** is just one of the ways the community has decided to raise awareness about community issues that are close to their hearts.

The conference was a kickoff to a list of week-long activities in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Unified Solutions was honored to be a part of the community events and facilitated three trainings, including *Building Community Competence in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Sexual Assault in Indian Country*, and *Domestic Violence in Indian Country*.

Ina Olsen, Victims of Crime Director, along with advocates Evelyn-Cookie Jerome and Roxanne Laducer, successfully coordinated the entire event, as they do every year. The three-day conference featured speakers from the FBI and Turtle Mountain Tribal Council, as well as numerous community members telling their personal stories. The event concluded with a community parade and lunch.

Gus Abeita, Unified Solutions consultant, shared that the audience was receptive, attentive and participated in lively discussion. "There is tremendous support within this community to really find out what the causes and dynamics of these issues are and to develop long-term solutions for the families. The community is hopeful and that is very encouraging."

The parade destination was Ladot's Hall, where the community had worked together to organize a potluck lunch. The food was donated by private business owners who did not want service providers to be worrying about food while trying to organize the day's events. Many community members, groups, and service providers pooled their resources to make the conference and the week's events a reality. This type of collaboration illustrates the commitment and visions the community members of Turtle Mountain share of working together to strengthen their community as a whole.

As people ate, conversations bubbled up about aspects of the conference and the trainings that had been presented. Goals are being reached, people are connecting, information and thoughts are being shared! These are the necessary steps in the process of awareness, healing, and change. Congratulations, Turtle Mountain, for delivering yet another successful conference!



Tribal rights recognized in domestic violence bill

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

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<http://www.indianz.com/News/2004/004990.asp>

Tribes would gain jurisdiction over non-Indians and have the ability to increase punishments in domestic violence cases under a bill to be introduced in the coming month.

Statistics show that nearly a third of all American Indian and Alaska Native women will be the victim of sexual assault in their lifetime, the highest rate of any racial or ethnic group. According to the Department of Justice, the overwhelming majority of the perpetrators are non-Indians.

In hopes of reversing course, Sen. Joe Biden (D-Delaware), a top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, is backing a bill that would restore tribal criminal authority over non-Indians in such cases. The measure would also allow tribes to increase jail time and fines for people who commit violent crimes against Native women.

The changes will be part of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. The new bill includes a title, called the Safety for Native Women Act, that focuses solely on tribal issues.

"The Native title is a historic title for us that reverses federal policy," said Jacqueline Agtuca of Sacred Circle, a domestic violence project of Cangleska Inc. of South Dakota.

Agtuca, a former acting director of the Office of Tribal Justice at DOJ, announced the new legislation at the National Congress of American Indians earlier this month. She said funding levels for tribal governments and Indian organizations would be boosted.

Out of the \$900 million authorized, 10 percent will be set aside for tribes, double the current amount. In reality, the funding will amount to about \$58 million, said Agtuca.

"The \$58 million will not address all of our issues," she told NCAI, "but I think it will help in the long run." Grants for the STOP (Services / Training / Officers / Prosecutors) program will also double to \$18.2 million, she said.

The jurisdiction provisions are also important, Agtuca noted, because it would patch up a hole in Indian Country law enforcement. "What we are looking at is introducing this amendment," she said, "that would allow partial restoration of the inherent authority of tribes over non-Indians who come on our lands and rape and batter."

State and federal authorities currently have authority over non-Indians but prosecution and conviction rates in domestic violence

cases are low, according to statistics cited by Karen Artichoker, also of Sacred Circle/Cangleska.

For example, there were only 69 convictions for sexual assault in 1993 for all of Indian Country. Yet despite the statistics showing that 70 percent of perpetrators are non-Indians, 60 percent of these convictions were of Native men.

Artichoker also noted that rape investigations conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs appear to have dropped in recent years. In 2000, there were 550 investigations, down from 603 the year before.

"And that's only what's reported," she said. "We can triple that in terms of the unreported."

Due to the U.S. Supreme Court decision's in *Oliphant v. Suquamish*, tribes are precluded from prosecuting non-Indians in criminal cases. The Biden reauthorization amends the Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA) to provide a restoration of tribal jurisdiction limited to domestic violence cases.

The language states that tribes shall have "criminal jurisdiction over all persons that enter lands within the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe with the intent to injure harass, intimidate or otherwise abuse that person's spouse or intimate partner, and, who in the course of or as the result of such travel intentionally commits a crime of violence," according to the draft.

The bill amends ICRA further to allow tribes to increase jail time and fines in domestic violence cases. ICRA currently limits punishment to one year in jail and \$5,000 in fines.

Other provisions of the Native title require DOJ to come up with a consultation policy, allow tribal access to the National Crime Information Center, authorize funding for a tribal database of violent offenders and create a tribal division within DOJ's Office of Violence Against Women.

NCAI, through a series of resolutions, has backed the changes proposed in the reauthorization. One NCAI resolution, to ensure that Indian organizations not run by a tribal government are eligible for domestic violence grants, recently became implemented into law.

Agtuca said she hopes the reauthorization will become law in 2005. It is being introduced in November to build momentum for passage, she said.

Say Hello to the Newest Members of Your USCCGI Team!



Tseteesia Natalia Calhoun recently joined the USCCGI team as our **Training and Development Specialist**. She is excited about being a part of the team and is looking forward to meeting many of you during her site visits and trainings. She moved to Arizona from Washington State where she was the Victim Service Coordinator for the Lummi Victims of Crime program. An enrolled member of the Lummi Nation, Tseteesia brings knowledge, compassion, and expertise, with more than 20 years of experience as an advocate for social justice in the roles of a community leader, presenter, trainer, and manager. An avid runner, Tseteesia loves training and competing in marathons. She most recently competed in Hawaii and is excited about training for her next event. We are blessed to have Tseteesia as part of the USCCGI family and look forward to working together to meet your TVA needs.



