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## OVC News...

The OVC [Tribal Set-Aside Solicitation](#) is Live!!

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) have long recognized the critical need to fully and more effectively support American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of crime. In recent years, DOJ has conducted numerous tribal consultations and listening sessions to learn more about the needs and resources associated with supporting AI/AN crime victims. As a result of these sessions, OVC used available funding to improve programs, develop resources and publications, and support training and technical assistance efforts.<sup>3</sup> This year, for the first time, the appropriations act provides for funds from the CVF to be used to support a broadly applicable tribal set-aside program for Indian tribes to improve services to crime victims. OVC anticipates making up to \$110 million available through this solicitation to support tribes to improve victim services. OVC expects that award amounts may vary, depending on the project(s) proposed, but typically will not exceed \$720,000 per applicant. **Application deadline is August 6, 2018!**



Now Open: 2019 National Crime Victims' Service Awards [Nomination Period](#). Recognize someone making a difference in the lives of victims. The nomination period for the 2019 National Crime Victims' Service Awards is now open. With these awards, OVC recognizes extraordinary individuals, teams, programs, and organizations that demonstrate outstanding achievements in supporting victims and victim services. The recipients are honored at the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Sign up for the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) [mailing list](#) to get the latest updates on upcoming webinars, training and technical assistance, and other specialized subject areas!

[Register](#) for the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center's (OVC TTAC) upcoming webinar: "The Forgotten Victims: Elder Homicides Part 2, A Prosecutor's Perspective." On Friday, July 13, from 2:00–

3:00 p.m. eastern time, the Elder Justice Initiative presents the webinar "The Forgotten Victims: Elder Homicides Part 2, A Prosecutor's Perspective." Please join us as Belle Chen of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office discusses the unique challenges of investigating and prosecuting elder and dependent neglect homicides. This webinar will highlight some of the challenges and common dynamics in these cases through a comparison of two elder neglect cases that went to trial and were presented to juries. This presentation can aid law enforcement in their investigations of complex elder neglect cases and prosecutors in their review, filing, and litigation in criminal court.

Achieving Excellence: Model Standards for Serving Victims & Survivors of Crime. This [e-publication](#) provides guidelines and suggestions to help victim service practitioners and program administrators improve the quality and consistency of their response to crime victims. Select from the Program Standards, Competency Standards, and Ethical Standards buttons below or use the menu on



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the left to learn more about the purpose and scope of the standards; how to use the standards to improve crime victim/survivor survivors; and terms, definitions, and resources related to the standards.

Improve Your Organization's Response to Vicarious Trauma. It takes tremendous courage for victim service providers, emergency medical services, fire services, law enforcement, and other allied professionals to respond to tragic events. It also takes commitment to do this work despite the personal, physical, emotional, and mental impact it can have. Research shows that vicarious trauma, when left unaddressed, can lead to staff burnout, turnover, stress, and a lesser quality of services for victims. OVC's Vicarious Trauma Toolkit is a repository of nearly 500 resources tailored specifically to these fields that provides the knowledge and skills necessary for organizations to address the vicarious trauma needs of their staff and promote resiliency.

This [toolkit](#) can be used to—

- conduct an assessment of your agency's current capacity as a vicarious trauma-informed organization;
- review your existing capacity, identify gaps, and prioritize needs;
- locate resources and tools to help meet your identified needs; and
- develop a comprehensive plan to address exposure to single incidents of crime or violence and acts of mass violence and terrorism.

[Subscribe](#) to Justice Information (JUSTINFO) bulletins from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). JUSTINFO is published the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and it highlights information from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS). In each bulletin, subscribers will have access to current announcements, upcoming funding opportunities, new publication releases, online resources, and upcoming webinar and event information.

Victim Impact: Listen and Learn Video Series Now Available Online! Once only available as a DVD, the Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) "[Victim Impact: Listen and Learn](#)" is now available to view on our YouTube channel. You may also download the videos as well.

This video series features the first-person accounts of 14 men and women who share their experiences as crime victims and the ripple effect that victimization can have on family members and the community at large. Victim Impact: Listen and Learn is intended to help offenders to become more aware of the impact that crime has on victims and to take responsibility for their actions and begin to make amends. It is also an effective training resource for victim service providers seeking to improve their understanding of the physical, emotional, financial, and psychological effects of crime. A companion online only training curriculum is also available and includes a two-part facilitator manual and a participant workbook.

