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[Register](#) for Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) Online Expert Q&A: "Assisting Male Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse." March 21, 2018 | 2 PM EST. For many boys and men, the harm of the initial betrayal of domestic violence and sexual abuse is compounded by the lack of a compassionate response from their friends, family, and community. This session will focus on holistic and trauma-informed solutions that take into account the unique challenges and sensitivities in responding to the behavioral health needs of male survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

[New Funding Opportunity](#) - Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellowship. Equal Justice Works invites eligible organizations to apply to participate in the Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellowship Program, an exciting new initiative funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for crime victims. The Crime Victims Justice Corps will mobilize 62 Fellows and 34 summer law students over a two-year Fellowship period, from June 2018 to May 2020.

Fellows and law students will work at nonprofit organizations across the country:

- 45 Fellows will serve human trafficking survivors.
- 17 Fellows will serve survivors of campus sexual assault, fraud and/or identity theft, and hate crime, and immigrant victims.
- 34 Law students will work during the summers (17 each summer), supporting the Fellows.

Learn more and apply by March 14, 2018.

[Register](#) now for the Final 2018 CTAS Application Webinar! March 8, 2018 | 1:00 PM EST To provide guidance on the Fiscal Year 2018 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), the Department of Justice is sponsoring 10 webinars that will educate applicants on CTAS application requirements for specific purpose areas, as well as meeting grant budgetary requirements and preparing strategies to access grant funds to strengthen tribal justice system capacity.

The key goals of this webinar are to:

- * Provide a general overview of CTAS-related questions;
- * Provide an opportunity for applicants to ask CTAS-related questions.

2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme Artwork [Now Available](#).

The National Center for Victims of Crime, in conjunction with Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is pleased to present the 2018 NCVRW Resource Guide Artwork. This collection of theme artwork, posters, and web art is designed to help communities and victim assistance providers promote local awareness of crime victim rights, services, and issues. Available in English and Spanish.



National Crime Victims'
Rights Week | April 8-14
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New Elder Justice Initiative webinar recording from the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) now available: "[Collecting Evidence in Cases of Elder Physical Abuse and Caregiver Neglect](#)."

Collecting evidence is second nature for law enforcement officers; yet, collecting evidence in cases involving older adults who experience physical abuse or caregiver neglect can be extremely challenging. Cherie Hill, Detective, and Brian Foxx, Deputy City Attorney, from the City of Anaheim, California, team up to share their experience with collecting and using evidence in these cases. Learn about what types of evidence to look for, where to find the evidence, and how prosecutors use that evidence to convict offenders.

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>.

Resources...

Check out a [new](#) publication from OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance: "Face Recognition Policy Development Template for State, Local, and Tribal Criminal Intelligence and Investigative Activities."

DID YOU KNOW? When you make a call with SOS, your iPhone automatically calls the local emergency number. In some countries and regions, you might need to choose the service that you need. For example, in China you can choose police, fire, or ambulance. You can also add emergency contacts. After an emergency call ends, your iPhone alerts your emergency contacts with a text message, unless you choose to cancel. Your iPhone sends them your current location, and, for a period of time after you enter SOS mode, it sends updates to your emergency contacts when your location changes.

"After a near two-decade long fight for federal recognition through legislation, President Donald Trump has signed legislation, known as the Thomasina Jordan act, to [grant federal recognition](#) of six Virginia Indian tribes. The last tribe to receive recognition was also a Virginia tribe, the Pamunkey. With the passing of this final legislation on Monday, the number of federally recognized tribes in the Commonwealth of Virginia now stands at seven. The amount of federally recognized tribes now stands at 573..."

The FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation has released its preliminary [semi-annual crime statistics](#) (Uniform Crime Reports) for the first half of 2017, which found slight decreases in crime.



FY18 OVW Tribal Sexual Assault Services Solicitation Open. The FY 2018 Violence Against Women Office Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) solicitation is now open on Grants.gov and posted on OVW's website. The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program provides funding directly to tribes, tribal consortiums, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sexual assault services within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. OVW will conduct one pre-application information session for interested applicants on February 28, 2018. See the solicitation for further information.

Applications for the FY18 TSASP are due no later than March 28, 2018.

Applicants should contact 202-616-3851 or email the TSASP mailbox at OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov with questions.

Link to solicitation on [OVW website](#).

Grants.gov Opportunity number: OVW-2018-14264

Link to opportunity in [Grants.gov](#).

