

Training & Technical Assistance Providers for the Office for Victims of Crime, Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance, and Children's Justice Act Grantees



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OVC News...

Postponed: National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony

The 2020 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony which was originally scheduled for April 24, 2020, in Washington, D.C. has been postponed. [Sign up](#) for the NCVRW subscription list if you who wish to receive updates about the ceremony, along with other National Crime Victims' Rights Week announcements.

2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme Poster and Color Palette

The 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) color palette, customizable Theme Poster, and Theme Poster source art are now available online.

Theme Colors: dark blue, dark green, with an optional light green. View the [2020 NCVRW Color Palette](#).

Theme Poster: Download a customizable copy of the [2020 NCVRW Theme Poster](#) and the [2020 NCVRW Theme Poster Source Art](#).

NCVRW will be commemorated April 19–25, 2020. This year's theme is [Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope](#)



OVC FY 2020 Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime solicitation

OVC is seeking applicants for the FY 2020 Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime solicitation. This program will develop a workforce of direct victim service providers to American Indian and Alaska Native victims in hard-to-staff positions and locations. By identifying and training prospective victim service professionals in, or from, the communities to be served, tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs' victim service programs will be better able to fill direct victim service positions in remote Indian Country and Alaska Native locations, and in turn ensure that victims in these locations get the services they need. OVC anticipates that it will make awards under two purpose areas, as follows: Purpose Area 1—Recruiting Interns/Residents to Serve Tribal Victims in the Continental United States. Purpose Area 2—Recruiting Interns/Residents to Serve Tribal Victims in Alaska. OVC anticipates making up to 8 awards of up to \$450,000 each for a 36-month period of performance. [Apply](#) by May 26, 2020.



OVC FY 2020 VOCA Victim Compensation Fellow

This program will support one fellow at OVC housed within the State Compensation and Assistance Division (SCAD). The individual awarded funding under this program will enhance the efforts of OVC to meet the needs of the crime victim services field by advising OVC on the development and oversight of programs for crime victims, specifically the VOCA Victim Compensation Program. The SCAD Fellow will work with Compensation Administrators to identify what OVC can do to better support states in the administration of state victim compensation programs. OVC anticipates making one award of up to \$400,000 for a 24-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2020. OVC will conduct a pre-application webinar on March 31, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 ET. [Register](#) and apply by May 18, 2020.



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Alaska Training and Technical Assistance Funding Opportunity: Denali Commission in partnership with OVC

The Denali Commission is partnering with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to administer a \$7 million program to assist victims of crime located in tribal areas of the state. As part of this three-year project the Denali Commission will assist Alaskan Tribes through capacity building and technical assistance with the vast majority of the funds set-aside for grants to communities and entities to provide crucial victim services. The AK TTA will support communities from conception to micro-grant implementation in a culturally informed approach. The AK TTA will [provide](#) technical assistance for the administrative reporting to the Commission as well as the Department of Justice's Performance Measurement Tools including the Subgrant Award Report, Subgrantee Performance Measures Report, and Grantee report. The AK TTA will collect, summarize, and develop reports summarizing services provided. In addition, the AK TTA will compile year-end and grant-end reports documenting the training and technical assistance provided as well as micro-grantee successes for use by the Commission and DOJ. All application materials are available under Related Documents as well as the Denali Commission website at <https://www.denali.gov/programs>. Applications will not be submitted in Grants.gov. Current Closing Date for Applications: May 15, 2020.

Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance (OVC TTAC) Online Expert Q&A: "Sustainability Planning."

Is your organization positioned to continue providing high-quality services to victims of crime while navigating the ebb and flow of resources, changes in organizational assets, and shifting community partnerships? These are just a few factors essential to sustainability, which is defined as the capacity of a program or organization to accomplish long-lasting success and stability. Please join this session to find out more about starting or expanding your organization's sustainability planning efforts. April 15, 2020 | 2:00–3:15 p.m. ET.

