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OVC News...

Now Open: Registration for National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. Every year, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) honors the individuals, teams, programs, and organizations that serve and support crime victims and victim services at the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. [Register](#) to attend this year's ceremony and join OVC in recognizing these individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims on April 12 in Washington, D.C. **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:** Special Event Entrance, Constitution Avenue at 7th St.

2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week [New Resources](#) Available. This year's NCVRW Resource Guide theme artwork, theme poster, web artwork, and awareness posters are now available online. There is also a sample proclamation available. Use these tools to help your organization promote NCVRW and awareness about victims' rights and services. As with all NCVRW artwork, these pieces are designed to help communities and victim assistance providers promote local awareness of crime victims' rights, services, and issues.



[Register](#) for Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center's (OVC TTAC) Online Expert Q&A: "Expanding Outreach to Victims of Identity Theft and Cybercrime." March 20, 2019 | 2:00PM ET. The National Identity Theft Victims Assistance Network seeks to expand and improve the outreach and capacity of victim service programs to better address the rights and needs of victims of identity theft and cybercrime nationwide through a national network that enhances the capacity to provide assistance to victims and encourages expansion of existing victim service programs and coalitions. This session will provide guidance on improving and expanding service to identity theft victims. Note: This session will be recorded and posted on the Expert Q&A Past Sessions tab when available.

[Call for Peer Reviewers.](#) OVC is seeking subject matter experts in the victim services field to review and assess fiscal year 2019 grant applications. Reviewers should have relevant experience in the field of victim assistance and expertise at the local, state, federal, or tribal levels. Peer review is a critical component of the application review process that allows experts in the field to assess current trends and promising approaches needed to best serve victims. You are encouraged to apply or to pass along this information to other subject matter experts in your organization or in your community who might be interested. Participants receive \$125 for each application reviewed, including participation in both the orientation call and consensus call.



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National Incident-Based Reporting System ([NIBRS](#)). OVC's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is a system for recording crimes known to the police. For each crime incident coming to the attention of law enforcement, a variety of data are collected and submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), such as the nature and types of specific offenses committed during the incident, characteristics of the victim(s), and information about the offender(s) and any other persons arrested in connection with the incident. Eight benefits of the NIBRS: a broad range of crime data; victimization data categorized by age and type of crime; data on victim offender relationships; information on the timing of victimizations; data on victimization involving weapons; data on co-occurring victimizations in a single incident; data on case clearances; and a more complete picture on crime and victimization.

OVC Funding Opportunity: "Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking." This [program](#) is designed to enhance the quality and quantity of services available to assist minor (under the age of 18) victims of human trafficking. Organizations funded under this program will provide (directly and through partnerships) a comprehensive array of services that minor victims of human trafficking often require to address their needs for safety, security, and healing. Funded applicants will be expected to serve minor victims of both labor trafficking and sex trafficking. Apply by April 4, 2019.

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

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FY 19 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Deadline Update...

The United States Department of Justice has decided to extend the application deadline for the Fiscal Year 2019 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) from 9 p.m. EST on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 to 9 p.m. EST on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**.

This extension provides applicants an additional two weeks to apply. Applications submitted after 9 p.m. EST on March 12, 2019, will not be considered for funding.

The decision to extend the deadline was based on careful examination and consideration of a number of factors determined to have prohibited and/or delayed would-be applicants from completing and submitting high-quality application packages. Included among those factors is the partial federal government shutdown and a number of inclement weather days, both in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country.

Also, the Department of Justice Response Center offers programmatic and general assistance with the solicitation requirements. The Response Center can be reached via phone at 800-421-6770 or via e-mail at tribalgrants@usdoj.gov. The Response Center's hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

Need to refresh your memory with application requirements? Application details and instructions can be found [online](#) in the FY19 CTAS Solicitation. Additionally, helpful fact sheets, application and narrative templates, FAQs, and a resource guide can also be found [online](#). Additionally, applicants can access video recordings of DOJ-hosted webinars covering the details and requirements for each purpose area, as well as a variety of other topics associated with application requirements. Those videos are available [here](#).



Resources...

[New Tribal MIECHV Publication](#): Meeting the Needs of Urban Indians Through Home Visiting. This brief summarizes the experiences of several Tribal Home Visiting grantees in serving urban Indians in their communities. A short history of AIAN relocation is covered in the brief along with current challenges to serving this population. The brief highlights the strategies and innovations Tribal Home Visiting grantees are employing to effectively meet the needs of urban Indian families.

[NativeLove Project](#) (Authored by National Indigenous Women's Resource Center). The NativeLove project encourages Native youth to challenge harming dating norms and to restore traditional ways of loving, characterized by respect, honor, kindness, and compassion. The project includes a youth video/photo challenge, posters, social media campaigns, FAQs, teen resources, and toolkits.

New End Violence Against Women International - EVAWI OnLine Training Institute (OLTI) Module: "Forensic Examinations of Sexual Assault Victims and Suspects." This in-depth [module](#) is designed to improve the use of forensic examinations to collect evidence from the bodies and clothing of both victims and suspects during a sexual assault investigation. The module goes beyond simply explaining the procedures that are used during victim and suspect forensic examinations. It also explores the different types of evidence that may be gathered during these examinations and describes how this evidence can be used to advance a sexual assault investigation. It also gives participants an opportunity to apply what is learned through case study activities.