Lori VanBuggenum, a member of the Cherokee Nation, is the newest addition to the USCCGI team as our **Research and Publication Specialist**. Before moving to Arizona, she worked at Washington State University in the Women's Resource Center as a program coordinator for a sexual assault risk-reduction program. One of her most valuable life experiences was spending three months in Thailand working with local Thai women to address social issues associated with prostitution and sex slavery. "The time I spent working with these women changed my life forever."

She feels very blessed to do paid work in a progressive organization and is looking forward to working together with all of you as agents for positive social change.

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We will host our 2nd Annual TVA conference in spring 2005. We are very excited to share this experience with all of you again. This is your conference, so we will be asking for your input as we design the agenda. What kind of workshops would you like to see? What needs do you want addressed, and what information would you like to receive? We value your voices and perspectives and will be sending e-mail and making phone calls to ask for your suggestions. We invite you to call us toll-free at 1-877-438-4400 to speak to us directly.

I hope that all of you are enjoying the changing of seasons as autumn shifts toward winter. As always, please call us if we can assist you in meeting whatever need you may have.

Until next time,

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Urgent Financial Report Alert For TVA Programs

**OVC is making a SPECIAL REQUEST
for EARLY FILING of the SF269 Financial Report:**

“It is essential that you file your current SF269 five days early – on November 10, 2004 – to assist us with critical year end audit activities. Your SF269 may be filed online at <http://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. If you have questions about the online system, please call OC’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-458-0786 or write to us at ask.oc@usdoj.gov”

**Please note, the report would normally be due on
November 15, but it is now due no later than
NOVEMBER 10, 2004**

**The report period is from
July 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004.**

**Unified Solutions can help with questions
about your Financial Status Report.
Contact us toll-free at 1-877-438-4400 for assistance.**



Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Legislative Update for October 2004

From the FCNL website:

<http://www.fcnl.org/issues/nat/natindx.htm>

Passage of the American Indian Probate Reform Act (S 1721)

FCNL worked to get S 1721 passed and we thank you for e-mailing and faxing your congressional members to help pass this important bill. The American Indian Probate Reform Act (S 1721) passed the House on October 7 by a 2/3 voice vote. It had previously passed the Senate on June 3. It now awaits signature into law by President Bush. S 1721 amends the Indian Land Consolidation Act and addresses the issues of "fractionated" and "checkerboard pattern" Indian lands.

Today, many non-Indians live and hold property within Native territories, creating a checkerboard pattern within tribal lands and decreasing the economic potential of the territory. The Probate Reform Act gives tribal governments the right of first refusal for any land being sold within the reservation by a non-Indian. It will allow tribes to consolidate their territory and make their land contiguous.

Another major problem in Indian Country is the increasing rate of fractionated land. On many reservations, plots of land are commonly divided by hundreds of owners, on which a third or more of the owners hold a stake no larger than \$1. The act addresses fractionalization by providing funds for estate planning and probate assistance. The amendment also allows tribal and federal governments to buy out minority owners and consolidate severely divided lands, converting them back into economically viable property.

Cobell v. Norton Trust Fund Scandal

The trust fund mismanagement scandal continues to be pursued in court and in Indian Country where people are affected by decisions in the case. Plaintiffs continue to win in court in the *Cobell v. Norton* case and tensions continue to escalate between attorneys for the Interior Department and attorneys for the half-million Native Americans who have pursued their rights for eight years. For information on the case, go to <http://www.indiantrust.com>. Federal district court Judge Royce Lamberth recently ruled that Interior must supply trust beneficiaries with "a full and accurate accounting, appraisal and other relevant information," and notify all beneficiaries of the ongoing lawsuit before selling trust property. Previous to the ruling, Interior was not required to notify Native Americans of the possible sale of trust land where families may have lived for decades or centuries. "For more than a century, the U.S. Government has sold our land out from under us – without consent, without appraisal, and without informing us of our rights," said Elouise Cobell, lead plaintiff in the eight-year-old case.

Following this ruling, Special Trustee Ross Swimmer sent an internal memo to Interior staff across the country. The memo suggested the

court order would mean a possible stoppage in trust checks and the immediate halt in communication with native beneficiaries. Judge Lamberth called the two sides in for an emergency session and asked attorneys for Interior: "Has Secretary Norton decided to declare war on the Indians in this litigation? It comes across as absolute, direct retaliation." Attorneys for Interior said beneficiary checks would continue to be sent and had never stopped. The two sides met recently on the stage at the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians and the tension between the parties was obvious. There seems to be no meeting of the minds that will lead to a mediated settlement.

BIA Prison Report

In a September 2004 report entitled, "Neither Safe Nor Secure," the Department of Interior's Inspector General, Earl Devaney, described the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) detention centers as "egregiously unsafe, unsanitary, and a hazard to both inmates and staff alike." Jails are chronically understaffed with 79% of facilities under minimum staffing levels, and cooks or dispatchers are commonly the only staff on hand in entire facilities. Over half the prisons in the BIA system are overcrowded and prisoners regularly sleep on the floor. In many facilities, toilets and sinks no longer function. The report also found that 11 fatalities, 236 suicide attempts, 631 escapes, and countless assaults on detention officers occurred in BIA detention facilities in the last three years, but Devaney stated these figures are low because 98% of serious incidents inside the prisons go unreported.

Sen. Grassley (IA) has called federally-operated Indian Country jails a "national disgrace" and faults BIA bureaucracy for "waste and mismanagement." The report cited problems of inaction, indifference, neglect, and apathy within senior levels of the BIA management. Others have focused on funding levels in the BIA budget for the detention program. Sen. Baucus (MT) has introduced S 2919 to permit tribes to issue tax credit bonds to properly staff and repair Indian Country prisons. Such a bill would be considered in the 109th Congress.

