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### OVC News...

**The Tribal Resource Tool is Available**– Unfortunately, no segment of our society is immune to violence and American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities experience disproportionate rates of violent crime. While we work collectively to reduce crime rates and reach more victims, we must also be working to find services in every corner of our nation. Funded by Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) the Tribal Resource Tool is working to turn over every stone to find victim services so we all can connect AI/AN victims of crime and abuse with the services and resources they need. The Tool also available to help service providers find resources for those AI/AN victims they assist.

The National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI), with the input and guidance of tribal stakeholders across the country, have created a web-based resource mapping tool that aims to:

- Link AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse to services anywhere in the country, and
- Help identify gaps in the network of existing services.

Included in the online Tool is a searchable map of service providers with the option to filter by types of crime, genders and ages served, and services provided. The Tool will include services for all ages of AI/AN victims and survivors; all victimization types; all locations (on/off reservations, in areas that are remote, rural, urban, or suburban); and all needs of victims; including justice, safety, healing, and support. It is our goal to identify all resources available to AI/AN victims of crime in order to assess the gaps that need to be filled. The NCAI will be developing a gaps analysis report. Our newest partner, StrongHearts Native Helpline, assists in populating the tool.

Service providers are encouraged to get involved in the work of the Tribal Resource Tool by completing the inclusion form: [tribalresourcetool.org](http://tribalresourcetool.org). If you have any questions, please reach out to the Tribal Resource staff, Gayle Thom, Project Director at [gthom@victimsofcrime.org](mailto:gthom@victimsofcrime.org) or Renee Bourque, Project Manager, at [bourque@victimsofcrime.org](mailto:bourque@victimsofcrime.org).



**OVC's Achieving Excellence:** "[Model Standards for Serving Victims & Survivors of Crime](#) e-publication seeks to enhance victim service providers' competency and capacity to provide ethical, high-quality responses to crime victims. These model standards also seek to meet the demands facing the field today. These model standards also seek to meet the demands facing the field today. The e-publication includes three sets of standards:

- The Program Standards recommend guidelines, policies, and procedures that victim-serving organizations should have in place, and identify ways of documenting and administering services.
- The Competency Standards describe general attitudes, knowledge, and skills that demonstrate professional competency in the crime victims field. The Competency Standards discuss how service providers can achieve these competencies.
- The Ethical Standards identify the ethical expectations of service providers based on core values for the field."



**A Healing Journey for Alaska Natives:** "This [educational series](#), produced by OVC and the Office on Violence Against Women, is designed for federal, state, local, and tribal victim service providers, criminal justice professionals, and others who work with Alaska Native victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking."



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**Specialized Housing and Services for Victims of Human Trafficking:** “The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have partnered under this NOFA to address human trafficking that occurs within communities. The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality and quantity of safe housing and specialized services available to assist victims of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended. This includes specialized housing and services that are enhanced by a collaborative and coordinated community response that engages appropriate community resources. Organizations that demonstrate the ability to provide safe housing options and client-focused services for victims of human trafficking that result in obtaining and remaining in permanent housing situations with the necessary supportive services to ensure participant success for housing retention, that includes obtaining the necessary income to promote self-sufficiency, are encouraged to apply for this funding.” Close Date: October 30, 2019. Apply [here](#).



**Domestic Violence High Risk Teams:** “The Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) Model was born from one community’s tragedy and has gone on to national recognition and replication as a leading strategy for intimate partner homicide prevention. This presentation will provide a comprehensive understanding of the DVHRT Model, with an overview of the research at its foundation, and include a discussion on the function and structure of key partners in this multidisciplinary approach. Participants will learn how team members work together to identify high-risk cases and mobilize risk management strategies.” [Register](#) to be a part of this expert Q&A scheduled for October 16, 2019 2:00-3:15 p.m. ET.

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

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## Resources...

**Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Continuum of Care Program Competition:** “The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.”



**WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021** – “The objective of this FOA is to invite states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on Drought Resiliency Projects that will increase the reliability of water supplies; improve water management; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought. Under P.L. 111-11, Section 9502, an eligible applicant is a state, tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must also be located in one of the following states or territories: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Current Closing Date for Applications: October 14, 2020.” Apply [here](#).

## Everyday Magic: 16 Ways Adults Can Support Children Exposed to Violence and Trauma

“Every day, too many children and youth are exposed to violence in their homes and in their communities. Studies suggest that 15.5 million children in the U.S. witness domestic violence annually (Whitfield et al., 2003). By age 17, over one-third of America’s children will have been exposed to domestic violence (Finkelhor et al., 2009). Over 60% of children and youth have experienced at least one direct or witnessed victimization of violence generally in the previous year and almost half had experienced a physical assault in the study year (Finkelhor et al., 2009).” Click [here](#) for the full resource guide.

**An Academic-based Training Initiative to Improve Police Responses for People with Mental Illness and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:** The United States Department of Justice, OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for funding an Academic-based Training Initiative to Improve Police Responses for People with Mental Illness and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This program furthers the Department’s mission by providing training and technical assistance (TTA) to law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies and their behavioral health service partners to improve responses and reduce crime and recidivism associated with people who have mental illnesses and intellectual and developmental disabilities.” [Applications](#) are due by October 4, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. eastern time.

## Training & Events...



**2020 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Violence Across the Lifespan**  
Registration is now open! "Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence, and other forms of violence across the lifespan." Take a look at the conference [brochure](#) or register [here](#).

**FEMA has released Planning Considerations:** "Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place: Guidance for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Partners. The document draws upon the collective experience of those partners to provide relevant concepts, principals, and guidance as a resource for emergency managers and planners. Evacuation and shelter-in-place protective actions are prompted by a variety of threats and hazards. Incident-specific circumstances drive the relevant protective actions based on a community's demographics, infrastructure, resources, authorities, and decision-making process. Determining that an evacuation needs to take place is not an all-or-nothing approach. FEMA will host a series of 60-minute webinars to discuss the document, related efforts, and answer participants' questions. The webinars are open to all." Click [here](#) for the full list of plans for potential crisis.

**Call for Presentations:** Presenters at NICWA's 38th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, this year being held in Denver, Colorado on March 29–April 1, 2020, are the heart and soul of this annual event, increasingly recognized as *the* premiere national gathering dedicated to tribal child welfare and well-being. Each year over 80 presenters are selected to lead vigorous dialogue about best practices, current research, advocacy efforts, policy implications, and other lessons learned with over 1,400 conference attendees. [Workshop submissions](#) are due Thursday, October 31, 2019.



**"The 36th Annual National Tribal Health Conference** will take place in Temecula, California, September 16-19, 2019. The National Tribal Health Conference (NTHC) is the largest American Indian and Alaska Native specific gathering each year focused specifically on health. The conference focuses on exploring health policy and its impact on Tribes, advancing Tribal capacity to expand own policy work, and policy and political work in the arenas of health care, public, behavioral, and environmental health." For more information or to register, click [here](#).

**Mass Violence Response Conference:** "The University of Oregon Police Department and the California Victim Compensation Board are pleased to announce the Leave No Victim Behind IV national training conference for 2019. The conference will take place October 21–23, 2019, at the Conference Center of Las Vegas. The Leave No Victim Behind conference series will continue its focus on best practices for responding to mass violence and the unique partnerships between law enforcement and victim services to assist victims of crime." [Read](#) more about this information packed conference.



**"The Child Welfare Virtual Expo (Virtual Expo)** is an annual, 1-day event sponsored by the Children's Bureau and the Capacity Building Center for States. On Thursday, September 19, the Virtual Expo will bring together child welfare professionals from federal, state, and local organizations across the country to engage in activities, discussions, and skill building around current child welfare issues. The theme of this year's Virtual Expo, Effectiveness in Child Welfare: Our Role in Improving the Lives of Children and Families, will provide opportunities to learn about collecting and using data, feedback, and research in child welfare to assess performance, test assumptions, and determine how you can be most effective in your work."