New SAMHSA [Publication](#): "TIP 61: Behavioral Health Services for American Indians and Alaska Natives." TIP 61 provides behavioral health professionals with practical guidance about Native American history, historical trauma, and critical cultural perspectives in their work with American Indian and Alaska Native clients. The TIP discusses the demographics, social challenges, and behavioral health concerns of Native Americans. It highlights the importance of providers' cultural awareness, cultural competence, and culture-specific knowledge. The TIP also helps administrators, program managers, and clinical supervisors foster a culturally responsive environment for American Indian and Alaska Native clients. Specific topic areas include workforce development strategies, program and professional development considerations, and culturally responsive policies and procedures.

Search, Subscribe, and Share from the [Grants.gov App](#). With the new Grants.gov mobile app (on Google Play and Apple's App Store), it is easier than ever to quickly search for, subscribe to, and share federal funding opportunities on the go. Got a couple of minutes before your next meeting? Waiting in line for coffee? Open the Grants.gov app & run a quick search for grants on the topic of your choice. You can even segment your search by funding provider.

Just Outcomes, LLP has just released the [free publication](#), "Serving Crime Victims Through Restorative Justice: A Resource Guide for Leaders and Practitioners," a resource for those who practice or are interested in restorative justice.

Missing Person's Cases: New NamUs Data Fields Focused on American Indian and Alaska Natives. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), through the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System ([www.NamUs.gov](#)) program, is committed to increasing data and case information to address the number of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native men and women. In order to further this important initiative, NIJ has added new data fields to NamUs. For missing person cases, these fields include the following questions: Was the missing person last seen on tribal land under the jurisdiction of the United States?; Was the missing person's primary residence on tribal land under the jurisdiction of the United States?; Was the missing person enrolled or affiliated with a state- or federally-recognized tribe? If yes, the names of specific tribes will be made available through a pre-populated pick-list. For unidentified and unclaimed person cases, the following new field will be included: Was the person found deceased on tribal land under the jurisdiction of the United States?

Training & Events...



Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Development Workshop. The U.S. Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is pleased to announce the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Development Workshop. The Tribal Action Plan Training Initiative was established in direct response to the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. TAPs support the principle of tribal self-determination and provide tribes the opportunity to take a proactive role in the fight against alcohol and substance misuse in their communities. (25 U.S.C. § 2412) This workshop is designed to provide tribes with the tools and guidance to assist in developing a TAP. The TAP Workshop will be led by experienced faculty and will include sessions focused on: 1) community readiness; 2) resource identification; 3) needs assessment; and 4) strategic plan development. Tribes who are chosen to participate are required to send a core team of five representatives with responsibility for creating the tribe's TAP. Suggested disciplines for the Tribal Coordinating Committee include the following: leadership, behavioral, public or community health; the criminal justice system; and education. Tribes who have participated in a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) training possess important preparation for the TAP Workshop. Core Tribal TAP Team members will be required to participate in pre and post workshop technical assistance, attend the

entire workshop, and sign a letter of commitment to work with Federal TAP points of contacts and consultants to complete a tribal-specific TAP. Tribes selected to attend the TAP Workshop must adopt a resolution (or legally-equivalent action) to develop and implement a tribal action plan. Please note that this class is not related in any way to DOJ's Tribal Access Program, which provides tribes access to national criminal information systems for both civil and criminal purposes. [Nomination forms](#) are due by March 22, 2019.

[Register](#) for a National Criminal Justice Training Center Training: "Tribal Oriented Policing Strategies." March 26 - 27 | Cass Lake, MN. Training is hosted by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Training is approved by the U.S. Department of Justice. Explore strategies to enhance collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the community to reduce crime and improve community quality of life. Practice working in organized problem-solving teams to develop an action plan using community policing principles to address specific public safety threats in your community. Key topics include community policing, team building and group development, building community partnerships, problem solving, identifying resources, and police and community relationships.

The Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI) is pleased to announce the Forensic Interviewing of Child and Adolescent Victims and Witnesses in Indian Country Seminar. The seminar will be held April 29 - May 2, 2019, at the



National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education. There is no tuition charged for this class. This class has very limited enrollment. Please apply only if you are committed and available to attend. SUMMARY: Forensic interviewing is an interviewing process used with children for the purpose of providing evidence to the police, prosecutors, and the court in the investigation and prosecution of suspected abuse. The goal of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child in a developmentally-sensitive, unbiased, and truth-seeking manner. This training is designed for federal and tribal law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and social workers who have significant responsibility for conducting forensic interviews of child and adolescent victims and witnesses. Priority will be given to those individuals regularly working cases in Indian Country. The attendee will receive instruction on the latest research-based information on interviewing techniques and will be provided opportunities to develop and refine interviewing skills during interviewing practice exercises. [Nomination forms](#) are due by March 8, 2019.

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 or Jesucita Hernández (Unified Solutions) at 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 announce Rachael Staedt's transition to Project Specialist....

Rachel Staedt is a Project Specialist with the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College. Rachel leads grantee communication efforts as well as programmatic and logistical efforts for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) American Indian/Alaska Native Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance and Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Programs. Rachel has been with NCJTC since 2014 and has assisted the OVC TTA Program since 2015. She was previously in a support staff role and became a Project Specialist in November 2018. Rachel also assists in coordinating the Wisconsin State Victim Assistance Academy and NCJTC's annual Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference. Rachel has a B.A. in Sociology from Ripon College.

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