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

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

## Resources...

[Register](#) to receive periodic email notifications from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) and the NCJRS federal sponsors about new resources, funding, and events that match your areas of interest.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is [accepting](#) applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 Tribal Opioid Response grants (Short Title: TOR). The program aims to address the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) using one of the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). The intent is to reduce unmet treatment need and opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and/or recovery activities for OUD. The program supplements current activities focused on reducing the impact of opioids and will contribute to a comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic. Tribes will use the results of a current needs assessment if available to the tribe (or carry out a strategic planning process to conduct needs and capacity assessments) to identify gaps and resources from which to build prevention, treatment and/or community-based recovery support services. Grantees will be required to describe how they will expand access to treatment and recovery support services as well as advance substance misuse prevention in coordination with other federally-supported efforts. Grantees must use funding to supplement and not supplant existing opioid prevention, treatment, and/or recovery activities. Grantees are required to describe how they will improve retention in care, using a chronic care model or other innovative model that has been shown to improve retention in care. Application Due Date: Monday, August 20, 2018.

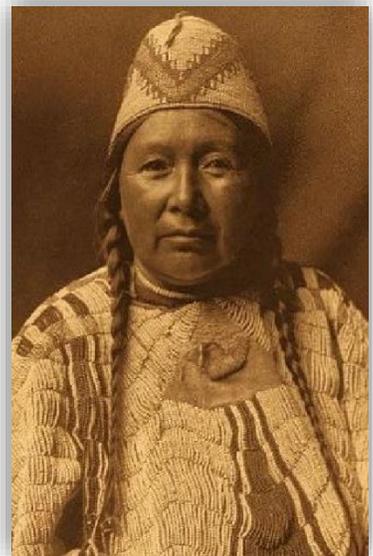


[I AM LITTLE RED](#) is a 10-minute animated short aimed at children most at-risk for sex trafficking (e.g. foster-care, runaway, LGBTQ, homeless, and adopted children), with the goal of prevention and awareness. The film, narrated by Academy Award nominee Jessica Chastain, animated by Academy Award winners Gabriel Osorio and Pato Escala from PunkRobot, and written by 10 survivors of sex trafficking (aged 14-21) along with Alec Sokolow (Academy Award nominated writer of Toy Story) and Mary Mazzio, is a contemporary re-imagining of the classic fairy tale, Little Red Riding Hood. I AM LITTLE RED addresses the four tactics a "wolf" (trafficker/pimp) will typically use to lure a Little Red off her path. My Life My Choice has designed curriculum materials for I AM LITTLE RED, to give at-risk children the skills and tools to stay on their own paths.

Identity Theft Resource Center [Funding Opportunity](#) for American Indian/Alaska Native Agencies and Nonprofits. Under the National Identity Theft Assistance Network Expansion Program (NITVAN II), a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), ITRC awarded six grants to coalition leaders across the nation in 2017. ITRC will competitively select up to ten (10) additional sub-grantee organizations to develop and lead an identity theft and/or cybercrime coalition. Each will be awarded up to \$50,000, for a period of one year (October 2018-September 2019), to engage in coalition activities within their designated service area. The purpose of NITVAN II is to help expand the outreach and capacity of victim service programs to better address the rights and needs of victims of identity theft through the establishment of collaborative regional, statewide, and community-based coalitions dedicated to improving the response to victims of identity theft, with additional and growing emphasis on victims of identity theft within the context of cybercrime. For the purposes of this grant, cybercrime is defined as the use of an online platform to engage in activities where another individual's personally identifiable information (PII) is targeted or used as a principal tool for financial/personal gain. An important focus of NITVAN II is to develop coalitions that focus on assisting more vulnerable groups (such as children, elders, and domestic violence victims) and to ensure the coalition network represents all segments of victim populations that can be impacted by identity theft and/or cybercrime, as well as those that work hard to assist them day in and day out. From the first grant opportunity 2 coalitions were established that focus on assisting seniors (state of MA & MI), a coalition dedicated to cybercrime and working with law enforcement, and a coalition that is national in scope focusing on assisting small businesses with business identity theft. American Indian/Alaska Native entities should be represented within NITVAN. While there are coalitions that have American Indian/Alaska Native organizations as members, there is no coalition solely dedicated to addressing the needs of American Indian communities. The grant opportunity will be open from February 1 to July 31, 2018.