[Expansion of the National Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Site Program](#): Supporting law enforcement to respond more effectively to people with mental illness and improve public safety. The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Police Foundation, has selected the following four law enforcement agencies to act as peer-to-peer learning sites and assist other law enforcement agencies across the country in their efforts to improve services for people with mental illnesses: Madison County (TN) Sheriff's Office; Arlington (MA) Police Department; Jackson County (OH) Sheriff's Office; and Tucson (AZ) Police Department. The new agency sites will join the current six sites—Houston (TX) Police Department; Los Angeles (CA) Police Department; Madison (WI) Police Department; Portland (ME) Police Department; Salt Lake City (UT) Police Department; and the University of Florida (FL) Police Department. Together, the new sites will provide resources for state and local law enforcement agencies that are developing or enhancing a Police-Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC), such as a Crisis Intervention Team, co-response team, mobile crisis team, case management approach, or tailored approach, to more effectively respond to people with a mental illness.

Engaging Community Stakeholders...



Do you sometimes feel like the weight of the world is on your shoulders? Do you ever feel like it's impossible to manage all of the grant responsibilities on top of your day-to-day victim's assistance? Community stakeholders might be an untapped resource for you to assist in many ways. Stakeholders are those people affected or impacted by your program. Consider a Multidisciplinary team or key stakeholders to be in the center of your circle. These are those who can be advocates for your program, service providers to your program, or other agencies who perform complimentary services to your program. Examples of this 1st circle may be law enforcement, Indian Child Welfare, Prosecutors, judges, shelters, and Forensic interviewers. Consider making these resources your advisory board who can help you to determine the future growth and sustainability of your program.

The 2nd circle in the diagram are other key stakeholders, these might be clients or complimentary agencies of services you don't provide: domestic violence shelter, homeless shelter, Indian Health Clinics, etc. The 3rd circle are people, programs or resources within the tribe. These might be a Council member liaison, child care services or CASA volunteers. Finally, the 4th circle might be resources outside of the tribal community. These might be County Social Services, community food banks, state court judges, etc., and don't forget about local churches and civic groups.

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Once you begin to recognize all of the resources around you, you can start to engage in communication with these community stakeholders. You might be surprised to learn how much others are willing and able to support your programs and services in a variety of ways. Perhaps they have food they can donate to your program for victims; free child care for clients who need to go to court, or they may be in a position to make referrals to you, or volunteer to answer phones or put together care packages.

Consider holding monthly, or bi-monthly meetings to share program updates and program needs with these stakeholders who can help you to brainstorm and problem solve. Whatever you chose to do, bring them in, get them involved to develop buy-in, and keep them involved by saying thank you either publicly or in small ways so that they know they are appreciated.

How have you used stakeholders to support your efforts? Please share so that we can publish in our next bulletin by emailing info@ncjtc.org.

Training & Events...

Tribal Action Plan Development Workshop: A Tribal Law and Order Act Training Initiative. May 8-10, 2018. The U.S. Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), is pleased to announce the Tribal Action Plan Development Workshop: A Tribal Law and Order Act Training Initiative. This workshop will be held May 8-10, 2018, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education. There is no tuition fee. The TAP Workshop will be led by experienced faculty and will include sessions focused on: 1) community readiness; 2) resource identification; 3) needs assessment; and 4) strategic plan development. Nominations are due by March 16, 2018.

For a nomination form, e-mail Delores McCarter at delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov.

Applications for Youth in Custody Certificate Program Being Accepted. The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University (CJJR) is accepting applications for its Youth in Custody Certificate Program, to be held June 11–15, 2018, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. This training is designed for juvenile justice system leaders and partners working to improve outcomes for youth in post-adjudication custody. The curriculum covers critical areas, including culture change and leadership, addressing racial and ethnic disparities, family engagement, assessment, case planning, facility-based education and treatment services, and reentry planning and support. Upon approval of a Capstone Project Proposal initiating or building on local reform efforts, participants receive an Executive Certificate from Georgetown University and join the CJJR Fellows Network of more than 850 individuals.

The application deadline is March 2, 2018.

Sign up for National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)'s Online ICWA Course.

Increase the depth of your understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Take NICWA's online ICWA training course at your own pace. The provisions of ICWA are explained in non-legal language and presented in the order in which a child welfare worker might encounter them in an ICWA case. The audience for this program is anyone involved in the out-of-home placement of American Indian children throughout the United States, including social workers from tribal social service agencies; state and county social workers, including staff social workers, supervisors, and training personnel; and social work professors and students.

After completing this course, learners should be able to:

--Understand the circumstances that have shaped American Indian child welfare policies that lead to ICWA

--Explain the purpose of ICWA

--Be able to follow the basic provisions of ICWA by answering simulated case situations

--Know best practices for state child welfare, private child welfare, and tribal child welfare workers when ICWA applies to a child welfare or private adoption case.