Lobbyist Scandal

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the Senate Commerce Committee, and a federal grand jury are investigating lobbyist Jack Abramoff and public relations specialist Michael Scanlon who allegedly bilked \$66 million from six tribes with profitable casinos. The two profited from ethically reprehensible schemes. In one case, Abramoff and Scanlon worked behind the scenes, with Christian conservative Ralph Reed, to shut down the Tigua's casino in El Paso, Texas, and then offered their lobbying services to the same tribe, promising to fix the "gross indignity perpetuated by the Texas state authorities." Abramoff and Scanlon collected \$4.2 million from the tribe.

According to documents and testimony, during their "relationships" with tribal governments, Abramoff and Scanlon used abusive adjectives

such as “morons,” “monkeys,” “knuckleheads,” “stupid idiots,” “losers,” and “troglodytes” to describe their Native American clients.

CONTACTING POLICY MAKERS

Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121

FCNL Native American Legislative Updates are intended as a supplement to other FCNL materials and do not reflect FCNL’s complete policy position on any issue, nor do they include all pertinent facts on any topic. For more information, or to request the FCNL Indian Report and other background documents, please contact the FCNL’s Native American Advocacy Program: (202) 547-6000, 245 2nd St. NE, Washington, DC 20002; Indian@fcnl.org, or visit <http://www.fcnl.org/issues/nat/natindx.htm>

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**OJJDP Announces
New Drug Court Responsibilities**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) has been charged with the management of all juvenile and family drug court programs under the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs. Over the next few months, OJJDP will assume responsibility for all juvenile and family drug court grants currently administered by OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance and will announce solicitations for fiscal year ’05 grant funds. Stay tuned to JUVJUST for further information as it becomes available.

The toll-free number for the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse has been changed to 800-851-3420. Please share this information with appropriate colleagues and contacts.

**Violence Policy Center Releases Annual Report
When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2002 Homicide Data**

Study, released for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, ranks Alaska #1 in rate of women murdered by men

WASHINGTON, DC—On Tuesday, September 28, 2004, the Violence Policy Center (VPC) released **When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2002 Homicide Data**. This annual report, which details national and state-by-state information on female homicides involving one female murder victim and one male offender, illustrates the unique role firearms play in female homicide. The study is being released to coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. In 2002, the most recent data available from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s unpublished Supplementary Homicide Report, firearms were the most common weapon used by males to murder females (928 of 1,733 or 54 percent). Of these, 73 percent (679 of 928) were committed with handguns. Alaska ranks first in the nation in the rate of women killed by men. Ranked behind Alaska are: Louisiana, New Mexico, Nevada, Wyoming, South Carolina, Tennessee, Delaware, North Carolina, and Alabama. Nationally the rate was 1.37 per 100,000.

Study author Marty Langley states, “These numbers should serve as a wake-up call to the states with the highest rates of female homicide. In identifying solutions to domestic violence, the role firearms play must be addressed.”

<u>Ranking State</u>	<u>Number of Homicides</u>	<u>Homicide Rate per 100,000</u>
1 Alaska	15	4.84
2 Louisiana	67	2.91
3 New Mexico	25	2.66
4 Nevada	27	2.54
5 Wyoming	6	2.42
6 South Carolina	49	2.32
7 Tennessee	67	2.26
8 Delaware	9	2.17
9 North Carolina	88	2.08
10 Alabama	42	1.82

The Violence Policy Center is a national nonprofit educational foundation that conducts research on violence in America and works to develop violence-reduction policies and proposals. The Center examines the role of firearms in America, conducts research on firearms violence, and explores new ways to decrease firearm-related death and injury.

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Selected Topics on Youth Courts: A Monograph

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announce the release of "Selected Topics on Youth Courts: A Monograph." Prepared by the National Youth Court Center with funding from OJJDP and NHTSA, the monograph provides information on:

- Addressing Truancy in Youth Court Programs
- Underage Drinking and Other Substance Abuse: Opportunities for Prevention and Intervention by Youth Courts
- An Overview of School-Based Youth Court Program Design Options
- Building Culturally Relevant Youth Courts in Tribal Communities
- A Comparison of Statewide Youth Court Associations and Networking Groups
- Media Access Guidelines for Youth Courts.

"Selected Topics on Youth Courts: A Monograph" is available online at <http://www.youthcourt.net/publications/monograph.pdf>. Printed copies can be ordered by e-mailing nycc@csg.org.

When Violence Hits Home

Does intimate partner violence occur more in disadvantaged neighborhoods? For women, having financial problems in their intimate relationships and living in an economically distressed neighborhood combine to create greater risk of injury and violence.

"When Violence Hits Home: How Economics and Neighborhood Play a Role" is available online at the National Institute of Justice Web site at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/205004.htm>

This report discusses who is most at risk and details the role that economic policies and employment practices might play in reducing the risk of intimate violence.

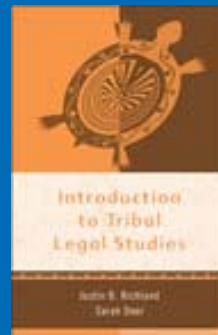
Victims of Crime with Disabilities Resource Guide

This comprehensive resource offers new tools and services such as a searchable resources database, calendar, monthly newsletter, discussion boards, and funding news. The Victims of Crime With Disabilities Resource Guide project is a collaborative effort between OVC, the Association for University Centers on Disabilities, and the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities. (OVC)

For more information, visit:

<http://wind.uwyo.edu/resourceguide/default.asp>

Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies



by Justin B. Richland
(University of California, Los Angeles), and Sarah Deer
(Tribal Law and Policy Institute)

This book is the first in a unique series of comprehensive studies of tribal law in the United States. It focuses on law developed by and for Indian Nations and Native people. It address the power of tribal legal systems as key to the exercise and expansion of tribal sovereignty. Richland and Deer discuss in depth the histories, structures, and practices of tribal justice systems, efforts to balance tribal legal heritage and Anglo-American law, the scope of criminal and civil jurisdictions, child welfare and civil rights, traditional dispute resolution mechanisms in contemporary tribal law, models of peacemaking, and means for assuring integrity of tribal courts. This text will be an invaluable resource for legal researchers and students. Published in cooperation with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

To order online, go to www.altamirapress.com or www.amazon.com.

