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## OVC News...

The 16th National Indian Nations Conference [agenda](#) is now live!! 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, with the theme, "Braiding Strength, Hope, and Healing for the Path Forward." This year's conference is once again coordinated by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute under a grant from OVC.

Coping with the Holidays. For those who have experienced tragedy or significant trauma, the holiday season may seem too much to bear. The Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) Coping with the Holidays [e-publication](#) shares online resources and suggestions from survivors on how to make the best of the holiday season.

November was "National Native American Heritage Month." Click [here](#) to check out the below compiled resources from the OVC TTAC:

- Explore the Tribal Victim Assistance page to find information about how to create a victim-centered response to American Indian/Alaska Native victims of crime.
- Visit the Human Trafficking Task Force e-Guide to find resources related to Native American communities.
- Visit the SANE Program Development and Operation Guide to access the chapter on Tribal Law and the Resource List, which provides additional resources for working with American Indian/Alaska Native populations.
- Read the report, Developing and Implementing a Response to Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities: A Summary of the Suggestions from the National Roundtable Discussion on Sexual Assault in Indian Country, and view three short videos that were produced to complement the report.
- Take the VAT Online modules: American Indian/Alaska Native Populations and Tribal Justice Systems.
- Access the following webinar recordings and presentation materials: The Impact of Human Trafficking in Native and Tribal Communities, the Ripple Effect of Crime: Coordinating a Collaborative Response to Victimization in Tribal Communities, Tribal Elder Protection Team Toolkit: Developing Your Team, and Developing and Implementing a Response to Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities.
- Search VictimLaw for tribal laws.
- Request Customized Technical Assistance to address your organization's needs and build your capacity to better serve American Indian/Alaska Native populations.



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Visit the [Tribal Multimedia](#) and [American Indian/Alaska Native](#) sections of our site for information related to these products and more: A Healing Journey for Alaska Natives; A Circle of Healing for Native Children Endangered by Drugs; Partners in Justice—Bureau of Indian Affairs Victim Specialists; and Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault in Indian Country.

OVC Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime (E-publication). OVC has created an e-publication titled “Model Standards for Serving Victims and Survivors of Crime” to assist OVC grantee programs/victim-serving programs in creating guidelines, policies, and procedures to identify ways of documenting and administering services. The program standards describe what should be accomplished by the program and it is up to the program to decide how it will achieve each standard. The program standards should promote thoughtful program-specific and community-specific consideration of quality service delivery. This approach reinforces the intended flexibility of standards, making them suitable to the philosophies, goals, and needs of different programs and communities. The program standards can be adopted by state, tribal, regional, and national organizations to guide improvements in service delivery and encourage community wide quality and accessibility of victim services. Click on the link provided [here](#) to access this resource.

Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Grant Award Audit Process Webinar. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) awards billions of dollars in grants and cooperative agreement funding each year, primarily from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducts audits of these awards to ensure award recipients are complying with applicable statutes and are accomplishing the goals of the awards. The OIG has recorded a webinar to explain the grant award audit process. This is a 5-part video series that has been added to the OIG's public website. This webinar is informative for both grant managers and grantees, who desire a greater understanding of a grant audit lifecycle. The OIG webinar can be viewed by accessing the [link](#). For more information, please consult the [DOJ Grants Financial Management Guide](#).

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

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## OVC Tribal Listening Session on Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding...

The United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) invites you to participate in a Listening Session regarding how potential future tribal set-aside funding from the federal Crime Victims' Fund should be administered. An informational paper on this issue is available online [here](#).

The OVC Tribal Listening Session on Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. (with on-site registration held from 12:30-1:30 p.m.), one day prior to the commencement of the 16th National Indian Nations Conference. The Listening Session will be held in the convention center at the Renaissance Hotel, located on the reservation of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, near downtown Palm Springs, California. To register for the Listening Session and/or indicate your interest in speaking at the Listening Session, please visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/hbqskz> and click “Register.” You can also register on-site December 4 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**If you are unable to attend the Listening Session in-person, OVC strongly encourages you to submit written comments. OVC will accept written comments from tribal leaders until 5 p.m.**

**EDT on January 31, 2019.** Please submit your comments by e-mail at:

ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov. Tribes may also submit comments by first-class mail to:

Office for Victims of Crime  
Office of Justice Programs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
810 7th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20531  
Attn.: Allison Turkel



If you have any questions or concerns about the Listening Session process, please email [ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov). We hope that you will be able to participate in providing feedback to the Department on this very important topic.

## New Conference Cost Approval Submission Form Now Available...

A new conference cost submission form is now available. Please download the latest form from the DOJ Financial Guide link under the Conference Approval, Planning, and Reporting (section 3.10).

