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## OVC News...

Did You Miss the 2018 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony? On April 13, 2018, OVC honored 12 individuals, teams, programs, and organizations for their outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services at the 2018 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. View the recording [here!](#)

[Meet](#) this year's National Crime Victims' Service Awards Recipients. The following individuals, programs, teams, and organizations were recognized during the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony on April 13, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

[Sign up](#) for the NCVRW Mailing List to receive notification about the nomination period for the 2019 National Crime Victims' Service Awards.

Apply for Office of Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center's (OVC TTAC) National Victim Assistance Academy, "Effective Management Series: Financial Management." This training is designed for those responsible for their organization's financial management. It will be delivered online, over the course of 5 weeks, beginning on May 29, 2018. Each week, except for the introductory week, will include a facilitated webinar. The Financial Management training is part of the NVAA Effective Management Series and, like all of OVC TTAC trainings, there is no cost to participate. Those who complete all components of this training will receive .9 CEUs. Overview: To serve crime victims more effectively, victim service organizations must use fundamental financial management practices to stay solvent and operate properly. In this training, participants will learn key bookkeeping and accounting principles, how to prepare financial documents, how to prevent fraud, and the differences in available financial management tools.

[Register](#) for OVC TTAC's Online Expert Q&A: Interjurisdictional Enforcement of Protection Orders. May 23, 2018 | 2:00 PM EDT. Overview: Assisting survivors of domestic violence can often involve multiple legal jurisdictions. In many cases, these survivors may also have protection orders that need to be enforced. The Full Faith and Credit (FFC) provision (18 U.S. Code § 2265) of VAWA requires that protection orders issued in one jurisdiction must be recognized and enforced in other jurisdictions, but enforcement across state, tribal, or territorial jurisdictions can sound daunting to survivors as well as service providers. The effective enforcement of protection orders across jurisdictional lines is essential to the safety of victims. This session will discuss the legal concept of FFC; what interjurisdictional enforcement may look like for survivors and abusers; and help advocates navigate some of the challenges associated with interjurisdictional enforcement of protection orders under FFC.

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



OVC Director Darlene Hutchinson speaks at the 2018 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony



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## Resources...

Free Gun Locks for Tribal Law Enforcement and Health Organizations. The U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in cooperation with the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Project ChildSafe, has announced a new program that makes free gun locks and firearms safety information, including information on suicide prevention, available to tribal law enforcement and health organizations, for distribution in their communities. Project ChildSafe is the firearms industry's safety program that provides education on the importance of storing firearms responsibly when not in use. The cornerstone of the program is the Project ChildSafe firearm safety kit, which includes a cable-style gun lock and a brochure that discusses safe handling and storage. Since its launch, Project ChildSafe has distributed more than 37 million of these free safety kits through partnerships with 15,000 law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and five U.S. territories. The locks themselves meet ASTM and California DOJ standards, and are shipped in boxes of 100 along with brochures and other information. Everything is provided at no cost; the locks and other resources are made available through a grant from BJA, while supplies last. To order the locks, simply go to this [link](#) and complete the form. Additional educational resources are also available on the Project ChildSafe website. For more information visit, [projectchildsafe.org](http://projectchildsafe.org).

U.S. Department of Labor [Announces](#) \$62 Million in Grants to Provide Employment Assistance and Workforce Development Services to Native Americans. Through these grants, the Department's Indian and Native American Employment and Training program seeks to assist American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in obtaining employment and increasing wages through job placement, education, and occupational skills development. To help Native Americans become more competitive in the workforce, the grants will help individuals develop academic, occupational, literacy, and entrepreneurial skills necessary for successful employment – consistent with the values and goals of Native American communities. The deadline to apply is May 18, 2018.

The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) wants to hear from you! Securing victims' rights post-conviction requires a comprehensive, victim-inclusive approach. This is true because despite victims' significant rights and interests post-conviction, victims continue to have a range of unmet needs. NCVLI is working to help fill this gap through its work with its Post-Conviction Victims' Rights Knowledge, Access and Enforcement Project, which is funded under Grant No. 2017-VF-GX-K026, awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Please complete the [short questionnaire](#) and let NCVLI know what resource-topics would most enhance your work with victims.



VAWA 2013's Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction – [Five-Year Report](#). The National Congress of American Indians released a new report summarizing the first five years of tribal government expanded criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians under the tribal provisions of the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA 2013). VAWA 2013 created a framework for tribal courts to prosecute non-Indians who commit domestic or dating violence against Indian victims on tribal lands—something that has not happened in 35 years, since *Oliphant v. Suquamish Tribe*. NCAI worked closely with the 18 tribal nations who exercised this expanded jurisdiction. These tribes report 143 arrests and 74 convictions of 128 different non-Indian abusers. VAWA 2013 allowed tribes to finally prosecute these long-time abusers who previously had evaded justice and

provide increased safety and justice for victims who previously had little of either. The report documents how committed each tribe has been to successfully implementing VAWA and ensuring effective administration of justice in their communities. Not only do non-Indian offenders receive a fair day in court, but many tribes include broader resources aligned with cultural values for community wellness to ensure that these defendants receive help and support. The report highlights specific examples and makes a series of findings regarding these early successes as well as the challenges for implementing tribes.

“Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets: Key principles, custom, tradition and multidisciplinary practices” Webinar Recording. This webinar by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute is the second in a series on Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets and focuses on the history of domestic violence courts/dockets and will underscore the critical importance of the key principles guiding a domestic violence court and/or docket. This webinar discusses the role tribal custom and tradition can play in developing key principles and in developing the court structure. The holistic approach to victim safety and batterer accountability will be explored through a multi-disciplinary lens, which is a hallmark of the domestic violence court model. Tribal domestic violence courts are specialized courts with targeted caseloads consisting of domestic violence cases. Tribal domestic violence courts are comprised of personnel who are well trained in the dynamics of domestic violence and committed to working collaboratively among various victim service providers/systems to meet the needs of the family. Additionally, these courts focus on victim safety and batterer accountability by closely monitoring batterer compliance with court orders. Watch the recording at: [www.tribal-institute.org/lists/webinars.htm](http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/webinars.htm)

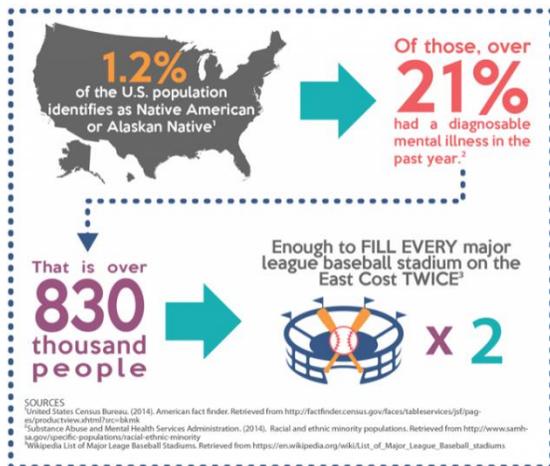
[National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative](#). Most cases of elder abuse are undetected, under reported, and unresolved resulting in injury, financial decimation, and even death. The National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) was created to address the lack of culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Indian Country. Learn more about Elder Abuse Warning signs, the Native Elder Protection Team Toolkit, Online Interactive Education, Elder Abuse Codes, State/Tribal Hotlines, and more!



## Mental Health Awareness Month Resources (May)...

[Mental Health America](#): Native American Communities and Mental Health. Mental Health America works nationally and locally to raise awareness about mental health and ensures that those at-risk for mental illnesses and related disorders receive proper, timely and effective treatment. MHA incorporates culturally competent strategies to ensure that it is effectively addressing the treatment and psychosocial needs of consumers and families with diverse values, beliefs, sexual orientations, and backgrounds that vary by race, ethnicity and/or language.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently [released](#) a grant funding opportunity announcement (FOA) entitled, "Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program." The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance use, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth through the age of 24 years. Native Connections is intended to reduce the impact of mental and substance use disorders, foster culturally responsive models that reduce and respond to the impact of trauma in AI/AN communities<sup>1</sup>, and allow AI/AN communities to facilitate collaboration among agencies to support youth as they transition into adulthood. Application Due Date: Friday, June 22, 2018.



[SAMHSA's Tribal Affairs Agenda](#). The tribal affairs agenda includes opportunities for informed communication with tribal leaders on SAMHSA policies and programs to improve behavioral health among Native American populations. The primary focus of SAMHSA's tribal affairs agenda is youth suicide and substance use disorder prevention within American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Also, SAMHSA strives to engage federal agencies, national and regional American Indian and Alaska Native organizations, states, and behavioral health providers to collaborate on mitigating the social and economic factors that impede positive behavioral health outcomes.

[American Indian and Alaska Native Health](#). American Indian and Alaska Native Health is a central source for information about the health and well-being of Native Americans and Alaska Natives. It is freely available and offers access to evaluated and authoritative resources for: individuals, health educators, and healthcare professionals.

[MentalHealth.gov](#): MentalHealth.gov provides one-stop access to U.S. government mental health and mental health problems information. MentalHealth.gov aims to educate and guide: The general public, Health and emergency preparedness professionals, Policy makers, Government and business leaders, School systems, and Local communities. Content for this website is provided by: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MedlinePlus and National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Youth.gov.

"Through Our Eyes: Children, Violence, and Trauma" [video series](#) from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Trauma left unaddressed can have serious consequences for children and youth as they grow up. "Through Our Eyes" encourages everyone to act to protect children from crime and abuse and help them heal from trauma.

[Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#). The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) is the nation's only federally supported resource center devoted to advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. SPRC is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) under grant no. 1U79SM062297

## Training & Events...

[Register](#) today for the 2018 National Forum on Criminal Justice! July 22-25, 2018 | Fort Worth, Texas. The National Forum on Criminal Justice showcases programs, research and technologies that help justice practitioners and decision makers in states, local communities and tribal nations address pressing public safety issues. It is the only national conference that brings together leaders from federal, state, tribal and local criminal justice agencies, top criminal justice researchers and technologists from companies providing solutions to justice agencies. Workshops feature promising and innovative programs and strategies to address crime around the country; explore how technology can improve the administration of justice; examine research and evaluation; and highlight priority issues and resources within the Department of Justice. Members of [National Criminal Justice Association \(NCJA\)](#) and the IJIS Institute qualify for discounted registration rates of \$475 before May 18 and \$525 after. The nonmember rate is \$525 before May 18 and \$575 after.

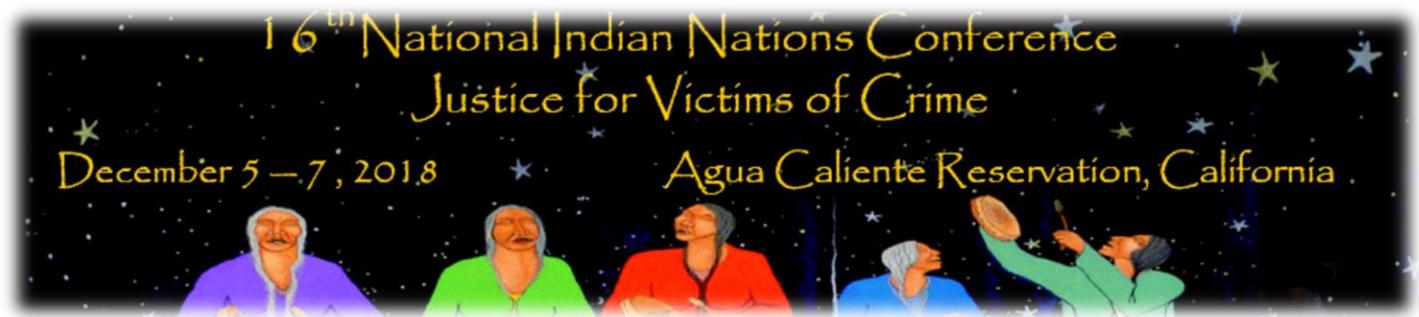
[SOAR Online](#). SOAR Online is a new series of CE/CME training modules that you can complete whenever, wherever you like. Each module discusses the SOAR framework and how to apply it where you work to identify individuals who are at risk or who have experienced trafficking and connect them with the resources they need. SOAR Online is designed to educate health care providers, social workers, public health professionals, and behavioral health professionals on how to identify, treat, and respond appropriately to individuals who are at risk or who have been trafficked.

The target audience includes physicians, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, registered nurses, dentists, psychologists, social workers, case managers, school counselors, public health professionals, health education specialists, and allied health professionals. The three training modules available include: SOAR to Health and Wellness, Trauma-Informed Care, and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services.

Register for [web-based trainings](#) from Tribal Forensic Health Care. Feature upcoming training: "Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Examiner." May-July 2018.

Announcing the [Veterans History Project](#) at the Library of Congress. In collaboration with the National Institute of Corrections, the Library of Congress will host a panel discussion on the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) on veterans and how to support those who have run afoul of the law by providing appropriate treatment. The panel of experts, in honor of Memorial Day and in anticipation of National PTSD Awareness Month, will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 1 p.m. in room 119 on the first floor of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. S.E., Washington, D.C. Tickets are not needed but an RSVP is required.

## JUST ANNOUNCED: Save the Date for the 16<sup>th</sup> National Indian Nations Conference...



The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs, within the U.S. Department of Justice is pleased to announce the 16th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime. The Conference will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2018 through Friday, December 7, 2018, on the reservation of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, California. This year's conference is once again coordinated by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute under a grant from OVC.

The purpose of the 16th National Indian Nations Conference—the largest U.S. Department of Justice sponsored Indian Nations conference, is to bring together Native American victims, victim advocates, tribal leaders, victim service providers, community volunteers, prosecutors, judicial and law enforcement personnel, family violence and sexual assault specialists, medical providers, social services and mental health personnel, probation/corrections, criminal justice and juvenile justice personnel, as well as federal and state agency representatives to share their knowledge, experiences and ideas for developing programs that serve the unique needs of crime victims in Indian Country.

- Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on Tuesday, December 4th.
- Call for Presentations will be available May 2018.
- Registration Packets and Scholarship Applications will be available in early Summer 2018
- Conference Pending Department of Justice Approval.

## ***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). Note: Attendance is not mandatory for Vision 21 grantees but his strongly recommended. For any questions or concerns, please contact Devin Rieckmann-Sell (NCJTC) at [rieckmann@fvtc.edu](mailto:rieckmann@fvtc.edu) or Jesucita Hernández (Unified Solutions) at [jesucita@unified-solutions.org](mailto:jesucita@unified-solutions.org) . We look forward to seeing each of you in your respective workshop locations!

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