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## OVC News...

Tribal Consultations Scheduled Regarding Federal Crime Victims Fund Allocation - June 12-14, 2018. The Office of Justice Programs, [Office for Victims of Crime](#) (OVC) invites you to discuss the administration of the Fiscal Year 2018 tribal set-aside to enhance services for tribal victim services. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, (P.L. 115-141) for the Department of Justice created a 3% set-aside in the Federal Crime Victims Fund (CVF) receipts allocated to OVC. OVC is responsible for administering grant award programs that are supported by the CVF, including the FY 2018 tribal set-aside. A paper providing relevant background information and questions for you to consider will be circulated separately.

OVC invites you to participate in a series of telephone consultation calls that will be held between June 12, 2018 - June 14, 2018. Registration information is provided in the table below. Tribal leaders and representatives are welcome to call in to any or all of the calls. You will be asked to provide your name and Tribal affiliation when you register for a session. The times have been set below for the convenience of the callers:

### June 12, 2018 (Lower 48) | 1:00pm - 2:30pm EDT

[Register here](#): or those without internet access or unable to preregister may dial in by calling: 1-866-777-2509 (toll free)

### June 12, 2018 (Alaska) | 3:00pm - 4:30pm EDT

[Register here](#): or those without internet access or unable to preregister may dial in by calling: 1-866-777-2509 (toll free)

### June 14, 2018 (Lower 48) | 2:00pm - 3:30pm EDT

[Register here](#): or those without internet access or unable to preregister may dial in by calling: 1-866-777-2509 (toll free)

In addition to the telephone consultation calls, OVC will accept written comments from tribes until 5pm, EDT on June 29, 2018. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail at: [ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov).

Tribes may also submit comments by first-class mail to:  
Office for Victims of Crime  
Office of Justice Programs  
810 7th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20531  
Attn.: Allison Turkel



Despite the condensed timeframe, OVC is committed to assisting tribes in every way possible to create successful victim service programs that meet the needs of your communities. If you have difficulty registering please email [ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov).



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[Help for Crime Victims](#). Helplines: Toll Free and Online Hotlines.

If you are a victim of crime, you have many rights and services available to help you. OVC has compiled a contact list for victims and victim service providers to find additional information or to get help. This contact list can also be downloaded and printed.

The OVC State/Local Victim Resources page and Online Directory of Crime Victim Services are available to help you locate local services.



Complete a Quick Survey on the 2018 NCVRW Resource Guide. If you haven't already completed this short [survey](#), please do so by Friday, June 8, 2018 to help shape next year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) looks forward to receiving your feedback on this year's guide, which helps it provide the most practical set of tools to help you serve victims in your communities. Although National Crime Victims' Rights Week has ended, the 2018 Resource Guide is available year-round. OVC invites you to continue to use the easily customizable materials, including the [Crime and Victimization Fact Sheets](#) and Additional Resources.

OVC is Seeking Applicants to Support the National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Administrators. Funding is available for the OVC FY 2018 National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Victim Compensation Administrators (2019-2021) solicitation. The successful applicant will support the 2019 and 2021

VOCA National Training Conferences and the 2020 regional training conferences for State VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators and their staff. The conferences are intended to provide training and technical assistance and facilitate an opportunity for the presentation of state issues and practices through lectures, panels, workshops, and forums. OVC expects to make one award of up to \$600,000 total (\$200,000 per year), for a 3-year period of performance, beginning October 1, 2018. [Apply](#) by June 26, 2018.

[Apply](#) for the Vision 21: Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime Solicitation. OVC has released the FY 2018: Vision 21: Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime solicitation. This program will provide project funding to eligible nonprofit organizations that propose to develop, use, and strategize the use of technology in innovative ways to interact directly with crime victims and provide information, referral, crisis assistance, and longer-term help. OVC seeks applicants who demonstrate innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology initiatives on a national or nationally replicable scale to improve response, services, and access for victims of crime. OVC expects to make up to 10 awards in the range of \$500,000 to \$2.25 million each, with an estimated total amount awarded up to \$15 million. OVC expects to make awards for a 24-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2018. Apply by June 25, 2018.

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

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## Resources...

SAMHSA is announcing the availability of up to \$37.5 million for the 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. SAMHSA expects to fund up to 30 grantees with up to \$250,000 per year for up to five years. The actual award amount may vary, depending on the availability of funds. The funding opportunity announcement for this grant is available at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-017>.

Tribal Access to Justice Innovation. The Tribal Access to Justice Innovation [website](#) seeks to help tribal justice practitioners learn about emerging and promising justice-related programs in Indian Country. This project was launched at the request of tribal justice practitioners around the country, who report that they often have difficulty finding practical information about how other tribes are addressing common challenges.