While the new form will have many of the same features and appearance, the Grants Financial Management Division, OCFO has updated it to include:

- A separate tab with the Job Aid on how to complete sheet A.
- A separate tab for facility comparisons that will auto-populate the totals to assist with comparisons (for optional use).
- A fix to the \$.01 rounding error on previous form and a few up-dates to formulas.
- Revision of the conference cost prior approval determination questions. (only nine)
- FY19 GSA Rates

\*OCFO will no longer accept previous versions of the form\*



## Resources...

"Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: A snapshot of data from 71 urban cities in the United States." The Urban Indian Health Institute has released a [report](#) on the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in urban areas: A snapshot of data from 71 urban cities in the United States. This first-of-its-kind report aims to provide a comprehensive snapshot of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis in urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities and the institutional practices that allow them to disappear not once, but three times—in life, in the media, and in the data. \*This report contains strong language about violence against Native women and girls."

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: "Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts." The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting [applications](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2019 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts (ATDC) and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in existing adult problem solving courts, and adult Tribal Healing to Wellness courts, which use the treatment drug court model in order to provide SUD treatment (including recovery support services, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination) to defendants/offenders. Current Closing Date for Applications: January 04, 2019.

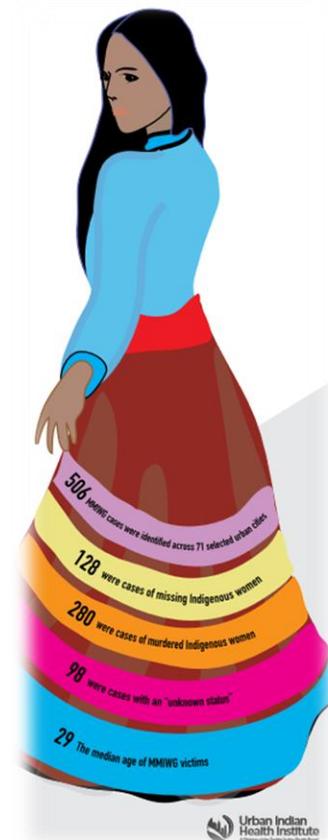
Department of Justice and Department of Interior Team Up for Major Expansion of Tribal Access to National Crime Information Databases. The United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of the Interior announced a dramatic expansion of the federal government's key program that provides tribes with access to national crime information databases, the Justice Department's Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP). By the end of 2019, the Justice Department will expand the number of TAP participating tribes by more than 50 percent—from 47 tribes to 72. The Department of the Interior (DOI) will fund the instillation of TAP Kiosks at three locations where the BIA-Office of Indian Services (BIA-OIS) deliver direct service social services by the end of 2019 and DOI aims to expand TAP access at all 28 BIA-Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) operated law enforcement agencies and detention service centers. These BIA locations will provide some degree of access to TAP for services delivered to more than 50 tribal communities that currently do not have any direct access. [Read](#) the full press release from October 22, 2018.

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Funding Opportunity: "OVW FY 2019 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program." The Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program provides or enhances training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older. Current Closing Date for [Applications](#): January 08, 2019.

[Support](#) for Native American Students. Native American learners currently make up just one percent of all postsecondary students, and these small numbers are due to several factors stretching back hundreds of years. The Native American College Student Support Guide from Affordable Colleges Online offers scholarships, retention strategies, & resources to elevate Native American students' sense of belonging in higher education, financial aid, advice from an expert on setting up Native American students for success, and a list of tribal colleges all over the US.

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

[Check out](#) the National Crime Victim Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina funded through a Cooperative Grant with the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice. The online Resource Center includes six "buckets" that are filled with excellent resources that focus on Readiness – Response – Resilience relevant to mass violence incidents. Resources include: Prepare your Community; Help Survivors; Self-help; Rebuild your Community; Science about Mass Violence; and Other Large-scale Crimes. A tab is also available for "MEDIA" that contains great tips for journalists, survivors and advocates on effective media relations during and after mass violence crimes.



## Training & Events...

Tribal Resource Tool Launching December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Tribal Resource Tool will make its official debut at the 16th Indian Nations Conference which will take place December 5-7, 2018. Please submit your program or organization's information before then to be included in the official launch. This resource is currently collecting information about victim service providers to include in the Tribal Resource Tool. The project team is working to identify any and all organizations that provide resources or support to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) crime victims living on and off tribal lands, in Alaska Native villages, and in urban areas. If your organization provides services to help AI/AN survivors recover from crime and abuse, please submit your information to be listed in the Tribal Resource Tool by visiting the [website](#).

Applications Being Accepted for Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program. The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University (CJJR) and the Center for Children's Law and Policy are accepting applications for a second cohort of the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program, to be held March 25-29, 2019 in Washington, DC. The training will identify areas for reform at key juvenile justice system decision points, including arrest, referral, diversion, detention, disposition, and post-disposition. This training will also focus on strategies for jurisdictions to reduce overrepresentation and address racial and ethnic disparities in their juvenile justice systems through a local Capstone Project reform effort. Only a limited number of applicants will be accepted to join the existing teams. [Apply](#) by December 14, 2018.

