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## OVC News...

**National Crime Victims' Service Awards**— "These prestigious awards recognize extraordinary individuals, organizations, teams, and programs that demonstrate outstanding achievements in supporting victims and victim services. New this year is the Victim Rights Legend Award increasing the award categories to twelve for the 2020 nomination period. Last year, Edwin Meese III, the 75th Attorney General of the United States, was recognized during the Awards Ceremony with the inaugural Victim Rights Legend Award in recognition of his significant role for many decades in securing vital services and funding for victims of crime, and assuring the victim's voice is heard in the criminal justice system and in public policy. The recipients will be honored at the annual National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C." [Submit](#) your nominations by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on October 9, 2019.



**OVC Resources and Support for Victims of Recent Mass Shootings**— "OVC staff extend our condolences to the victims of the shootings in [Odessa and Midland, Texas](#), [El Paso, Texas](#), [Dayton, Ohio](#), and [Gilroy, California](#). OVC presents resources which may be able to help victims and their families, and victim service providers, law enforcement, and first responders that are providing support to them during this difficult time."

**Submit our Survey by October 14, 2019**— "OVC and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) are working with Westat to conduct the [National Survey of Victim Service Providers](#) (NSVSP), the more detailed follow-up survey to the National Census of Victim Service Providers. If your organization was selected for the NSVSP, please complete and submit the survey by October 14, 2019. Your program or organization will represent other victim service providers that share similar characteristics as the NSVSP is not a census of all victim service providers.

The overall goal of the NSVSP is to fill important gaps in our understanding of victim service providers and the victims they serve, providing insight into how the field is equipped to meet victims' needs. The collection of this detailed information will assist funders and policymakers in better understanding the work and needs of providers, and provide important information for practitioners about the different ways they are structured, organized, and resourced to carry out their mission.

For more information or if you need technical assistance, please contact the survey team at Westat by telephone at 1-855-857-9454 or by e-mail at [nsvsp@westat.com](mailto:nsvsp@westat.com). If your organization was chosen to participate, you should have received an e-mail to with the link included to complete the survey!



**Now Accepting Nominations for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Missing Children's Day Awards**— "As part of the National Missing Children's Day ceremony, the U.S. Department of Justice, through its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, recognizes the extraordinary efforts of individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a significant contribution to protecting children between January 1, 2019 and November 14, 2019. Award nominations for the 2020 ceremony are now open! To learn more

about each award category or to nominate someone please use the links provided below." Nominations include; [Law Enforcement Award Nomination](#), [Citizen Nomination](#), [Child Protection Award Nomination](#), and [Attorney General's Award Nomination](#). Get the full details of the event [here](#).



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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...

**Scholarships Available to Attend the End Violence Against Women International 2020 International Conference**– The Academy of Forensic Nursing (AFN) is sponsoring five professionals to attend the 2020 International Conference in Washington, DC! The following scholarships will be awarded; 3 Forensic Nursing Scholarships, 1 Law Enforcement Scholarship, and 1 Prosecutor Scholarship. Each scholarship will cover the full cost of the conference registration. If you have a grant, you can check with your program manager to see if grant funds can be used to cover any travel expenses. To Apply: Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. To apply, please complete the [application form](#) and submit it to [Katie@evawintl.org](mailto:Katie@evawintl.org) by December 13, 2019."

2020 INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT,  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
AND VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN  
April 14-16, 2020 Washington, DC

**The Indian Health Service (IHS) Office of Tribal Self-Governance (OTSG) is accepting applications for Negotiation Cooperative Agreements for the Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP)**– "The TSGP is more than an IHS program; it is an expression of the Government-to-Government relationship between the United States (U.S.) and Indian Tribes. Through the TSGP, Tribes negotiate with the IHS to assume Programs, Services, Functions, and Activities (PSFAs), or portions thereof, which gives Tribes the authority to manage and tailor health care programs in a manner that best fits the needs of their communities. Participation in the TSGP affords Tribes the most flexibility to tailor health care PSFAs and is one of three ways that Tribes can choose to obtain health care from the Federal Government for their citizens. Specifically, Tribes can choose to: (1) Receive health care services directly from the IHS; (2) contract with the IHS to administer individual programs and services the IHS would otherwise provide Determination Contracting; and (3) compact with the IHS to assume control over health care programs the IHS would otherwise provide (referred to as Title V Self-Governance Compacting or the TSGP). These options are not exclusive and Tribes may choose to combine options based on their individual needs and circumstances." Click [here](#) to take a look at the full description or submit your application.



