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## OVC News...

**STATUS UPDATE REGARDING EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN:** The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is currently operational through 5:00 p.m. (EST) on March 1, 2019. OJP staff, systems, and services are available to assist grantees, stakeholders, and the public. While OJP remains operational, grantee payment requests received through the Grants Payment Request System (GPRS) will be processed and submitted for payment on a daily basis. If OJP's operational status changes, OJP will notify grantees regarding the impact on its services and systems.



Applications are still being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2019 Coordinated Tribal Assistance [Solicitation](#) during the current lapse of appropriations. The deadline to submit applications is 9 p.m. EST on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019. Access application procedures and other important CTAS-related information online. The solicitation contains details about available grants and describes how federally-recognized tribes, tribal consortia and Alaska Native villages can apply for the funds.

Looking to obtain victim services? Use OVC's [U.S. Resource map](#). Includes Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) State contacts, events, and resources.

Highlights from the OVC-Sponsored Summit on Justice for Rural Victims of Elder Abuse. OVC recently sponsored the Rural and Tribal Elder Summit in Des Moines, Iowa, to discuss strategies for how to protect senior citizens living in rural communities, which is a growing and complex public safety issue. Many rural and tribal areas have small police departments or sheriff's offices that cover large areas with few staff and limited resources, making it difficult for law enforcement to conduct complicated fraud investigations. About 20 percent of senior citizens live in rural communities and the geographic isolation can create a greater vulnerability to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. "OVC is committed to helping the victims of elder abuse across our country," said OVC Director Darlene Hutchinson. "We constantly strive to do all we can to see that our senior citizens live with peace of mind, a sense of security and the support of those they love." [Visit](#) the OJP blog to read more about the summit and learn how OVC supports older victims of financial abuse living in rural communities.

Have you heard of the resource, VictimLaw? [VictimLaw](#) is a searchable database of victims' rights legal provisions including federal, state, and territorial statutes, tribal laws, state constitutional amendments, court rules, administrative code provisions, and summaries of related court decisions and attorney general opinions.

[2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#) (NCVRW). Every April, OVC helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of NCVRW, which will be observed in 2019 from April 7–13. This year's theme is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future." The weeklong initiative promotes victims' rights and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.



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

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## Resources...

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Releases Report: "Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans." On December 20, 2018, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released its [report](#), "Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans." The Commission majority found that the federal government is not meeting its trust responsibilities, and that budgets and spending of federal agencies sponsoring Native American and Native Hawaiian programs, including the Departments of Health and Human Services, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Education, are inadequate. Read the full report [here](#).

[Teens, Social Media & Technology](#), 2018 from the Pew Research Center offers important insights into the social media usage of teenagers, great information for public outreach!

Office on Violence Against Women Funding [Opportunity](#): "FY 2019 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program." The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program provides funding directly to tribes, tribal consortiums, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sexual assault services within Indian country and Alaskan native villages. Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments). Current Closing Date for Applications: March 05, 2019.

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 (April 2017). OVC, in partnership with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and Indian Health Service (IHS), held a National Roundtable Discussion on Sexual Assault in Indian Country with a multidisciplinary group of professionals with expertise in developing, implementing, or enhancing a sexual assault response in tribal communities. Through this report, OVC, OVW, and IHS seek to share lessons learned and practical guidance from the roundtable participants, including tribal governments and responders to sexual violence. [[PDF 842KB](#)] View three short [videos](#) that were produced to complement the report.

State-Tribal Crime Victim Liaison Demonstration Program Report: Tribal Outreach to Establish Trust and Increase Awareness of Victim Services. [Read](#) this report to find out how the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council, Victim Services Division, competitively applied for and received an Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) grant to provide resource awareness outreach to AI victims in Oklahoma.



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Approximately 1 in 10 teenagers nationwide who were in a relationship within the past 12 months were hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object by their dating partner, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report. To raise [awareness](#) and explore ways to prevent teen dating violence, President Obama proclaimed that February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. OVC highlights the following websites, which provide comprehensive information about preventing dating violence and assisting its victims.

What People Get Wrong About Suicides on Tribal Lands. Native Americans are at higher risk for suicide than the general population, but suicide rates vary widely across tribal communities. That variation is important to keep in mind, according to Doreen Bird, an expert on tribal mental health. Each Native community has different mental health challenges and ways of coping with them. Bird recommends that researchers get to know these differences, as well as the specific cultural context of each tribal group, such as their views on illness and death. Involving Native people in prevention efforts can help ensure programs leverage local resources to meet the needs of the community. For example, in Bird's New Mexico Kewa Pueblo Tribe, spirituality and family are key sources of support. "As outsiders trying to make an impact, it behooves us to look at strengths and resilience that lie within each community," said Bird. Read the full article [here](#).