New End Violence Against Women International - EVAWI Webinar Recording [Now Available](#) in the Archive! "Trauma Informed Interviewing: Turning Understanding into Outcomes." Webinar Description: This webinar focuses on best practices for trauma informed interviewing of victims to retrieve memories of incidents that can be used by law enforcement investigators, prosecutors and civil attorneys. Topics include a brief overview of trauma and its relationship to memory storage and recall, examples from actual cases where trauma informed interviewing produced concrete information that was used in court, information on interacting with victims who are resistant to prosecuting the batterer, strategies for helping victims construct a timeline for their narrative, and, most importantly, techniques for asking questions in a way that helps victims recall the answers.

Expert Q&A webinar recording now available: [Batterer Intervention Programs and Victim Safety](#). Summary: Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP) provide an opportunity for program participants to be accountable for their abusive behavior. One key aspect of BIPs is the outreach they provide to partners of abusers for the purposes of making referrals to victim advocacy programs and safety planning. Various outcome studies show that BIPs often provide empowerment for victims by validating their experience and reinforcing that they are not responsible for the abusive behavior. This session will describe model practices for BIP outreach to victims as well as collaboration with victim advocacy programs.

OJJDP Accepting Nominations for National Missing Children's Day Awards. Each year, the U.S. Department of Justice, through OJJDP, recognizes individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering abducted children and protecting children from exploitation. The Department honors the awardees each May at the annual National Missing Children's Day ceremony in Washington, DC to be held on May 22, 2019. Access the nomination forms for the 2019 National Missing Children's Day awards online: [Missing Children's Law Enforcement Award](#); [Missing Children's Citizen's Award](#); [Missing Children's Child Protection Award](#); and the [Attorney General's Special Commendation](#). The deadline for nominations is January 23, 2019.



The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is now accepting submissions for workshops at its [2019 conference](#), to be held in Phoenix, AZ from July 22 to 25, 2019. The conference theme is "Advocates United: We Are Survivor Strong." For more information, please visit <https://sectrans.trynova.org/ConfRFP>.

Join Wreaths Across America to lay holiday wreaths on the graves of those who served. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day (December 15<sup>th</sup>), Wreaths Across America's mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. [Join](#) the organization by sponsoring a veterans' wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local fundraising group.



## Unified Solutions Board of Director, Kathleen Finn, to present at the 16<sup>th</sup> National Indian Nations Conference...



Kathleen R. Finn (Kate) serves as the American Indian Law Program Fellow at the University of Colorado Law School. Her work encompasses building healthy Native communities through economic development initiatives and combatting violence against indigenous women, among other topics. She works directly with tribes and Native communities and works to create access to national and international forums for indigenous peoples. During the 16<sup>th</sup> National Indian Nations Conference, Kate will co-present with Eric Gale, Melissa Clyde, Amber Kanazbah Crotty, and Nathaniel Brown on “Influencing Policy Solutions: Navajo Nation Human Trafficking White Paper” (Sponsored by Navajo Nation and Casey Family Programs). This workshop will focus on the Navajo Nation’s development of a White Paper to address human trafficking to aid policy makers in strengthening laws against trafficking, promote prevention, and implement victim-centered approaches/programs. The White Paper is a tool to clearly define objectives, challenges, and solutions to bolster protections for victims and to strengthen prosecution. This workshop will be presented two times during the conference.

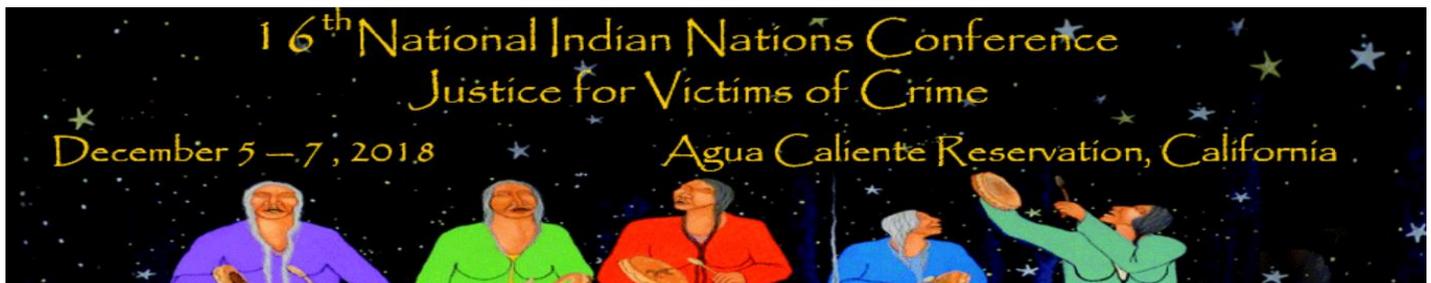
**Please see below for workshop dates, times,  
and locations:**

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018  
Time: Workshops B- 3:30 to 5:00 PM  
Location: B9 Pasadena

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018  
Time: Workshops C- 8:30 to 10:00 AM  
Location: C13 Pueblo

Access the full conference agenda [here!](#)

**Unified Solutions and the National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College look forward to seeing each of your programs at the 16<sup>th</sup> National Indian Nations Conference!**



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