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Our Tribute to Joye Frost...

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Joye Ellen Frost on March 12, 2018, following her brave and valiant fight with cancer. Joye was a true leader and advocate for victims of crime in Indian Country and beyond. Joye began her career in advocacy as a Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworker in Texas, and her career spanned more than 35 years providing invaluable ripple effects to the field of victim services.

Unified was fortunate to work closely with Joye since 2002 in advocating for tribal victim services. Joye led by example and played a direct role in inspiring Unified staff to work tirelessly for victims' rights. Joye frequently visited Indian Country and had a true understanding of the unique victimization challenges faced by American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Joye had strong working relationships with victim advocates at federal, state, tribal, and local levels, and she inspired unity in tribal victim services through her passion and tireless endeavors. Joye began working for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) in 1997 and was appointed as OVC Director by President Obama in 2013 in recognition of her incomparable advocacy and advancements for all individuals in need.

One of Joye's many lasting legacies is her creation and development of OVC's Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services while serving as Acting Director and Principal Deputy Director for OVC. This initiative transformed and redefined how effective victim services are to be delivered, and Joye's vision remains the blueprint to prioritize comprehensive, trauma-informed care within all levels of victim services delivery.

Unified's Executive Director, Board of Directors, and staff share fond memories of the ways in which Joye advocated for tribal victims of crime. Joye was kind, unrelenting, fiercely intelligent, and compassionate. The below photo is how we will remember Joye: hand in hand alongside those she serves, and with a spirit that will shine brightly forever.

Joye's family has created a memorial website: <https://jaredfrost33.wixsite.com/joyeefrost>. Please visit this site for more information of the great life and legacy held by Joye Ellen Frost.



Joye Frost joins Unified Solutions at the First National Skills Based Training/Conference at the Choctaw Nation Casino & Resort- May 2010



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OVC News...

Multidisciplinary Response to Crime Victims with Disabilities. Some 20 years after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, people may assume that all Americans—including those with disabilities—have complete access to victim services and legal protections. In reality, persons with disabilities still face daily obstacles to safety and justice and remain at high risk for caregiver abuse, domestic and sexual violence, exploitation, and other crimes. In 2007, OVC awarded funds to two grantees to adapt and replicate their innovative, multidisciplinary response models that serve crime victims with disabilities. The [replication guides](#) in this set—one statewide and one community based—are the products of this 3-year project.

OVC [Tribal Multimedia Resources](#): Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault in Indian Country. OVC and the Office on Violence Against Women collaborated to produce this four-video series, designed for criminal justice personnel, victim advocates, and allied professionals who work with victims of sexual assault in Indian Country. The videos increase awareness about the prevalence of alcohol used as a vehicle to facilitate sexual violence perpetration and the targeting of vulnerable victims, to include intoxicated persons, by sex offenders; provide commentary on enhancing the investigation and prosecution of sexual violence crimes; present case studies that illustrate best practices for responding to victims of alcohol-facilitated sexual assault and underscore the need for collaboration and a coordinated multijurisdictional response.

The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA), is a major funding source for victim service providers and crime victims throughout the Nation. [Learn more!](#)

Fewer than Half of Victims Report Violent Crimes. The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released its latest estimates of crime from the National Crime Victimization Survey, one of two national measures of crime rates in the United States. OVC Director Darlene Hutchinson, a survivor of violent crime herself, posted a blog recently responding to the findings from the latest victimization survey. In the blog, Director Hutchinson points out that only 42 percent of the violent crime victims report the offenses to police and she stresses that "OVC is committed to continuing to reach the unserved and meet the needs of even more survivors." [Read](#) the blog here!

[Subscribe](#) to receive News from OVC. Get notices about OVC's programs and initiatives and stay in the know about the latest news.

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

Celebrating OVC's National Crime Victims' Right Week (NCVRW): April 8th-14th ...

[Register](#) for the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. On April 13, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will honor individuals, teams, programs, and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service in supporting crime victims and victim services. Join OVC for the National Crime Victims' Service Awards ceremony by watching online or attending in-person. Learn more and register.



Community Awareness Projects: Raising Public Awareness of NCVRW. Each year, the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, with support from Office for Victims of Crime (OVC),

provides competitive funding for NCVRW Community Awareness Projects (CAP) to local communities. These grants reimburse up to \$5,000 in costs associated with conducting public awareness activities during NCVRW. This initiative has enhanced the ability of hundreds of communities throughout the United States to raise awareness about victims' rights and services among the general public. There are a variety of creative NCVRW awareness activities, including art exhibits and contests, blood drives, runs/walks, and community fairs that can be easily adapted to different jurisdictions. The 2018 application period is now closed; however, you may still visit the CAP website and [sign up](#) to receive an email notice when the 2019 application process begins.