Resources

Juvenile Arrests 2002

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of "Juvenile Arrests 2002." This 12-page Bulletin was written by Howard N. Snyder, Director of Systems Research, National Center for Juvenile Justice. The Bulletin provides a summary and an analysis of national and state juvenile arrest data presented in the FBI report "Crime in the United States 2002."

As the Bulletin reports, the juvenile violent crime arrest rate in 2002 reached its lowest level since 1980. The rate, which grew substantially during the late 1980s and peaked in 1994, has decreased for eight consecutive years. In 2002, it was nearly half its 1994 peak level. The juvenile arrest rate for each of the offenses tracked in the FBI's Violent Crime Index (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) has been declining steadily since the mid-1990s; for murder, the rate fell 72% from its 1993 peak through 2002.

Resources: "Juvenile Arrests 2002" (NCJ 204608) is available online at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=11822>

A limited number of printed copies are available from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (JJC). Copies can be ordered online at <http://puborder.ncjrs.org/> or by calling JJC at 800-851-3420. Please use the document number when ordering.

New OVC Web Forum Available

Make Connections. Share Ideas. Change Lives.

OVC announces the availability of the new OVC Web Forum. It connects you with a network of service providers that share best practices and innovative ideas that can help the crime victims you serve. (OVC)

For more information, visit:

<http://ovc.ncjrs.org/ovcproviderforum/index.asp>

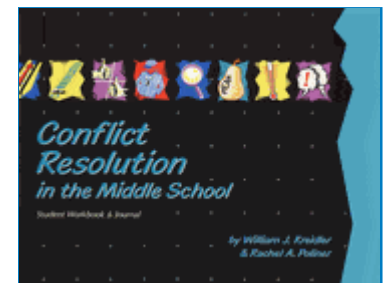
Books about loss and trauma....



The Renew Center for Personal Discovery (<http://www.renew.net>) offers books about loss and trauma. Check out their website for a catalogue of resource books for elementary and middle-aged children, as well as adults who are survivors of trauma. Featured this month:

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

This workbook is designed to accompany William J. Kreidler's Conflict Resolution in the Middle School. It includes information handouts and worksheets, journal writing activities, and self-directed assignments.



Through sections such as Understanding Conflict, Controlling Anger, Communication, Resolving Conflict, and Appreciating Diversity, this workbook and journal helps to deepen students' understanding of these concepts while providing them with practice to strengthen their skills. Through numerous writing activities, students will reflect on issues associated with conflict in their own lives. \$7.45

to order, go to:

<http://store.yahoo.com/renewcenter/conresinmids.html>

I SAW IT HAPPEN

This is a workbook for children who have witnessed a traumatic event such as a car accident, shooting at a school, or other violence (ages 9-12). \$9.95



to order, go to: [http://](http://store.yahoo.com/renewcenter/isawithappen.html)

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Resources

Violence Against Women - Final Revised Report

P.J. Thurman et al. Researchers studied readiness to develop and implement effective violence-prevention efforts in 15 Native American communities in both urban and reservation settings. No significant difference was found between the urban and rural settings in level of readiness to counter violence, and both were equally ready to commit to prevention. The study concludes that measures to prevent violence against women must involve multiple systems, use tribal community resources, and take historical and cultural issues into consideration.

131 pp. Grant 1999–WT–VX–K007; funded under VAWRA; NCJ 198828.

The full abstract can be found at:
http://www.ncjrs.org/rr/vol5_2/4.html.

State and Local Change and the Violence Against Women Act

State and Local Change and the Violence Against Women Act, Executive Summary, Final Report, M.R. Chaiken et al. This evaluation of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) indicates that Federal laws can play a significant role in addressing crime and stimulating change at the State and local levels. The study involves a longitudinal comparison of four sites in states that vary greatly in terms of demographics, culture, political orientation, forms of government, and existing means of addressing violence against women.

Findings showed that VAWA increased public awareness of violence against women, created greater collaboration among agencies with very different perspectives on victims of violence, and produced an increase in victim reports to police and victim services agencies. Additional funds provided to states enabled them to increase their capacity to address the needs of more victims. Researchers note that VAWA affected sites in different ways and to different degrees depending on the existing level of synthesis among the women's rights, victims' rights, and system effectiveness movements.

179 pp. Grant 98–WT–VX–K013; funded in collaboration with the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO); NCJ 191186.

The full abstract can be found at:
http://www.ncjrs.org/rr/vol3_2/8.html.

Helping Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Helping Children Exposed to Domestic Violence: Law Enforcement and Community Partnerships, Final Report, B.E. Smith et al. Police can play a pivotal gate-keeping role in getting help for children exposed to domestic violence. This study examined promising strategies community-oriented police departments can use as they work with community partners. Proactive responses require substantial commitment from the community and service providers.

148 pp. Grant 98–IJ–CX–0069; funded in collaboration with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; NCJ 193416.

The full abstract can be found at:
http://www.ncjrs.org/rr/vol4_2/5.html.

National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations: Adults and Adolescents

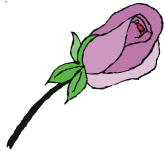
"A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations: Adults/Adolescents" (141 pp.) (NCJ 206554) was developed with the input of national, local, and tribal experts throughout the country, including law enforcement representatives, prosecutors, advocates, medical personnel, forensic scientists, and others. This protocol will be useful in helping jurisdictions develop a response that is sensitive to victims of sexual assault and that promotes offender accountability. (OVW)

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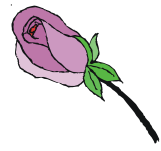
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ovw/206554.pdf>

**Remember,
Unified Solutions
is here to help.
If you have
technical or
training questions,
please call us toll-
free at: 1-877-438-4400.**





A Strong Woman vs. A Woman of Strength



*A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape ...
but a woman of strength builds relationships to keep her soul in shape.*

*A strong woman isn't afraid of anything ...
but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.*

*A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her ...
but a woman of strength gives the best of herself to everyone*