## Training & Events...

Two New EVAWI Webinars Now Available in the Archive. "[Reduce Attrition Rates of Sexual Assault Through Proper Charging Decisions and Effective Jury Selections](#)." Through the use of interactive exercises, participants will gain the skills, knowledge and confidence necessary to make appropriate charging decisions and effectively select a jury in cases of sexual assault. This webinar will also equip participants with tools and knowledge to share with their colleagues in their own offices. "[Using Telehealth to Increase the Quality of Forensic-Medical Evidence Collection and Deliver Trauma-Informed Care](#)." This presentation will detail how to use telehealth technology to expand the reach of forensic nursing to hospitals and clinics in rural, tribal, and other underserved areas. See how two



programs are not only improving the quality of care and evidence collection for survivors, they are boosting the confidence and knowledge of the clinicians providing these services.

[SOAR](#) (“Stop. Observe. Ask. Respond”) ONLINE. Jointly provided by Postgraduate Institute for Medicine, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center in collaboration with the Administration for Children and Families, Office on Trafficking in Persons and Office on Women’s Health, 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 been trafficked 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.

[Nominate](#) Officers for Federal or State and Local Badge of Bravery. The nomination period for this year’s Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery closes next month (February). There are two award categories to recognize the courageous and selfless acts of our nation’s law enforcement officers. Federal agency leadership can nominate officers for the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery. State, local, and tribal agency leadership can nominate officers for the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery. Multiple officers can be nominated, and an officer can be nominated for multiple incidents. Separate nominations must be submitted for each officer and incident. Learn more about these nomination guidelines, including how to submit your nominations and who is allowed to nominate officers. Thank you for taking time to honor the actions performed by our federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement.



[Register](#) now for a National Criminal Justice Training Center Training Event: "Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation." Mar 18 - 19, 2019. New Orleans Area, LA. 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.

Call for 2020 Proposals. End Violence Against Women International - EVAWI is inviting workshop proposals for the "International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Violence Across the Lifespan". Washington, DC | April 14-16, 2020. The conference promotes innovative techniques, unique approaches, and promising practices in responding to gender-based violence. EVAWI is seeking proposals from workshop presenters that meet the mission and the conference objectives, which are to: Improve responses to victims of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, elder abuse, and other gender-based crimes; Enhance collaboration among criminal justice and community professionals through a multidisciplinary approach; Improve the investigation and prosecution of those who perpetrate gender-based violence; and Promote effective prevention and risk reduction programs. Please visit the [Presentation Submission](#) page for detailed information about what to include in your application and a list of special topics of interest. You can also refer to Proposal Guidelines for examples of high-quality CVs, resumes, abstracts and learning objectives. Your application will not be considered unless all required information is submitted before May 1, 2019.

Sign up for the [OJP Online Grants Financial Management and Grant Administration Training!](#) Successful completion of this financial management training will satisfy the training requirement for the points of contact and financial points of contact of an award. This training is designed for individuals responsible for the financial administration of discretionary and/or formula grants awarded from federal grant-in-aid programs administered by various bureaus and offices at the Department of Justice, including: The Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and the Office on Violence Against Women. In its 24 modules, this training emphasizes the basics of federal grants management. The topics discussed are similar to the ones covered in the two-day Financial Management seminars hosted by the DOJ Office of the Chief Financial Officer each year. DOJ is offering this online version of the seminars to give you, a current grantee, the ability to complete federal grants management training from your desktop in place of traveling to the onsite trainings. Note: Must be a direct award recipient with a current grant and/or cooperative agreement as awarded by one of the DOJ grant-making agencies listed.



## Attention 2016 and 2017 Southwest Grantee Programs: SAVE THE DATE for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshop (re-scheduled) ...

Be on the lookout for your program's SAVE THE DATE (sent via email) to the re-scheduled OVC Grantee Regional Training Workshop planned for Spring 2019. Locations and dates are included below:

**Southwest Regional Training (pending DOJ approval):** May 14-16, 2019. Hosted by the Pueblo of Isleta, Albuquerque, NM. *Only for 2016 and 2017 grantees located in CA, NV, AZ, NM, CO, KS, OK, and MS.*

This regional training is MANDATORY for all OVC Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance (CTVA) and Children Justice Act (CJA) Grantees. 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 soon!



## The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College is excited to welcome new staff member, Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya...



Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya is a Program Coordinator with the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College. Valaura leads program efforts funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. She has worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services Victim Assistance Program as a Supervisory Victim Specialist and for the Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Law Enforcement and Security. She is the first Victim Specialist to work with the DOI Office of Law Enforcement & Security and crime victims served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs District III. Previously, she worked for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona as the Program Director of the Hopi Domestic Violence Program and served as a Legal Advocate for the Office of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor. Mrs. Imus-Nahsonhoya received the Department of the Interior's Certificate of Appreciation for her excellent leadership during the installation and development of the Department's Victim Assistance Program at the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Phoenix Office. Mrs.

Imus-Nahsonhoya earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion from Northern Arizona University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice with an Emphasis in Legal Studies from Grand Canyon University. She has also earned a Legal Advocate Certification through the National Tribal Trial College/Wisconsin Law School and is certified as a Domestic Violence Trainer by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AzPOST). Certified in Peer Support.

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