Now Released-- [2018 NCVRW Resource Guide](#). OVC is pleased to announce the 2018 release of the annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide. This year, NCVRW will be commemorated April 8-14. The theme—Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services. Explore the Resource Guide to find: user-friendly outreach tools and sample products; professional artwork to brand your observance; statistical fact sheets on victimization; information on the history of victims' rights in the United States; and practical ideas to expand the circle of outreach and partnership to reach all victims. Download all materials for use offline as you plan your public awareness campaign for NCVRW and throughout the year.

Search for and Publicize Your Organization's NCVRW Events. OVC's National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events allows users to plan, promote, and locate events of interest to the victim services community in their area. We encourage you to visit the Calendar to find NCVRW events from across the nation hosted by local service providers and allied professionals. Are you looking for ways to promote your organization's NCVRW event? Publicize your event by adding it to the National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events. Your submission will be reviewed and, if approved, posted on the web for public view.



Resources...

The Polaris Project has published 2017 statistics from the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The National Human Trafficking Hotline and BeFree Text line provide survivors of human trafficking with vital support and a variety of options to get help and stay safe. These could include connecting callers with local law enforcement, emergency shelters, transportation, trauma counselors or a range of other services and supports. The 40,000+ cases identified on these helplines comprise the largest publicly available data set on human trafficking in the United States. The [data](#) do not represent the full scope of human trafficking. Lack of awareness of the crime or of these resources in certain geographic regions, by particular racial or ethnic groups, and by labor trafficking survivors, can lead to significant underreporting. Nonetheless, this information spotlights where and how traffickers operate so that we can put them out of business, keep them from harming more people, and help survivors find the services they need.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute is pleased to announce [the new online resource](#) focused on Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets.

New report from SAMHSA: "[Suicide Clusters within American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#)-- A Review of the Literature and Recommendations." This paper examines what is known about suicide clusters within American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations and uses that information to provide recommendations for stakeholders working to prevent and contain suicide clusters within AI/AN communities.

March 7, 2018: The White House has [announced](#) the creation of a Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry.

Introducing the [Data Systems Improvement Toolkit!](#) The Tribal Evaluation Institute (TEI) is pleased to announce the release of our Data Systems Improvement Toolkit! This resource is designed for tribal programs planning to develop or improve their data systems. Program and evaluation staff who have experience with and oversee changes to their existing data systems will find this toolkit informative and helpful. Visitors to the TEI Web site can download the complete toolkit or access individual modules, including modifiable versions of several tools. The Data Systems Improvement Toolkit includes five modules. **Module 1:** Choosing a System and Working with a Vendor or Developer; **Module 2:** Documenting and Improving Data System Processes; **Module 3:** Protecting Data Ownership and Privacy; **Module 4:** Displaying and Reporting Data; **Module 5:** Optimizing Your Current Data System.

One year ago, the [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#) (1-844-7NATIVE) launched as a safe, confidential and anonymous domestic violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives! StrongHearts is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential service dedicated to serving Native American survivors of domestic violence and concerned family members and friends. By dialing 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST, callers can connect at no cost one-on-one with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. StrongHearts is a partnered effort, combining the technology and infrastructure of The Hotline with NIWRC's expertise and community connections, as well as the trust of Native advocacy groups.

Child Welfare Resources from the Center for Tribes...

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, so here is a spotlight on child welfare resources from the Capacity Building Center for Tribes (Center for Tribes). The Center for Tribes collaborates with American Indian and Alaska Native nations to help strengthen Tribal child and family systems and services in order to nurture the safety, permanency, and well-being of children, youth, and families.



Webinar on "Individual and Family Healing"

Wednesday 25 April 2018, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Healing for individuals and families can be a lifelong process that is unique for each person and/or family, it can be a stop and go process and can include searching and exploring different paths. We look forward to sharing healing strategies.

Register at: <https://tribalinformationexchange.org/index.php/connect-with-your-peers/webinar-calendar>

Journey Through the River of Data Series

The Center for Tribes also has a new series on child welfare data. Data is a river that flows through all aspects of child welfare work, as well as through the community – a key resource but one that can sometimes be challenging to navigate. Developing data capacity can be like traveling from downstream to upstream. You may need someone who is further upstream to give you guidance on how to avoid rough waters or undercurrents that may throw you off course.