*A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future ...
a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be unexpected blessings
and capitalizes on them.*

*A strong woman wears a look of confidence on her face ...
but a woman of strength wears grace.*

*A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey ...
but a woman of strength has faith that
it is in the journey that she will become strong.*

-Author unknown, but appreciated

Training Opportunities

The following three training opportunities, sponsored by SACRED CIRCLE, will be held at:

SPA RESORT CASINO
101 N. Indian Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92262
Hotel Reservations: 800-854-1279

To register, or obtain additional information, please call 1-877-RED-ROAD (733-7623). A block of rooms has been reserved at conference rates for a limited time. To ensure room availability, please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Cultural Competency for Non-Native Advocates ~ December 4 – 6, 2004

Registration fee: \$175.00

This workshop begins with a discussion of the impact of colonization on the status of Native women. The herstory of the national anti-rape and battered women movements and their relationship to current efforts in Indian Country will be considered. Native women's experience in dealing with non-Native systems will be used to increase skills of non-Native advocates.

Native Women who Use Violence ~ December 6 - 8, 2004

Registration fee: \$175.00

Controversy exists concerning women who use violence and the appropriate advocacy. This interactive workshop is designed to increase an advocate's awareness and consciousness regarding women's use of violence and to increase advocates' interviewing skills.

Ending Violence Against Native Women Training Institute ~ December 6 – 10, 2004

Registration fee: \$325.00

It is our responsibility as relatives to act as advocates for women who are battered. The Ending Violence Against Native Women Training Institute provides a strong foundation for advocates and their allies to work effectively within their own programs and within a coordinated response. The Institute offers the opportunity for a shared understanding of the root causes, dynamics, and effective response to violence against Native women.

Plenary sessions will be held to help build a shared understanding of the dynamics of violence against Native women and coordinated community response.

Participants attending the Ending Violence Against Women Training Institute will choose one of the following workshops:

- Role of Shelter and Advocates Workshop: Advocating for Women Who have been Battered/Raped (For future reference: It is suggested that regardless of job description everyone attend this workshop.)
- Role of Batterers' Program Workshop: Batterers' Re-Education Program Facilitation
- Role of Criminal Justice System Workshop: Court System Response to Domestic Violence
- Role of Law Enforcement Workshop: Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence

Truancy Prevention Conference December 6-8, Washington, DC

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of online registration for "Partnering To Prevent Truancy: A National Priority." Sponsored by OJJDP and the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, the conference will be held December 6-8, 2004, in Washington, DC.

The conference will focus on community, court, and school programs that rely on interagency cooperation to prevent truancy in urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities. Keynote speakers include Dr. Robert Wm. Blum, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Tony Evans, The Urban Alternative; and Susie Kay, Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund.

Resources: JUVJUST subscribers will receive additional information about the conference as it becomes available. Such information also will be posted on the conference Web page at:

<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/2004TruancyConference/index.html>, where you may register online.

Training Opportunities

Managing and Maximizing Justice Funds at the State and Local Levels November 30 - December 1

Presented by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), committed to working in partnership with state, tribal, and local criminal justice policymakers and practitioners, this two-day free conference is designed to deliver timely, relevant, and substantive information to assist policymakers and practitioners in their efforts to improve criminal justice operations and services, and to deliver effective criminal justice programs. Through interactive fora, skill building, and information sessions, peer-to-peer strategy meetings, facilitated panel discussions, and consultative meetings, participants will learn about congressionally mandated requirements affecting block and formula grants, new initiatives administered by BJA, resources available through BJA and other OJP offices and bureaus, as well as examine region specific issues affecting state, tribal, and local administration of formula and block grants.

Conference objectives:

- Identify current and emerging national issues affecting the administration of formula and block grants
- Examine topics of concern as well as promising practices
- Provide information and training to assist newly appointed State Administering Agency (SAA) administrators to effectively manage federal resources
- Review recent administrative changes that affect the financial and programmatic management of grants
- Provide opportunities to meet with BJA staff responsible for program oversight in the respective states.

Meeting Contact:

Marilyn Bassett-Lance

NCJA Senior Staff Associate
720 7th Street, N.W., Third Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 628.8550
(202) 628.0080 (fax)

Hotel Information:

The Benson
309 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97205
Room Rate: \$91 plus tax
Hotel Registration cutoff date: **October 30, 2004**
For reservations, call (503) 295 4120 or 1-888-523-6766

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html>

Coming Spring 2005!

Second Annual Tribal Victim Assistance Conference!

Unified Solutions Coaching and Consulting Group, Inc., in collaboration with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Native American Circle, and the National Center for Victims of Crime, will host our second annual TVA conference for advocates and law enforcement officers this spring.

Over the next few weeks, we will be calling you to ask for your input. What workshop topics would best meet your needs? What events or activities would you like to participate in? We would like to hear your suggestions, so please be thinking about how we can create an experience that best serves you.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon. The date and location for the Second Annual TVA conference will be announced soon!

Call for Manuscripts:**Violence Against Women, Special Issue
on "Teen Girls' Experiences of and
Resistance to Violence"**

This special issue will feature papers that increase our understanding of violence against teenage girls (ages 12 to 19). Themes may include (but are not limited to) teen girls organizing against violence; violence against teen girls at work (e.g., attacks against young maquila workers); domestic/dating violence; sexual abuse/assault; effects of military violence (both official and unofficial) on teen girls; analysis of interventions with perpetrators of violence against teen girls; hate crimes based on sexual identity, gender identity, race, or religion as they affect or are perpetrated by teen girls; teen girls in the criminal legal system; violence against homeless girls; and access to counseling and medical care for teen victims of violence. We welcome writings from those who work with teen girls as well as more traditional empirically based academic articles.

This special issue will be peer reviewed. The guest editors are Mariame Kaba, Mariame_kaba@hotmail.com, and Michelle Van Atta, mva472@northwestern.edu.

