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OVC News...

Expert Q&A webinar [recording](#) now available from the Office for Victims of Crime: "Law Enforcement Response: Approaching Your Work with a Trauma-Informed Lens." Summary: Victims react to the psychological trauma of a crime in various ways. In order to ensure they receive the care they need, you must become familiar with the impact of trauma and the concept of trauma-informed care. This session will provide insight into the surprising similarities of victims and police officers that will help connect the complex thought patterns of a victim in trying to survive the moment and in the long term.

[Nominate](#) a Public Safety Officer for the Medal of Valor (OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance). Federal, state, local, and tribal public safety officers perform courageous acts in communities across our country every day. To recognize these brave individuals, the President of the United States or his designee annually presents recipients with the nation's highest award for public safety—the Medal of Valor. Law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel are all eligible.



Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Releases [Report](#) to Congress on AMBER Alert in Indian Country. OJJDP has released the "Implementation of the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018: A Report to Congress." The report provides Congress with an assessment of the readiness, education and training needs, technological challenges, and obstacles encountered by tribes in the integration of state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans. The report includes data obtained from 100 federally recognized tribes and 33 state AMBER Alert coordinators. The Act reauthorized the AMBER Alert grant program and provides grants to states and federally recognized Indian tribes for AMBER Alert implementation. The AMBER Alert is an early warning system that mobilizes community support to help recover abducted children.



Get your running shoes on this summer, and get outdoors! Challenge yourself, and challenge your friends and family to participate in End Violence Against Women International's virtual 5K; a fun and easy way to support our mission to end gender-based violence, to hold perpetrators accountable, and to make sure victims receive the compassion, support, and justice they deserve.



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Resources...

Joy Harjo is the first Native American U.S. poet laureate. One of Harjo's first projects will involve using her new pulpit to humanize Native Americans for a country that still harbors so many misconceptions about them. "We all need humanizing," she says, "but especially natives because we've been so bound and 'disappeared' by images that really have nothing to do with us. That means bringing communities together to listen to poetry and to hear each other." Click [here](#) for full article.

Did you know the [National Resource Directory](#) has more than 14,000 vetted resources available to you right now? Featured Resource: "PsychArmor Institute" Bridging the gap between civilian and military cultures is the mission of the PsychArmor Institute. They provide tools and resources to help civilians engage and better understand issues relevant to Veteran communities through online courses focusing on military culture, healthcare providers, employers, educators, volunteers, caregivers and families.

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University (CJJR), in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and The Council of State Governments Justice Center, has released a request for applications for its 2019 Transforming Juvenile Probation Certificate Program, which will take place November 4-8, 2019, in Washington, DC. This program will provide weeklong training to help probation leadership, judges, attorneys, and other stakeholders transform juvenile probation in their jurisdictions. [Apply](#) by July 26, 2019.

Training & Events...

Save the date! Join the Children's Bureau on September 19, 2019 at the [Child Welfare Virtual Expo](#). The Child Welfare Virtual Expo is an annual one-day virtual event sponsored by the Children's Bureau and the Capacity Building Center for States. Each year, the Virtual Expo brings 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 Child Welfare Virtual Expo provides real-time learning opportunities for state child welfare agencies, tribes, and courts to increase knowledge of emerging practices and forge connections with peers—all from their own computers, tablets, or smartphones.

Many of our jobs in the victim services field include delivering workshops or trainings. The Advanced Trainer Institute will provide you with facilitation skills, tips for delivering online training successfully, methods to engage learners who have different learning styles, and ways to present and facilitate with cultural humility. This training is designed for victim service providers who are currently delivering workshops, trainings, or making presentations and would like to learn how to make them more impactful. The [Advanced Trainer Institute](#) will be delivered online, over the course of 5 weeks, beginning on August 5, 2019. Each week will include a facilitated webinar.



Register for a National Identity Theft Victims Assistance Network (NITVAN) [Webinar](#): "Addressing Identity Theft in Native Communities." Jul 25, 2019 01:00 PM EDT Summary: What can be done to better serve victims of identity theft in native communities? Dee Koester, the Founder & Executive Director of WomenSpirit Coalition, along with Cheryl Neskahi Coan, the Victim Services Liaison, will discuss their efforts to do so by forming an Identity Theft and Cybercrime program. WomenSpirit Coalition is a tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalition in WA State, which is associated with the Indigenous Crime Victim Services Referral and Resource Center. They will present on the connection between identity theft and other types of victimization, focusing on the intersectionality of identity theft and domestic violence.



Unified Solutions is excited to announce the addition of two new staff members to our team! Help us welcome Nadine Waconda and Tiffany Saunders!

Nadine Waconda is an enrolled member with the Pueblo of Isleta and began her career in Victim Services twelve years ago while working with the Isleta Social Services program. During this time, Nadine discovered that she wanted to do more to help her people, especially those that were victims of violent crime. Nadine became involved with activities in her community to support families that were affected by child abuse, elder abuse, and child/elder neglect. With the support and guidance from her Supervisor at the time, Nadine followed her path to become a Victim Advocate for the Pueblo of Isleta Prosecution Department.

In October of 2015, the Pueblo of Isleta was awarded OVC CTAS grant funding, and Nadine worked under the Prosecution Department to establish a thriving Victim Services Program. Nadine was instrumental in drafting the first Pueblo of Isleta Victim Services *Standard Operation Procedures*, which was adopted by Tribal Council in 2017. Nadine coordinated three separate Victims' Rights trainings with her partners for the entire Police Department, Tribal Courts, and provided training to more than five dozen Public Safety Officials. Nadine made significant progress in establishing the Victim Services Program in a short amount of time with the support from her Tribal leadership, as well as the Isleta Police Department command staff, the Prosecutor's Office, and her fellow colleagues.

Today, the Pueblo of Isleta is a model program and is asked regularly to present, along with Law Enforcement, at the 40-hour Core Advanced Advocacy Training through the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. In 2017, Nadine was nominated for and received the *Advocate of the Year Award* from the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, which is awarded to a distinguished individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and commitment to victim assistance, advocacy, and support of Native Women and children who are impacted by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.



Tiffany Saunders joins Unified Solutions as a graduate of Old Dominion University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Tiffany began her career with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), based in Norfolk, VA. Tiffany held multiple positions within the department and was quickly promoted to Senior Probation Officer, wherein she worked closely with the Diversion Unit Supervisor to support the overall mission of DJJ. Tiffany's experience with DJJ afforded her the opportunity to work with victims and defendants alike while navigating the criminal justice system. Tiffany previously served as an active member on multiple justice reform committees for the city of Norfolk, to include: chairing the Purpose of Juvenile Detention Committee; serving as founding member of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Committee; and serving as the local Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Coordinator for the Norfolk Court Service Unit. Tiffany currently resides in the gorgeous Hampton Roads Region of Virginia, but her roots are deeply planted in the Northern Neck of Virginia where she was raised. Tiffany is married to her high school sweetheart, Michael, and they have two beautiful daughters together: Layla and their dog, Peanut.