**Establishing or Enhancing Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services**– "Research shows that victims of crime may experience a variety of short- and long-term challenges in the aftermath of the crime. They encounter multiple complex systems and they may feel confused and overwhelmed. Victims who choose to participate with the criminal justice system are at risk for secondary victimization, which is an indirect result of the crime that occurs through the responses of individuals and institutions. Types of secondary victimization include victim blaming, inappropriate behavior or language, and indifference or disregard of victims' needs and wishes by criminal justice personnel or other organizations with access to victims post-crime. Victims who experience secondary victimization by law enforcement are less likely to continue participating with the reporting and prosecution process (Rich & Seffrin, 2012; Hardy, Young, & Holmes, 2009)." Take a look at the full [guide](#) from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

**FY19 Competitive Grant Announcement**– "The United States Department of Justice OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for the Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Program. This program furthers the Department's priorities by supporting law enforcement and public safety agencies in their efforts to reduce and prevent injuries and deaths of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities." The [application](#) deadline is October 15, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. eastern time.

**2018 Protected Innocence Challenge Toolkit**– "The Protected Innocence Challenge is based on the Protected Innocence Challenge Legislative Framework, which was informed by research performed by Shared Hope International and compiled in "The National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking." Domestic minor sex trafficking is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children under the age of 18 within U.S. borders for the purposes of prostitution, pornography, or sexual performance. Recognizing that most of the gaps in responding to domestic minor sex trafficking must be addressed at the state level, the Protected Innocence Challenge Legislative Framework sets out the basic policy principles required to create a safer environment for children. The steps necessary to create this safer environment include the following: preventing domestic minor sex trafficking through reducing demand, rescuing and restoring victims through improved training on identification, establishing protocols and facilities for victim placement, mandating appropriate services and shelter, and incorporating trauma-reducing mechanisms into the justice system. Broken systems of criminal justice and child welfare responses to victims must also be fixed to ensure that commercially sexually exploited children are treated as victims and receive access to justice." Read the full report or find out where your state ranked for Sex Trafficking Laws in the United States [here](#).



## Training & Events...

**38th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Announced**– "Each year, the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) hosts the largest national gathering on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child advocacy issues. With over 1,400 attendees—and growing every year—this four-day conference has become the premiere national event addressing tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to youth with lived experience in child welfare systems." This year's conference will be held in Denver, Colorado from March 29-April 1, 2020. Find all of the conference details [here](#).



**Web-Based Pediatric Sexual Assault Examiner Course**– Tribal Forensic Healthcare is offering a Web-Based Pediatric Sexual Assault Examiner Course from over several dates starting in November 2019 running through July 2020. "Registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, physicians, and physician assistants caring for American Indian/Alaska Native patients in the USA are invited to attend this online pediatric sexual assault examiner (PSAE) training. Participants will learn the elements of conducting comprehensive pediatric medical forensic examinations in cases involving sexual abuse/assault. Registration is free to providers from IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian health care facilities. Providers from referral facilities that serve American Indian or Alaska Native victims of sexual abuse are also eligible to attend at no cost." Take a look at the available dates and get the full details of the course [here](#).

**Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center Expert Q&A**– This Live Q&A will focus on the Courageous Spirit: The Effects of Historical Trauma on AI/AN Communities. "This session will identify the historical and traditional ways that domestic and sexual violence were addressed in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities prior to colonization and how historical experiences persist to have residual trauma in the community. Recommendations will be provided to improve advocacy for native communities that have been affected by domestic and sexual violence." The session is scheduled for November 20, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. eastern time. [Register](#) today to reserve your spot.



**Justice Clearing house is providing a free Webinar on Rural School Safety**– "This webinar will apply research-based information in a discussion to promote school safety. The discussion will provide a background that will allow the participants to identify and evaluate components for a school safety plan for schools located in small towns or unincorporated areas." The webinar is scheduled for October 9, 2019. Don't miss out. [Register](#) now.

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