New Publication: [Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts Case Management](#). As part of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute's (TLPi) "Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Publication Series, Case Management" provides Wellness Courts and their staff a guide to effective case management and the case manager role. This resource discusses the drug court case management standards, the functions of case management within a Wellness Court, the models and ethics of case management, data and evaluation, and the role of case management can be functionally and ethically shared by other members of the Wellness Court team. This appendix of this publication includes models of case management, vicarious trauma, sample job descriptions, sample participant progress reports, and sample Wellness Court data values.



Department of Justice Releases New Publication: [Cross-Deputization in Indian Country](#). *Abstract:* Jurisdiction in Indian country has long been complicated by multifaceted tribal, state, and federal laws, policies, and court decisions, making it difficult for law enforcement to effectively address many types of criminal offenses. Whether the victim and perpetrator belonged to a tribe, where the crime took place, and other circumstances must be considered before any action can be taken. But recent changes in tribal, federal, and state law have enabled tribal law enforcement to enforce a broader array of state and federal crimes by cross-commissioning and cross-deputizing their officers. This report - based on the work of the National Sheriffs' Association, which assembled a cross-deputization advisory panel - examines the jurisdictional and legal limits of cross-deputization and how it has been implemented in various law enforcement agencies in Indian country. It also describes some of the most promising practices and provides sample documents and agreements.

[Promising Strategies: Tribal-State Court Relations](#). This Promising Strategies publication highlights initiatives by judicial organizations within both tribal courts and state court systems that have focused on an agenda of greater mutual understanding and cooperative action. Their areas of interactions include child welfare, cross jurisdictional enforcement of domestic violence orders of protection, and civil commitments. (2013)

[Promising Strategies: Public Law 280](#). This Promising Strategies publication highlights unique ways in which tribal and state jurisdictions have entered into collaborations to overcome barriers to effective justice provision in PL 280 jurisdictions. Their areas of interaction include government-to-government recognition, concurrent jurisdiction, cross-jurisdictional enforcement of domestic violence orders of protection, cross-deputization, and civil commitments. (2013)

[Victim Services: Promising Practices in Indian Country](#). This publication highlights promising practices for assisting victims of violence and abuse in twelve Indian Country locations throughout the United States. Each description includes the program's keys to success, relevant demographic data, and a contact for further information. (2004)

## Training & Events...

Participate in a NO FEE Webinar hosted by National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC). Become more mindful of the need to implement and sustain tribal sovereignty, unique to your nation, into all aspects of your tribal justice system. During the webinar series, you will learn more about tribal sovereignty, how it might be exercised or how it is exercised in your own community, and what to consider as you begin your tribal justice system planning process. You will also learn a process to take steps to identify opportunities for the inclusion of customs, traditions, and values into your tribal justice systems.

### [Building Better and Stronger Tribal Justice Systems:](#)

Part 1 - Sovereignty Considerations as Part of Planning  
Thursday, May 31 | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm CST.

### [Building Better and Stronger Tribal Justice Systems:](#)

Part 2 - Customs, Tradition, and Values as Part of Planning  
Wednesday, June 19 | 11:30 am - 12:45 pm CST

Call for Presentations Announcement- 16th National Indian Nations Conference. The Office for Victims of Crime and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute extend this invitation to participate as a presenter at the 16th National Indian Nations Conference. Workshop presentations should demonstrate methods and strategies to improve safety, as well as promote justice and healing for crime victims through cooperation, and collaboration between Tribal, Federal, State, local and private entities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This year's conference theme is, "Braiding Strength, Hope, and Healing for the Path Forward." It is anticipated that the conference will include approximately 1000 participants and that there will be approximately 60 - 70 workshops. Workshops are 90 minutes and should be highly interactive and relevant to the conference goals, theme and audience. Consulting fees will not be paid to workshop presenters. We may be able to provide limited support by providing limited lodging or travel if presenters request scholarships.

[Workshop Submission Deadline:](#) June 30, 2018.

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[Join](#) EVAWI for a Virtual 5K! End Violence Against Women International - EVAWI invites you to participate in our Virtual Running Club's 5K! **What is a Virtual Run?** It is an event that you participate in on your own time and your own chosen location! When you complete the 5K, EVAWI will send you a MEDAL to recognize your efforts and your support. **Why Participate?** As many of you know, EVAWI is the nation's largest non-profit professional training organization dedicated to improving the criminal justice response to gender-based violence. Your participation in this event helps support its vision of creating a world where gender-based violence is unacceptable; where perpetrators are held accountable, and where victims receive the compassion, support and justice they deserve. You can participate in just TWO easy steps!!