Violence Against Native Women Resource. "[Listen to the Grandmothers Video Discussion Guidebook](#)" is designed to assist tribal programs with incorporating cultural traditions into contemporary responses to violence against Native women. The Listen to the Grandmothers video features Native elders speaking to the problem of violence against Native women. The video provides a historical overview of violence against Native women, traditional responses, and an analysis concerning the incorporation of cultural traditions into contemporary responses to violence against women. (2008)

The National Children's Alliance (NCA) Launches New Physical Abuse Response [Guide](#). Even though CACs serve many more victims of child sexual abuse than they do victims of child physical abuse (CPA), federal data show that physical abuse is far more common, potentially indicating that CACs without a specialized response to physical abuse may be unequipped to serve a large population of child victims of abuse within their jurisdictions. The objective of this guide is to increase the number of CACs delivering evidence-based intervention designed to meet the specific needs of physical abuse victims. In this guide, CAC directors, staff, boards, and MDT partners will find considerations, tips and resources for CACs and MDTs providing services to child victims of physical abuse to help them meet this objective at their individual CACs. The content is divided into four sections: Developing capacity to serve CPA victims; Meeting the mental health needs of the victims; Considerations for medical providers, and the role of the victim advocate in CPA cases.



## **SAM.gov Issue- Urgent Update...**

SAM.gov experienced a significant information security issue in April. As a result, GSA implemented an enhanced registration process requiring submission of a notarized letter via the US Mail to facilitate SAM.gov registration and re-registration. However, processing the notarized letters created significant delays in the SAM.gov registration process resulting in the inability for some potential applicants to submit their applications by the solicitation close date.

Applicants who have been unable to apply to an Office of Justice Programs solicitation for this reason should notify us in accordance with the technical difficulties guidelines contained in the solicitation within 24 hours of the close of the solicitation. The applicant should include the name of the solicitation in the subject line or body of the email and include a copy of the dated notarized letter provided to SAM.gov for registration as well as any communication regarding this issue with SAM.gov and/or Grants.gov. To be considered for a waiver to apply, the date of the notarized letter must be before the close date of the solicitation. For waivers granted, the program office should contact the affected applicants and provide instructions on how to submit the application through GMS. The instructions should include the deadline for the submission of all necessary application documentation in GMS. This past weekend, GSA "uncoupled" processing of the notarized letter from the SAM.gov registration for the Federal Assistance (grants) community. In addition, GSA processed the backlog of registrations for Federal Assistance registrants and they are now current with the registration process. Both the SAM.gov and Grants.gov web sites have been updated to reflect this change in process:





#### [Sam.gov:](#)

ALERT - June 11, 2018: Entities registering in SAM must submit a notarized letter appointing their authorized Entity Administrator. Read our updated FAQs to learn more about changes to the notarized letter review process and other system improvements coming in June.

#### [Grants.gov:](#)

UPDATED SAM.GOV ALERT: For your SAM.gov registration, you must submit a notarized letter appointing the authorized Entity Administrator. The review process is changing for the Federal Assistance community on June 11, 2018. Read the updated FAQs to learn more.

Updated FAQs ([SAM.gov](#) website):

#### NOTARIZED LETTER PROCESS CHANGES

How is the notarized letter review process changing on June 11, 2018?

- Effective June 11, 2018, entities who create or update their registration in SAM.gov to apply only for federal assistance opportunities such as grants, loans, and other financial assistance programs no longer need to have an approved Entity Administrator notarized letter on file before their registration is activated.

- o Hint: This applies to you if your SAM.gov Purpose of Registration is Federal Assistance only. Check SAM.gov to find your Purpose of Registration.

- Federal Assistance entities still must mail the original, signed copy of the notarized letter to the Federal Service Desk. Failure to do so within 30 days of activation may result in the registration no longer being active.

#### NEXT STEPS:

1. OAAM is working with OCOM on communication with NCJRS regarding this issue.

2. OAAM will be updating <https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm> alert at the top of the page with the information above.

3. OAAM has asked all program offices whether they are hearing a change in the number of issues encountered after the GSA update this past weekend.

4. OAAM will send a blast email to all existing and past award recipient POCs, FPOCs and Authorized Reps with the information above.

<https://sam.gov/portal/SAM/##11>

## Training & Events...

Take Advantage of Training and Lodging Packages! [Register](#) for National Criminal Justice Training Center's (NCJTC) "Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation" upcoming training and receive 2 nights lodging for only \$200 more! Aug 20-21, 2018 | Irving, TX | Registration fee: \$195.00. Gain an introduction into the psychology, or mindset, of those that commit sexually motivated crimes. Learn about sex offender typologies and patterns of behavior. Explore the relationship between paraphilia such as exhibitionism, voyeurism, and fetishism and criminal acts. Review and dissect real case examples to gain insight into offender modus operandi. Knowledge obtained can be applied during interview and interrogation to help resolve sexually motivated cases.

[Applications](#) Being Accepted for Supporting LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program. The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University has released a request for applications for the 2018 Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program, which will take place October 22-26, 2018, in Washington, DC. This program will provide a weeklong training to help juvenile justice, child welfare, and other system partners improve outcomes for system-involved LGBTQ youth. Apply by July 13, 2018.

