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## OVC News...

Elder Justice Initiative [webinar recordings](#) now available from the OVC. Recordings available: "Resources for Financial Institutions To Prevent and Protect Against Elder Financial Exploitation" and "Barriers and Facilitators to Health, Wellness, and Treatment in Tribal Communities Dealing With Elder Abuse."

(BLOG) [CTAS in Action](#): Nebraska and Kansas-based Native American police use The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) grant to upgrade technology, improve public safety.

[Register](#) for Suicide Prevention Trainings for Crime Victim Advocates. The Education Development Center is offering a series of suicide prevention train-the-trainer courses designed specifically for crime victim advocates who are not clinical mental health professionals. With funding support from OVC, the Center developed the HOPE curriculum (Notice **H**ints, Ask **O**penly About Suicide, Validate **P**ain, and **E**xplore Reasons to Live). This prevention training curriculum is designed specifically for crime victim advocates. HOPE prepares advocates who work with adult crime victims to properly identify, intervene, and refer individuals who are exhibiting symptoms of suicidality to appropriate care and follow-up treatment. Event participants will learn how to deliver the HOPE curriculum. A limited number of travel scholarships are available.

Announcing the New OVC TTA Network Resource [Directory](#). Visit the new TTA Network Resource Directory, a searchable online directory that provides information on training and technical assistance (TTA) projects that are funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). The TTA projects span a wide array of topics, including— Domestic and Sexual Violence, General Resources, Housing, Human Trafficking, Law Enforcement, Mental Health and Well-Being, Post-Conviction Support, Resource Centers, Technology, and Tribal. Each project profile contains contact information, website, goals and objectives, and the primary audience it serves.

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

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## Celebrating OVC's National Crime Victims' Right Week (NCVRW): April 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> ...

Each year OVC leads the nation in an annual commemoration of victims' rights and services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). OVC will commemorate NCVRW



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April 7–13, observing the 2019 theme—Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future. Use the 2019 NCVRW [Resource Guide](#) for everything you need to plan your community events or efforts. Various campaign materials are available in English and Spanish.

[Register](#) to Attend the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. Every year OVC honors the individuals, teams, programs and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting crime victims and victim services. Join OVC at the 2019 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony in recognizing these individuals and organizations.

When: 2:00–3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on April 12, 2019

Where: National Archives—William G. McGowan Theater

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Washington, DC 20408

Attendee Entrance: Enter on Constitution Avenue at the 7th Street Special Event entrance

Search for and Publicize Your Organization's [NCVRW Events](#). The OVC National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events allows users to plan, promote, and locate events of interest to the victim services community in their area. OVC encourages you to visit the Calendar to find NCVRW events from across the nation hosted by local service providers and allied professionals.

## Hold the Date! OVC to Host May 1 Tribal Consultation on Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding...

The United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) looks forward to holding a Tribal Consultation with Alaska Tribal Leaders, their representatives, and stakeholders on potential future tribal set-aside funding from the federal Crime Victims Fund. OVC is honored to hold this Tribal Consultation on the concluding afternoon of the 36th Annual Alaska Tribal Court Conference, on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in Fairbanks, Alaska. To register for the *Tribal Consultation on Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding* and indicate your interest in speaking, please visit [Tribal Consultation Registration Website](#) and click the "Register" button. You can also register on-site on May 1. Formal invitations to Tribal Leaders and a Framing Paper are forthcoming. For more information, please contact [ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov). Pre-registration Check-in and Onsite Registration will be held from 9:00 am to 1:30 p.m.; Tribal Consultation will be 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON POTENTIAL FUTURE TRIBAL SET-ASIDE FUNDING

WESTMARK FAIRBANKS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

## Resources...

Now Available for Download or Order: The Children's Bureau [2019 Prevention Resource Guide](#). Developed for prevention service providers, the guide features key strategies to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect. Here's what's new in this year's Resource Guide: six Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention programs that highlights a different protective factor; two additional tip sheets, in both English and Spanish: "Finding Housing Help for Your Family" and "Preparing Your Family for an Emergency"; and the latest child maltreatment statistics. The guide also highlights two scenarios demonstrating Protective Factors in Practice to use as tools for training or starting a discussion. There are also dozens of tip sheets—in both English and Spanish—that you can download individually to share with parents and caregivers.

OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Funding Opportunity: "FY 19 Tribal Justice CTAS Training and Technical Assistance Solicitation." This [solicitation](#) provides training and technical assistance to assist Indian Country with violent crime response, substance abuse strategies, and improving tribal justice systems. Applications due May 14, 2019.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) and the National Police Foundation have been working together to support the field in using the National Police Foundation's Averted School Violence (ASV) database. The ASV [database](#) is an anonymous, secure, nonpunitive, and confidential website where school personnel, law enforcement officers, mental health professionals, and others involved in school safety can share their averted school violence stories and lessons learned to improve school safety and help prevent future school tragedies.

[New Funding Opportunities](#) Posted by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Check out the most recent grant announcements from The United States Department of Justice.



The Urban Indian Health Institute within the Seattle Indian Health Board has published a landmark report that highlights multiple failures in cases involving missing and murdered indigenous women in the United States. [Overview](#); [Full report](#)

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Funding Opportunity: "[Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants Solicitation](#), FY 2019" Through this solicitation, NIJ will provide small planning grants to develop proposals for new and innovative criminal justice research projects involving federally recognized tribes (or tribally based organizations) and which represent a new tribal-researcher investigator partnership. Closing Date for Applications: May 13, 2019.

The month of April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. It is a time to raise awareness about the prevalence and devastating effects of these behaviors and crimes, and to educate individuals, families, and communities about what they can do to prevent and put a stop to them.