1. Register at Eventbrite.com. The cost of participation is \$30/person or \$150 for a team of 6!
2. Run, Rock, or Roll through a 5K (3.1 miles) anywhere you want, at any time!





[Register](#) to attend Achieving Language Access for Crime Victims, a free regional training series hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) -supported Translating Justice Initiative. This training series seeks to enhance the capacity of victim services personnel who serve people with limited English proficiency and people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.

The training will cover the following topics:

- an overview of why language access matters;
- the legal and ethical responsibilities of providing language access;
- how to plan for language access;
- how to conduct a needs assessment and where to find resources in your community;
- working with interpreters;
- how to manage the use of other language access devices, including the use of technology; and
- how to monitor your language access plan for quality assurance.

Regional trainings will be held in Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, MN, and Albuquerque, NM, between June and August 2018.

## June 15<sup>th</sup> is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Find Elder Abuse Resources Here!

[Check out](#) the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) which was created to address the lack of culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in Indian Country. Initiatives include: Establishing a resource center on elder abuse to assist tribes in addressing indigenous elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; Identifying and making available existing literature, resources and tribal codes that address indigenous elder abuse; Developing and disseminating culturally appropriate and responsive resources for use by tribes, care providers, law enforcement and other stakeholders.



Do you want to create an elder abuse case review multidisciplinary team (MDT), but you don't know where to start? — Start here! The Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) is pleased to announce the [launch](#) of the new Multidisciplinary Team Guide and Toolkit. The Toolkit is designed for anyone looking to create or grow a local elder abuse MDT, regardless of their experience with MDTs. The web-based Toolkit is enhanced for use on mobile devices and contains easy-to-download PDF sample documents and citations.

Visit OVC TTAC to [view](#) archived webinars of the Elder Justice Initiative Webinar Series. This webinar series provides critical information for prosecutors, victim specialists, law enforcement, and others working on elder abuse cases. Topics include: Starting and Running an Elder Abuse Case Review, MDT; Helping Law Enforcement Respond to Elder Abuse Quickly; Introducing the Elder Justice Initiative Victim Specialist Resource Page; Elder Justice Prosecution Resources; Introduction to the Elder Justice Website.

OVC TTAC also [offers](#) FREE Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Courses Online. Register for the Elder Abuse Online Training Course to learn about what elder abuse is, and how victims are affected by this crime. This course includes issues related to the crime, such as prevalence and victim impact as well as tips and strategies to help victims. Register for this 45-minute course today.

[Visit](#) the Unified Solutions website to find a training resources on *Elder Abuse & Mistreatment: Financial Exploitation, Fraud, and Identity Theft* presented by Jacqueline Gray, Ph. D, Professor, Associate Director, CRH Indigenous Programs at the most recent OVC Grantee Regional Workshop Training in Keshena, Wisconsin.

"World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Celebration: Leveraging National Resources to Build Strong Support for Older Adults." Join the Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) for a [webinar](#) commemorating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 13, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. e.t. An array of experts will discuss how their organizations are helping to build strong support for older adults. A presenter from the Social Security Administration will share the latest on representative payees; an EJI representative will talk about the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act and new resources being developed to better respond to elder abuse; an expert from the Administration for Community Living will describe their guardianship grant programs and the importance of data collection for policy and programmatic enhancement; and the Deputy Director of the National Center on Elder Abuse will present on some of the latest trends and resources that will help you to better respond to elder abuse.

[Register](#) for an Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) Webinar: "The Benefits of Referring Elder Abuse Clients for Civil Legal Assistance." Join OVC TTAC for a webinar on June 1, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. e.t. as Bill Benson, National Policy Advisor at the National Adult Protective Services Association, Keith Morris, President of Elder Law of Michigan and Director of the Center for Elder Rights Advocacy, and Jennifer Goldberg, Directing Attorney at Justice in Aging and National Center for Law and Elder Rights, discuss the benefits of civil legal assistance for victims of elder abuse. The merits of civil legal assistance are sometimes underappreciated, as a result of which elder abuse victims may not be referred for or receive civil legal services consistently. In this webinar, you will learn how and to whom to make referrals for civil legal assistance that do not conflict with your professional ethics (e.g., confidentiality) and the myriad ways in which civil legal assistance can aid older victims in recovering from their victimization.