Forensic Interviewing Seminar, April 30 - May 3, 2018. The Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICCI) is pleased to announce the Forensic Interviewing of Child and Adolescent Victims and Witnesses in Indian Country Seminar. The seminar will be held April 30 – May 3, 2018, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education. There is no tuition fee. This training is specifically designed for investigators, prosecutors, and social workers who have responsibility for conducting forensic interviews of child and adolescent victims and witnesses. Priority will be given to those individuals working cases in Indian Country. The attendee will receive instruction on the latest research-based information on interviewing techniques and will be provided opportunities to develop and refine interviewing skills during child interviewing exercises. This is a very small class with only 32 slots.

For a nomination form, please email Leslie Hagen, Leslie.Hagen3@usdoj.gov.

Registration [NOW OPEN](#) for National Criminal Justice Training Center's School Resource Officer Conference. June 12 - 14, 2018 | Appleton, WI. Join other law enforcement and school personnel to address school violence and youth victimization concerns through the use of crime prevention and response strategies. Examine the impacts of trauma on youth and effective strategies for working with students experiencing mental illness and learning disabilities.

Agenda topics include:

- Internet dangers and social media trends
- Juvenile sex trafficking
- Working with students living with mental health disorders and learning disabilities
- Alcohol and substance abuse trends
- Collaborative partnerships between law enforcement and schools
- Legal update
- Sensitive juvenile crimes
- Critical incident response and reunification
- Case studies

Save the Dates: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshops...

OVC CTAS Grantees, be on the lookout for your program's SAVE THE DATE (sent via email) to one of the four OVC Grantee Regional Training Workshops that are being planned throughout 2018. Locations and dates are included below:

Midwest Regional Training (approved by DOJ):

May 15-17, 2018. Keshena, Wisconsin.

Only for grantees located in ND, SD, MN, WI, NE, SC and MI

Northwest Regional Training (approved by DOJ):

June 26-28, 2018. Spokane, WA.

Only for grantees located in WA, OR, ID and MT

Southwest Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):

July 17-19, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.

Only for grantees located in CA, NV, AZ, NM, CO, KS, OK, MS, and NC

Alaska Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):

August 7-9, 2018. Anchorage, AK.

Only for Alaska grantees



These regional trainings are **MANDATORY** for all OVC Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance (CTVA) and Children Justice Act (CJA) Grantees. For any questions or concerns, please contact Devin Rieckmann-Sell (NCJTC) at rieckmann@fvc.edu or Jesucita Hernández (Unified Solutions) at jesucita@unified-solutions.org. We look forward to seeing each of you in your respective workshop locations!

Unified Solutions is excited to welcome our newest staff member, Raquel Verdugo ...

Raquel Verdugo is a Data Collection Specialist for Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc. She is an enrolled member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation and Native Arizonan. Working in leadership positions in many diverse platforms has given her much insight into customer service, marketing, management and volunteer services. Working 15 years in the hairdressing industry has also taught her valuable lessons with handling clients and also life situations. Raquel loves working with youth and children. Volunteering her time teaching and working with them on creative and artistic platforms has helped bring hope and faith in her community. She is passionate about people and making a difference where she can.



...and New Board of Director's member, Kathleen R. Finn



Kathleen R. Finn (Kate) serves as the American Indian Law Program Fellow at the University of Colorado Law School. Her work encompasses building healthy Native communities through economic development initiatives and combatting violence against indigenous women, among other topics. She works directly with tribes and Native communities, and works to create access to national and international forums for indigenous peoples. Kate holds a law degree and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Colorado, with a Certificate in American Indian Law. She is an enrolled member of the Osage Nation.

During law school Kate interned at the Native American Rights Fund and focused on issues of participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations. Kate also provided writing and research assistance to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through the American Indian Law Clinic. In 2016, Kate's Master's thesis, *Microfinance in Indian Country*, focused on local economic development approaches in reservation communities. Additionally, Kate has co-authored several articles on the intersection of resource development and violence against women in Native communities published in the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender.

Prior to attending law school, Kate served as a Program Coordinator with the Denver Victim Services Network ensuring that victims of crime in the Denver metro area had access to a comprehensive network of services. She worked on the local level to connect service agencies, and also advocated at the federal level for adequate protections of victims of crime. Kate holds a B.A. from Princeton University and was a Peace Corps volunteer serving in a rural indigenous community prior to returning to her native Colorado. Kate enjoys spending time with her family hiking, skiing, and otherwise enjoying the outdoors.

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