Resources for Sexual Assault: [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#); [Sexual Assault Awareness Month Home Page](#); Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network ([RAINN](#));

Resources for Child Abuse: [National Child Abuse Awareness](#); [Joyful Heart Foundation](#); [Children's Justice Act/Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

## Training & Events...

[Register now](#) for the 2019 National CASA/GAL Annual Conference! This year's conference will focus on building stronger families to achieve better outcomes for children. It's an opportunity for those committed to serving our most vulnerable children to learn more about: supporting children and families involved in the child welfare system; the role of reunification, kinship care, guardianship, foster placements and adoption; achieving safe, permanent placement for children; the importance of strong families in successful outcomes for children; the issues facing children and families today; and how the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act—which allows federal funding to pay for services to prevent children's removal from their families—intersects with CASA/GAL volunteers' important work. Attendees will also benefit from countless opportunities to meet with and learn from others who care as much about the CASA/GAL mission as they do. June 1, 2019 through June 4, 2019 | Atlanta, GA | Hyatt Regency



New End Violence Against Women International - EVAWI Webinar [Recording](#) Available in Archive. "Thinking Outside the Kit: Transportation Options for Improving Access to Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exams." As a result of this webinar, participants will be better able to: understand why providing transportation options for sexual assault survivors is important; learn about the consequences when reliable, affordable transportation is not available; discuss transportation models and creative approaches undertaken in different communities to ensure transportation is available for all; and learn how your community can take advantage of State VOCA funds to support transportation options for sexual assault survivors.

The 9th Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement [Training](#) is scheduled to take place September 10-12, 2019 in Palm Springs, CA. U.S. Department of Justice approval is pending. The Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training is a tribal-specific national training for tribal problem-solving courts. The Enhancement Training features Wellness Court best practices and innovative strategies. The Training will be oriented around the ten key components and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) National Drug Court Best Practice Standards. The Enhancement Training focuses upon tribal issues, including jurisdictional and legal issues unique to Indian country; the incorporation of custom and tradition into the phases, case management, treatment curriculums, and tangential services; and the peer-to-peer sharing of successful Healing to Wellness Courts models in operations. Training topics will cover the adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, family dependency, DWI/DUI, and veterans models.

Applications for CJJR Youth in Custody Certificate Program Being Accepted. The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University (CJJR) is accepting applications for its Youth in Custody Certificate Program, to be held July 22-26, 2019 at Georgetown University in partnership with the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators. This training is designed to help juvenile justice system leaders and partners improve outcomes for youth in custodial settings, covering critical areas including racial and ethnic disparities, family engagement, assessment, case planning, facility-based education and treatment services, reentry planning and support, and culture change. [Apply](#) by April 12, 2019.

Listen to new episodes of the "Just Science" podcast [series](#) from Forensic Technology Center of Excellence. These podcasts focus on different aspects of identification in forensic investigations.



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

SAVE THE DATE emails have been sent out for the re-scheduled OVC Grantee Regional Training Workshop planned for Spring 2019. All grantee programs are encouraged to pre-register for the workshop but are discouraged from booking non-refundable travel. A draft agenda can be emailed to your program upon request. 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!

## Unified Solutions is excited to announce the addition of two new staff members to our team! Help us welcome Marlene Minnette and Farren Keyser!



**Marlene Minnette** formerly worked as a Village Police Officer in Mekoryuk, AK, wherein she assisted the Village Public Safety Officer with domestic violence calls, ensured safe housing for women and children, received training for suicide prevention, and coordinated with Search and Rescue Teams to ensure they had the necessary supplies to complete Search and Rescue missions using snow machines in harsh climates. Marlene has experience coordinating with Alaska State Troopers to ensure proper reporting and victim caseload management between the Village Public Safety Officer Program and the Alaska Department of Public Safety. Marlene has a strong technical background and is proficient with data entry, data reporting, social marketing, InDesign, and program communications. Marlene believes that "if you have positive action and you combine it with positive thoughts, you will be successful."

Marlene is an enrolled Cup'ig (jooop-igg') tribal member with the Native Village of Mekoryuk in Alaska. Before joining Unified Solutions as the Alaskan Technical Assistance Specialist, Marlene worked as a Program Specialist for the Coastal Villages Region Fund in Anchorage, AK. Marlene was responsible for planning and coordinating the development, implementation, and execution of sub-programs and special projects designed to achieve the overall mission, goals, and objectives of the Coastal Villages Region Fund. The Coastal Villages Youth Leadership Program promotes leadership, personal development, and citizenship among youth (ages 14-19) in resident member communities.

**Farren Keyser** joins Unified Solutions with a background in Restorative Justice and Behavioral Health. Farren holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution. While in graduate school, Farren devoted her practicum research to the victimization of Native American women by non-natives and the barriers of justice that victims face. Farren has worked for numerous non-profits and provided victim-offender mediation, case management, victim services, restorative circle processes, crisis navigation, re-entry support and coordination, and co-facilitation of a youth substance abuse program.

Farren was previously a member of a Mobile Crisis Response Team in New Mexico and worked alongside first responders in emergency situations. During that time, Farren served as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and individuals with severe mental health diagnoses. While on the Mobile Crisis Response Team, Farren served tribal members within multiple New Mexico pueblos, including Santo Domingo, Pojoaque, Taos, Nambe, Tesuque, Jemez, and San Felipe. Farren is equipped with teachings from the Center of Justice and Peacebuilding and Restorative Justice and previously volunteered in Romania to serve victimized and displaced Romani. Farren dedicates herself, above all else, to advocacy and creating a safe space for others to heal and be heard. Farren considers the health and well-being of victimized individuals to be paramount.



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