## **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 the upcoming OVC Grantee Regional Training Workshops that are being planned throughout 2018. Locations and dates are included below:

### **Northwest Regional Training (approved by DOJ):**

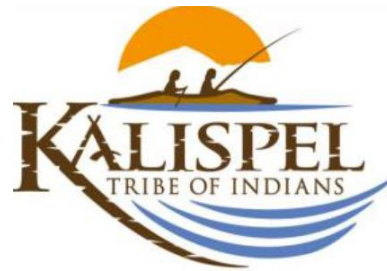
June 26-28, 2018. Spokane, WA. Host tribe: Kalispel Tribe of Indians  
Only for grantees located in WA, OR, ID and MT

### **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 is 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!

## **CTAS Spotlight: Midwest Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshops...**



Opening Ceremony: Flag Song and Honor Guard Entrance

Announcements were presented by Doug Cox, Tribal Chairperson of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. The Opening Remarks were jointly expressed by OVC's Acting Associate Director, Shannon May; Unified Solutions' Executive Director, Stanley L. Pryor; and NCJTC's Program Administrator, Joell Schnigur.

After a traditional opening and an emotional keynote presentation, training participants were able to explore and choose from multiple breakout sessions topics that were offered on a morning/afternoon rotation. Breakout session topics for the first day included: Child Advocacy Services: Child Abuse and Neglect; Approaches for Successful Communication with Team Members and Those You Serve; Elder Abuse and Mistreatment: Financial Exploitation, Fraud, and Identity Theft; and Homicide in Indian Country. Breakout sessions were followed by a mandatory group session that highlighted the following two of four required grant deliverables: Privacy Certificates and Community Needs Assessments. Participants learned about a Needs Assessment action plan and were introduced to examining the different components of the Privacy Certificate.

On May 15, 2018, the Menominee Casino Resort in Keshena, WI welcomed 102 participants through its open doors to kick-off the Midwest Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshop. This workshop signified the first regional training event scheduled for the summer of 2018. The participant roster included a diverse array of individuals, to include OVC staff; tribal grantees from across thirty different OVC CTAS programs; multiple tribal representatives from the host tribe (Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin); and the following training and technical assistance providers, Unified Solutions and the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College.

Highlights from the opening ceremony included the Flag Song and Honor Guard Entrance by the Menominee Tribal Police Department, the Menominee County Sheriff's Department, and the Shawano County Sheriff's Department. David Grignon, Director of the Menominee Historic Preservation Department, led the Opening Invocation, and the Welcome, Introductions, and



Keynote Speakers: L to R- Hedi Bogda, Patricia Lenzi, and Steve Siegel





This session included an interactive group activity that allowed participants to review samples of Privacy Certificates and Community Needs Assessments.



Amber Gallup (Unified) and Stanley L. Pryor (Unified) discussing key components of community needs assessments during Day 1 Group Session: *Privacy Certificates and Community Needs Assessments*

On Day Two of the *Midwest OVC* Grantee Regional Training Workshop, participants interacted in a group session based on the previous day's session about Privacy Certificates and Community Needs Assessments. The goal of the second day's group session was to highlight the key components of the remaining two grant deliverables: the Strategic Plan and Logic Model. Following the group session, participants were able to choose from a new round of breakout session topics that were offered on a morning/afternoon rotation. Breakout session topics included: Creating a Victims Centered Law Enforcement Response; Multijurisdictional Systems Advocacy and Victim Rights for Advocates; Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Tribal Communities; and the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT): Finding Solutions Together. Following the second day's breakout sessions, a group workshop on Sustainability Planning was held to offer grantee programs various resources, approaches, and ideas for program sustainability. The main goal of this session was to educate participants on how to sustain victim assistance programs after federal funding has ended.

On the third and final day of the training workshop, participants had the opportunity to learn about Menominee's community response to child trauma, which was presented in the form of a panelist discussion. Panelists members included Carol Corn, Director of the Menominee Tribal Social Services; Drew Lacefield, Treatment Coordinator of the

Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center; Jerry Waukau, Administrator of the Menominee Tribal Clinic; and Wendell Waukau, Superintendent of the Menominee Indian School District. The panelist discussion was followed by a workshop highlighting ways to cope with Compassion Fatigue. Upon conclusion of the two and half day regional training workshop, participants were led in a traditional closing ceremony with a Traveling Song and the Retiring of Colors.



Presenter Leila Edwards in a breakout session with training participants

Unified Solutions and NCJTC offer our sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you who made this training possible, and for those of you who were able to attend! A very special thank you is extended to the host tribe, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, for offering to share your unique culture and values with each person in attendance. We also kindly offer our appreciation to the Menominee Casino Resort staff, who graciously worked with us for months on event planning and logistics to ensure that each guest had the best possible experience during this regional training workshop.

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Kevin Brennenstuhl (NCJTC) facilitates Day 3 Panel Discussion *Fostering Futures: Tribal Response to Child Trauma*