Manuscripts should be no longer than 35 double-spaced pages, including tables, notes, and references, and be in American Psychological Association format. Please submit three copies of the paper (two of which contain no author identifying information) to:

**Mariame Kaba
Friends of Battered Women and Their Children
P.O. Box 608548
Chicago, IL 60660**

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2005 (postmark). We will not be accepting electronic submissions. We invite submissions in English from all countries and any academic discipline.

**Men Can Stop Rape:
The Year of the Counterstory**

Men Can Stop Rape (www.mencanstoprape.org) has declared this to be "THE YEAR OF THE COUNTERSTORY."

Men Can Stop Rape defines a counterstory as "a personal story or a story in popular culture that represents a healthier, non-violent masculinity." Even though the dominant stories of masculinity overpopulate our everyday existence, we believe there are plenty of men whose lives and everyday acts embody stories that run counter to traditional masculinity. And we believe these men should receive some accolades.

So, starting in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, through April 2005, help us shine a light on the many men who represent a healthier manhood. Honor the men or boys in your life who represent the spirit of the counterstory by having them listed on MCSR's website as MEN OF STRENGTH.

Honor a man or boy in your life who represents a counterstory to traditional masculinity by filling out the form at http://www.mencanstoprape.org/Form3466/Form.htm?survey_id=248

All the names submitted will be posted on the Men Can Stop Rape website. Please feel free to name more than one man or boy, but send us separate submissions for each one.

Every two weeks, one man or boy will be chosen from the submissions to be highlighted. Also, each highlighted man or boy will receive an "I am a Counterstory" T-shirt.

http://www.mencanstoprape.org/Form3466/Form.htm?survey_id=248

Call for Nominations: Leadership for a Changing World Awards

Leadership for a Changing World, a program of the Ford Foundation, in partnership with the Washington-based Advocacy Institute and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University, is seeking nominations of community leaders across the country who are successfully tackling tough social problems. Seventeen outstanding social justice leaders and leadership teams who are not broadly known beyond their immediate community or field will receive awards of \$100,000 to advance their work, plus \$15,000 for learning activities that will advance their efforts. The program seeks to encourage a public dialogue that recognizes a wide variety of leaders and leadership models as authentic and important to social progress. To this end, the program includes a major, multi-year research initiative and numerous forums to bring awardees together with other leaders to share experiences, address specific challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Nominees must be working on social justice issues (including but not limited to: economic development; community development; environment and environmental justice; human rights; citizen participation and government accountability; education reform; youth development; human development; sexual and reproductive health; religion and social change; arts and social action; and access to media including new technologies), and working in organizations that do not focus on grant-making activities.

The nomination form and guidelines can be found at:
<http://leadershipforchange.org/nomination>.
Deadline is 5:00pm EST January 7, 2005.

Leaders must be nominated by someone who is well acquainted with their work and can attest to their qualifications.

Funding Opportunities

National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association 2004 Tribal New Program Development Grant Application

Introduction

The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (National CASA) is pleased to announce the availability of 2004 Tribal New Program Development grants. The National CASA grant program is authorized to distribute funds under the Victims of Child Abuse Act (P.L. 101-647) for the purpose of increasing the number of CASA volunteers and the proportion of abused and neglected children represented by CASA volunteers. These funds may only be used to serve abused and neglected children who are the subjects of civil child abuse proceedings. None of these funds may be used to represent children in delinquency proceedings or in family custody disputes.

The Grants Program is administered by the National CASA Association, under a cooperative agreement with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice. Disbursement of supplemental grant funding is contingent on OVC approval and the availability of funds. The National CASA Tribal grants are one-year grants. The grant period is January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2005. Grant awards are available for up to \$35,000 for a Tribal New Program Development grant. Reviewers of completed applications may recommend a lower amount based on need, grant activities, and the justification for and content of the proposed budget.

Review and Selection

Grant recipients are selected using a competitive application process. Reviewers evaluate and score each proposal based on the scoring totals included in the application. Consideration will be given to the degree to which the applicant adequately provides the required information. The following criteria will be used by reviewers to assess proposals in the Tribal grant category:

- commitment to researching, planning, and organizing a tribal CASA program;
- tribal government contribution to the program, either through in-kind or funding support;
- clearly stated and attainable goals and measurable objectives;
- a clear, thorough, well-presented, and organized plan with timelines to achieve goals;
- a plan to achieve sustainability during and beyond the grant period; and
- a proposed budget that directly relates to proposed activities; is explained and justified in the narrative; is realistic and reasonable; and includes a cost per child figure consistent with rates expected when assessing the location and age of the program

Scoring

Grant applications will be scored according to the following point system, for a total of 100 points:

- Project Narrative Questions - 80 points
- Program Background and Need - 20 points

- Project Approach - 20 points
- Project Management - 15 points
- Project Goals and Implementation - 10 points
- Program Sustainability - 15 points
- Goals Sheet - 10 points
- Grant Budget Narrative and Summary Sheet - 10 points

Submission Instructions

Complete and submit the original application and two additional copies of the complete packet (a total of 3 copies) to:

National CASA Association
Attn: Shanon Doolittle, Grants Manager
100 W Harrison, North Tower, Ste 500
Seattle, WA 98119

Complete the application forms by typing information in the fields provided. Application items are to be placed in the following order:

1. Applicant Information Sheet
2. Governing Body Information Sheet
3. Project Narrative Questions
4. Goals Sheet
5. Grant Budget Narrative Sheet
6. Grant Budget Summary Sheet
7. Program Operating Budget (Budget should include detailed income and expense sources for the current fiscal year.)
8. 501(c)(3) status letter (if your program has one)

Do not include additional attachments unless they are related to the Supplemental Grant. Do not enclose your proposal in binders or plastic. Use staples.

- Applications should be sent via U.S. Mail or overnight delivery service. Ask for a return receipt from the delivery provider for confirmation of delivery, if needed. National CASA will not confirm the receipt of your proposal.

- Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

Questions

For grant-related questions, please contact Marla Big Boy at (888) 805-6207 (toll free). You may also contact Shanon Doolittle, grants program manager, at (800) 628-3233, ext. 217, or by e-mail at grantmgr@nationalcasa.org. For an electronic version of this grant application, please e-mail grantmgr@nationalcasa.org.

Application Deadline

Completed applications must be received by Friday, December 10, 5:00 P.M. Pacific Standard Time (PST). Late applications will not be considered.

Funding Opportunities

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Public Voices, Public Policy: Realizing the Power of Women of Color

**Proposals due November 12, 2004/
Decisions sent out January 2005**

www.ms.foundation.org

Four to eight one-year, general support grants, ranging from \$35,000 to \$75,000 will be given to organizations implementing local, state, tribal, national or collective approaches around organizing, research, advocacy, or communications for public policy change. To determine if your organization qualifies for this initiative, you may also submit a letter of intent (LOI) by October 18 as an interim step prior to submitting a full proposal. The Ms. Foundation for Women will review all LOI's and contact you if we would like you to submit a full proposal.

About the Ms. Foundation for Women

Established in 1972, the Ms. Foundation for Women is the largest public, national multi-issue women's fund in the United States. Their mission is to support the efforts of women and girls to govern their own lives and influence the world around them. Through its leadership, expertise, and financial support, the Foundation champions an equitable society by effecting change in public consciousness, law, philanthropy, and social policy. The Foundation's work is guided by its vision of a just and safe world where power and possibility are not limited by gender, race, class, immigration status, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

The Foundation believes that equity and inclusion are the cornerstones of a true democracy in which the worth and dignity of every person are valued. They recognize that how a woman experiences her identity through paid and unpaid work, through criminal justice systems, through health services and financial institutions - is greatly influenced by her placements along racial/ethnic, class, sexuality, disability, age, and immigration status lines. Through its programs and initiatives, the Foundation seeks greater understanding of the interplay among these

dynamics for the purpose of creating better access for women advocating for social change.

Public Voices Initiative

The aim of the **Public Voices** Initiative is to address issues of access and power within the women's movement and within public policy advocacy through a deeper analysis of issues that the Foundation and its sister organizations face, while providing organizations engaged in policy activity with general support grants, networking opportunities and peer-led training opportunities focused on media and fundraising development. With this Initiative, the Foundation will engage and support women of color leadership, generate new knowledge on how to strengthen the impact of women of color in different policy realms, and document their collective learning process.

For an analysis of the issues on which the Public Voices Initiative is focused, a program outline, and application, go to www.ms.foundation.org.

Please direct any INQUIRIES to:

Mia White, Program Officer
Program Officer
Economic Justice
Tel: 212-709-4404
Fax: 212-742-1653
E-mail: mwhite@ms.foundation.org

or,

Rabiya Kassam-Adams
Program Associate
Economic Security
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Fax: 212-742-1653
E-mail: rkassam-adams@ms.foundation.org

Funding Opportunities

FY 2005 Tribal Courts Assistance Program

Due 12/09/04

For more information visit <http://www.ntjrc.org/resources/funding/bja>

BJA's Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP) is one of the U.S. Department of Justice's primary initiatives for providing court-related support to tribal justice systems. Since fiscal year (FY) 1999, BJA has awarded 259 grants to federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native communities through a highly competitive process. TCAP's goal is to develop new tribal courts, improve the operations of existing tribal courts, and provide funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff. The objective in reaching this goal is to help tribal governments develop, enhance, and continue the operation of tribal judicial systems, including intertribal court systems. Both onsite and offsite technical assistance and training is available to all grantees. Technical assistance also is provided to help grantees develop program goals and measure how well these goals are being met. Funding under this competitive grant announcement is contingent on the availability and amount of FY 2005 funding for the Tribal Courts Assistance Program.

There are three separate categories for which federally recognized tribes may apply:

Category I

Planning and Implementing an Intertribal Court System for Smaller Service Populations

Applications are sought from consortia of tribal governments (at least two per consortium), each of which serves a population of less than 1000 people, to plan, develop, and implement a tribal court system where none currently exists. This category focuses on smaller tribes, located contiguous to or near other tribal governments, for which the creation of an intertribal court is economically and administratively feasible. Grant funds may be used to facilitate the development and initial implementation of an intertribal court system that will be designed to meet the needs of more than one tribe in the same geographic region. Distances of several hundred miles separating tribes and rugged or

inhospitable terrain can adversely affect the development of a collaborative partnership by making it logistically too difficult or economically unfeasible to establish an intertribal court. In these severe circumstances, and given that a tribal government can succinctly justify such hardships and incorporate this information into its application under the problem definition section of its program narrative (see Selection Criteria), such a tribe may apply as a single entity.

Category II

Planning and Implementing a Single-Tribe Court System

Applications are sought from tribal governments that serve a population equal to or greater than 1000 people for the development and initial implementation of a tribal court that will meet their needs. Tribal governments may apply for grant funds to facilitate the development and initial implementation of a tribal court system where none currently exists.

Category III

Enhancing or Continuing the Operation of Tribal Courts

Applications are sought from tribal communities, regardless of the size of their service populations, to enhance or continue the operation of existing tribal courts. Initiatives may include, but are not limited to, establishing a core structure for a tribal court, improving case management, training court personnel, developing code, acquiring additional equipment and software, enhancing prosecution and indigent defense, supporting probation diversion and alternative sentencing programs, accessing services, focusing on juvenile services and multidisciplinary protocols for victims of child physical and sexual abuse, and structuring intertribal or tribal appellate systems.

If a tribal government is a member of an intertribal consortium that submits an application, it may NOT submit an individual application or an application as part of a different consortium.

Funding Opportunities

FY 2004 Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program

Due 12/09/04

For more information visit:

<http://www.ntjrc.org/resources/funding/bja/substanceabuse.asp>

The Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program was initiated in fiscal year (FY) 2002 to provide financial and technical assistance to federally recognized tribal governments to develop or enhance tribal justice systems, with a special focus on reducing crime associated with the distribution and abuse of alcohol and controlled substances. Eligibility applies to any Indian tribe, band, nation, or organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. An authorized intertribal consortium also can apply, providing that it includes written authorization from the governing body of each member tribe with the application.