[1. Improving the Welfare of Native Children by Using & Managing Data](#)

Covering the basics of data, this brief resource includes information on how data can be used to address issues and help tribal child welfare programs thrive. Guiding questions are provided to help programs think through how they want to use and manage data.

[2. Planning for Your Program's Child Welfare Data System](#)

This two-page resource offers concise guiding questions for programs to consider as they develop or enhance a data system. Data needs, program capacity, and readiness for change are highlighted.

[3. Navigating Rough Waters: Lessons Learned & Challenges to Avoid When Planning a Tribal Child Welfare Data System](#)

When programs journey through the river of data, knowing how to navigate rough waters and overcome challenges can make a tremendous difference. This one-page resource offers suggestions on how to stay on course when planning and implementing a data system.

Accessing Center for Tribes Services

- Title IV-B Tribes interested in Tailored Services can make an inquiry directly to the Center for Tribes by contacting Elizabeth Deserly at info@cbc4tribes.org or by contacting their [Children's Bureau Regional Office](#).
- Once contacted, Center staff will work with Tribes to explore needs and identify the appropriate levels of service.

Visit <http://www.TribalInformationExchange.org> for more Resources.

Training & Events...

[Native Student Scholarships Now Available!](#) The National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) American Indian and Alaska Native Student Travel Scholarship Program is Now Accepting Applications for 2018. NIJ will support up to fifteen (15) American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate or graduate full-time students in attending criminal justice-related conferences and explore the role of science in solving complex problems to increase public safety. Successful applicants can select up to two conferences to attend, and will receive funding support for at least one of their selected conferences. Application packages are due by 11:59 ET PM on Friday, May 18, 2018. The conference options are: The International Association of Chiefs of Police (October 2018); The American Society of Criminology (November 2018), and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (February 2019)

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is seeking submissions for its "[Remember my Name](#)" Project which, for nearly a quarter century, has documented the names of people who have died as a direct result of domestic violence. The deadline for submissions is May 1st.

[Register](#) for the National Center for Victims of Crime 2018 National Training Institute. September 5-7, 2018, at the Caribe Royale Orlando, in Orlando, Florida. This training will emphasize a multidisciplinary approach to sharing promising practices, current research, and effective programs and policies that are victim-centered, practice-based, and research-informed. Our National Training is a forum for law enforcement, victim service professionals, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to share current developments and build new collaborations. Conference sessions will highlight practical information to better support services for the wide range of persons victimized by crimes of all types.

Visit the 2018 National Child Abuse Prevention Month [Website](#). Each April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. Visit the 2018 National Child Abuse Prevention Month website to do the following:

- Explore and share dozens of tip sheets for parents—available in English and Spanish
- Bookmark three activity calendars for prevention programs, parents, and community partners. Each calendar is full of activities and events for you to engage with families all year long.
- Test your knowledge with six Protective Factors in Practice interactive scenarios that demonstrate how multiple protective factors support and strengthen families experiencing stress
- Access the new Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) section to learn how traumatic childhood events can lead to negative outcomes in adulthood and what communities are doing to help
- Spread the word with our sample email signatures, widgets, and social media posts to promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Join the conversation and share your thoughts on Facebook or Twitter. Use #NCAPM2018 and #PreventionMonth

[Register](#) for NICWA's Training Institute: "Cross-Cultural Skills in Indian Child Welfare Working with Substance-Abusing Families." June 12-14, 2018 | Portland, Oregon. This training will provide guidance on how to build cross-cultural skills and implement culturally responsive services to connect with tribal communities you serve. It will also provide an overview of working with substance-abusing Native families from both a direct service and a systems collaboration point of view.



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@fvtc.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 back staff member, Melissa Hayes...

Melissa Hayes began working with Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc. in 2014 and is instrumental in federal grant writing, assessment reporting, and data collection. Melissa is from Atlanta, GA where she earned her M.S. in Psychology and B.S. in Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Melissa previously managed a research lab at Georgia Tech and was actively involved in research funded by the National Institute on Aging. Melissa has two publications in the Journals of Gerontology and Aging, Neuropsychology, and Cognition and volunteers as a content editor for sexual assault resources. Melissa is passionate about serving victims of crime and has worked with multiple homeless shelters and psychiatric hospitals. Melissa first became aware of the unique challenges Native Americans face as they relate to mental health and domestic violence while working in behavioral health hospitals, and that knowledge strengthened her resolve to be of service to Tribal communities.

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