

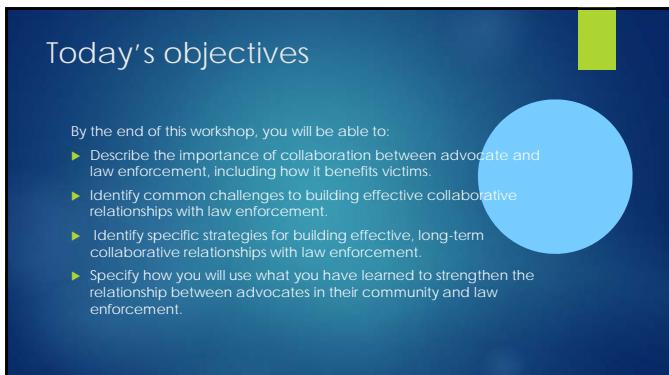


Collaboration between Advocates & Law Enforcement

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Introduce yourselves!

- ▶ Name
- ▶ Tribe
- ▶ Role (Tribal Leader, Advocate, Law Enforcement, Program Manager)?



Today's objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- ▶ Describe the importance of collaboration between advocate and law enforcement, including how it benefits victims.
- ▶ Identify common challenges to building effective collaborative relationships with law enforcement.
- ▶ Identify specific strategies for building effective, long-term collaborative relationships with law enforcement.
- ▶ Specify how you will use what you have learned to strengthen the relationship between advocates in their community and law enforcement.

Group Discussion

Discuss with partners:

- ▶ Describe the current state of collaboration between advocates and law enforcement in your community.
- ▶ For advocates: What are the challenges in your relationship with law enforcement?
- ▶ For law enforcement: What are the challenges in your relationship with advocates?
- ▶ Why are you here? What would you like to get out of this workshop?

Why do strong collaborations between advocates and law enforcement matter? Why are they important?

Why do strong collaborations matter?

- ▶ Strong collaborations benefit victims
- ▶ Immediate arrest can prevent further or more serious injury.
- ▶ Collaboration builds stronger cases for prosecution.
- ▶ Arrest focuses police and community attention on domestic violence.
- ▶ Shows the batterer that it is not acceptable, leading to greater safety for the victim and giving victims hope.
- ▶ Collaboration builds trust in community.
- ▶ **Example:** Quartzite Case

Why do strong collaborations matter?

- ▶ Strong collaborations are mutually beneficial: the work of advocates and law enforcement are both strengthened.
- ▶ **Example:** Quartzite Case

When collaborations break down or don't work.

- ▶ What happens when collaboration breaks down?
 - ▶ Misinformation and lack of information
 - ▶ Officers don't know what happens with abuser after court appearance
 - ▶ Victims fall through cracks
- ▶ **Example:** Ehrenburg Case
 - ▶ What the lack of collaboration caused
 - ▶ What could have been done differently
 - ▶ How we applied what we learned
- ▶ What are your experiences with successful or unsuccessful collaborations?

How have you collaborated with law enforcement? What tips can you share from your own experience?

Building strong collaborations: Tips and techniques

- ▶ Justice Response Team for Victims
 - ▶ Who do you involve? Tribal Council, _____
- ▶ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - ▶ Develop a formal agreement that lays out the mutual understanding
- ▶ Regular meetings
 - ▶ If you have an MDT, incorporate these meetings with those
 - ▶ Provide breakfast or lunch!
 - ▶ Make these meetings regular: once a month

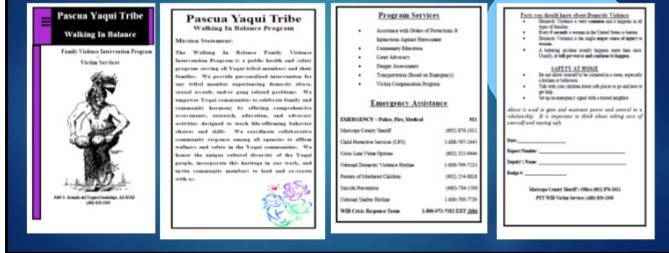
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- ▶ Invite an officer into your advocacy department as a specialist.
- ▶ Apply for grants to help build your collaborative program.
- ▶ **Incentives** and Mutual benefit: Creating opportunities for law enforcement to meet community members, and advocating for law enforcement to the community as well. **Outreach is really important.**

Building strong collaborations: Tips and techniques

- ▶ Stay creative, open-minded, and **teachable**. Try to see where law enforcement is coming from.

Building strong collaborations: Pocket Cards



Building strong collaborations: Tips and techniques

- ▶ Domestic Violence Investigations Booklet: Evidence Based Prosecution

Questions

Application Activity

- ▶ 1. What resources do you have in your community to strengthen collaboration between advocates and law enforcement?
 - ▶ 2. What can you do to strengthen the collaboration between advocates and law enforcement in *your* community?
 - ▶ Come up with 2 concrete steps you will take when you get back, and why.
 - ▶ 3. Don't forget the principle of **mutual benefit**: what can *advocates* offer to enhance the work of law enforcement?

Questions



Conclusion

► Thank You!

► Please complete evaluation before you leave!