In FY 2002, BJA made awards to 25 tribal communities based on a competitive application process that involved three funding categories: law enforcement, treatment services, and a combined comprehensive component. Grant awards under the first two categories were up to \$175,000 each. Under the combined component, tribes were expected to work with law enforcement, treatment providers, and key community stakeholders to develop and implement a comprehensive, system-wide strategy to control and prevent crime-related alcohol and substance abuse. Grant awards for the combined component were up to \$350,000 each. Under all three categories, program periods could not exceed 24 months.

In FY 2003 and 2004, applications focused on the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy. Although the goals and objectives remained relatively similar, feedback from the field prompted BJA to increase grant awards to \$500,000 and extend project periods to 36 months. Of the 39 submissions that BJA received, 15 applicants (6 in FY 2003, 9 in FY 2004) received federal funding. BJA set aside

resources that would allow the 24 nonrecipients to participate in the technical assistance and training offered to grantees.

Both onsite and offsite technical assistance and training are available to all grantees. Technical assistance also is provided to help grantees develop program goals and measure how well these goals are being met. Contact information and a training calendar for BJA's Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program can be found on the National Tribal Justice Resource Center's web site:

<http://www.ntjrc.org/resources/funding/bja/substanceabuse.asp>

In FY 2005, funding under this competitive grant announcement is contingent on the availability and amount of FY 2005 funding for the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program. The program focuses on planning, developing, and implementing a comprehensive strategy to control and prevent crime associated with the distribution and abuse of alcohol and controlled substances. Tribes that want to compete in the application process must link law enforcement and treatment services into a meaningful and effective strategy that they can implement over a 36-month period.

Applicants are encouraged to consider promising and research-driven approaches that enhance tribal justice when developing their applications. Information about such approaches can be found on the National Tribal Justice Resource Center's web site:

<http://www.ntjrc.org/resources/funding/bja/substanceabuse.asp>

Tribes that received FY 2003 or FY 2004 grants through this program are not eligible in FY 2005.

National Tribal Justice Resource Center
4410 Arapahoe Ave. Suite 135
Boulder, CO 80303
Phone: 303-245-0786 / 1-877-97-NTJRC
Fax: 303-245-0785
E-mail: Mail@ntjrc.org
Website: <http://www.ntjrc.org>

Funding Opportunities

J. Jill Compassion Fund Offers Funding for Programs Aiding Women and Children

As a nationwide retailer of women's clothing, J. Jill Group, Inc. focuses its philanthropic efforts on issues affecting disadvantaged women and children. As part of that outreach, J. Jill has established the J. Jill Compassion Fund at the Boston Foundation. The primary goal of the fund is to provide financial support on a national scale to community-based organizations and/or programs whose mission focuses on aiding women and children in need.

The J. Jill Group considers written proposals for cash grants from nonprofit organizations within the United States only. Organizations serving homeless or at-risk women and children by providing job training, transitional and/or affordable housing, education, emergency shelter, or other types of aid will be considered upon submission of a grant proposal.

The company will consider grants only for existing programs. Grant requests should be between \$250 and \$15,000.

Organizations requesting grants must provide proof of 501(c)(3) IRS tax-exempt status.

See the company's Web site for complete application information:

<http://www.jjill.com/about/community.asp>

Juvenile Courts Planning and Implementing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Initiative

The Fetal Alcohol Spectrums Disorders Center for Excellence is requesting proposals from juvenile, dependency, or family court service units to mobilize and build capacity of local juvenile courts to develop and implement policies and procedures to identify, diagnose, and treat juveniles with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Organizations can request up to \$145,000 for the first planning year and up to \$276,000 per year for each of the four option years.

The proposal deadline is November 23, 2004. To access further information, download the Request for Proposals, or submit a proposal online, visit:

<http://www.fasdcenter.com/rfp/Juvenile.cfm>

Casey Family Scholarships opportunity for Male Students of Color in Post-Secondary Education

The Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) is one of the country's leading advocates for older foster youth that awards well over \$1 million annually in scholarships to students in post-secondary programs nationwide. OFA is proud to announce the new **Casey Family Programs Senior Year Scholarship** for young men of color in college and vocational training programs. OFA asks for your assistance in reaching out to young men of color, through your personal connections and networks, who are currently in their final year of college or a technical program, and who can verify their status as having aged out of the US foster care system. OFA can offer up to \$5000 towards unmet tuition needs or outstanding student loans on a one-time-only, first-come, first-served basis. Awards will be based on a combination of need and merit, and checks will be disbursed starting October 1, 2004, until the scholarship fund is expended.

To find out more about this outstanding opportunity, visit: http://www.orphan.org/casey_family_scholarships.html or call Tina Raheem, Scholarship Director, at 571-203-0270, or e-mail at scholarships@orphan.org.

Funding for Public Awareness Activities through OVC

The Office for Victims' of Crime (OVC) is seeking proposals for innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide awareness of victims' rights and available services for all types of victims during the Silver Anniversary celebration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 10 - 16, 2005.

The OVC will competitively select approximately 60 communities across the United States to receive up to \$5000 reimbursement for approved National Crime Victims' Rights Week public awareness expenses.

For more details on the purpose and scope of the NCVRW Community Awareness Project funding opportunity, and for information on the application process, visit the OVC web site at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/2005NCVRWfund/welcome.html>

or the OVC Headlines page at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc>.

The deadline for submitting applications for this funding opportunity is December 3, 2004.



Our Mission Statement

Unified Solutions is dedicated to the implementation of sustainable solutions to end violent crime and foster responsible, proactive leadership and public safety. 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. We provide training and resources to build confident and responsive grassroots and workplace leadership. We 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. We 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. We 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 received great blessing from those who support the vision of USCCGI and who offered their talent and expertise to find a way to express the 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 hands 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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