Free DOJ Training: "Investigative Techniques Related to the Enforcement of Illicit Drug Trafficking in Indian Country." Columbia, SC | September 24-26, 2018. The Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together with the FBI, BIA and DEA, are pleased to announce a training titled Investigative Techniques Related to the Enforcement of Illicit Drug Trafficking in Indian Country. This training will be held at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, SC. This training is designed for federal, state, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors who investigate and prosecute drug cases in Indian country. This training will include an overview of the drug problem in Indian country, identification of illicit drugs, proper handling of methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl, FBI Safe Trails Task Forces, evidence collection, prosecution considerations for drug cases on tribal lands, safeguarding first responders, disposal of drug evidence under EPA, OSHA, and DOT Standards, NIBIN Resources, Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, NARCAN Use, and case studies. Please complete and submit the [nomination form](#) for each of your nominees. Submit nomination forms by July 27, 2018. Selections will be made on or about August 6, 2018 and nominees will be notified via email. Selected nominees will also receive information on how to book travel and lodging. The U.S. Department of Justice will cover all travel related expenses. There is no tuition fee to attend this class.

DEADLINE EXTENDED! Call for Presentations - 16th National Indian Nations Conference. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) 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. [Submit](#) your presentation proposal by July 13, 2018.



## 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:

### Southwest Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):

July 17-19, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.

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

### 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!



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

On June 26, 2018, the Northern Quest Casino and Resort in Airway Heights, WA welcomed 85 participants through its open doors to kick-off the Northwest Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshop. This workshop was the second 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 twenty-one different OVC CTAS programs; multiple tribal representatives from the host tribe (Kalispel Tribe of Indians); Washington State VOCA representative, Mary Soderquist; and the following training and technical assistance providers, Unified Solutions and the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College.



**Opening Ceremony Welcome: (L to R) Mary Soderquist, Washington State VOCA Representative; Tanya Miller-Glasgow, OVC Victim Justice Program Specialist; Jesucita Hernández, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist (Unified); & Joell Schigur, Program Administrator (NCJTC)**

Highlights from the opening ceremony included a traditional opening and the posting of the colors by the Sturgeon Bay Singer, Travis Branson (Flathead), Sabine BrownEagle-Branson (Spokane/Kalispel), Devin BrownEagle (Spokane/Kalispel), and Dave Madera (Colville). Albert Thomas (Colville/Kalispel) led the Opening Invocation, and the Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements were presented by Elton Naswood. The Opening Remarks were given by Tanya Miller, OVC Victim Justice Program Specialist; Jesucita Hernandez, Unified Solutions' Senior Technical Assistance Specialist; Joell Schigur, NCJTC's Program Administrator; and Mary Soderquist, Washington State VOCA representative.

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; Mending the Rainbow: Working with the Native LGBT/Two-Spirit Community; Choose Respect, Native Men's Journey to End Violence Against Women; 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.



**Opening Ceremony Welcome: Posting of the Colors by Sturgeon Bay Singer**



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

On Day Two of the *Northwest 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.



**Opening Ceremony Welcome: Posting of the Colors by Sturgeon Bay Singer**

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: Collaboration between Advocates and Law Enforcement; Elder Abuse & Mistreatment; Financial Exploitation, Fraud, and Identity Theft; 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 common challenges faced by the Kalispel Tribe of Indians CJA and CTVA funded programs and the ways in which the programs developed new solutions to overcome these challenges. The session was presented in the form of a panelist discussion. Panelists members included Cathleen Kinter-Christie, Court Administrator/Executive Director of the Kalispel Tribe Victim Assistance Services; Lucretia Gill, Program Manager of the Kalispel Tribe Victim Assistance Services; Wendy Thomas, MSW, Social Services Director for the Kalispel Tribe; and Shawna Brady, Tribal Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Social Worker of the Kalispel Tribe. 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 and blessing offered by Albert Thomas (Colville/Kalispel).



**Chris Harper (presenter) and Amber Gallup (Unified) presenting "Collaboration between Advocates and Law Enforcement"**

Unified Solutions and NCJTC offer our sincerest gratitude to each 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 Kalispel Tribe of Indians, for offering to share your unique culture and values with each person in attendance. We also kindly offer our appreciation to the Northern Quest Casino and 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.



**Elton Naswood (Master of Ceremonies) introducing the Kalispel Tribe of Indians CJA and CTVA programs for the panel discussion titled "Common Challenges & New Solutions: Kalispel Tribe of Indians CJA and CTVA funded Programs"- (L to R) Wendy Thomas, Shawna Brady, Lucretia Gill, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, and Jesucita Hernandez (Unified)**



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