Fraud Alert: Scammers Claiming to be with OVC

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has received multiple reports that our office's name is being used as part of an imposter scam targeting individuals throughout the country. OVC is not making these phone calls. These scammers falsely represent themselves as OVC employees and attempt to obtain or confirm personal information from the call recipient, such as a social security number, or will ask for money by suggesting the person's social security number has been compromised. The scammers may call from a local number and provide a "case number," but it is all a fraud. OVC [encourages](#) the public to remain vigilant and do not provide personal information during calls in which someone claims to be from OVC or the "OVC Fraud Prevention Unit." OVC has no such unit.



Policy & Procedures Webinar Series

Register for the Policy Development: Key Inclusions, Resources, and Implementation Webinar. This webinar is designed specifically for OVC Tribal grantees and is the last webinar of a three-part series. Registration for this webinar can be found [here](#). Upcoming Training. Parts one and two of this series can be found under Featured Resources (Webinar Recordings). Contact info@ncjtc.org with questions.

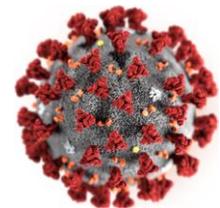
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For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>

COVID-19 Resources...

Resources to Support Mental Health and Coping with the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Managing Anxiety and Stress** - This web page contains basic guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) on managing mental health stressors during COVID-19.
- **Taking Care of Your Mental Health in the Face of Uncertainty** - This blog post from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention ([AFSP](#)) provides five suggestions for coping with the uncertainty due to COVID-19.



Tribes Secure Funding in COVID-19 Relief Bill

Congress [passed](#) and the President signed into law H.R. 748, a national stimulus package designed to address the far-reaching impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Over the past several weeks, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), tribal nations, partner organizations, and tribal advocates worked tirelessly to develop Indian Country's top policy priorities for addressing COVID-19 and push Congress to include these priorities in its stimulus package. The final legislation features strong provisions in support of these priorities and will help tribal communities across Indian Country as they respond to the pandemic. NCAI extends its deepest gratitude to the members of Congress who fought for the inclusion of Indian Country's priorities in the final legislation. The passage of this bill represents the first of several necessary steps that the federal government must take to ensure tribal nations, communities, organizations, and citizens have the resources they need to combat and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) COVID-19 Resources for Law Enforcement

IACP has [launched](#) a new web page that includes general information for law enforcement agencies about COVID-19, FEMA and WHO updates, and an Organizational Readiness Guide to help law enforcement prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

Resources...

Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC TFMC)- The Office for Victims of Crime Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC TFMC) is offering Virtual TTA Sessions. TFMC is available to provide virtual financial management training and technical assistance (TTA) support to OVC grantees and applicants. Virtual TTA offers a valuable learning opportunity for you (the grantee/applicant) to receive individualized support at your convenience. Virtual TTA is tailored to specifically assist you with any concerns and/or questions you have related to the financial aspects of your OVC award. TFMC will collaborate with you to develop an agenda and determine the best dates and times for you and your team.

If you are interested in scheduling a virtual TA session at no cost, please contact the Virtual Support Center at 703.462.6900 or tfmc@ovctfmc.org.

Tribal Responses to Drug Overdoses- The Tribal Responses to Drug Overdoses solicitation is designed to assist federally recognized tribes in identifying resource deployment strategies to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with drug overdoses among individuals who come in contact with law enforcement or are involved in the criminal justice system. Tribes will have the implementation support from the combined resources and expertise of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with other partners. This solicitation is part of a series of solicitations to support national demonstration collaborations to build local capacity and support innovation. Click [here](#) for other initiatives released as part of the effort. Applications due: April 24, 2020.

The Tribal Resource Tool- A searchable directory of all services available for AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse in Indian Country. Unfortunately, no segment of our society is immune to crime and violence. American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest crime victimization rates in the nation but often have difficulty connecting with the services that exist to help victims and survivors recover from crime and abuse. Fortunately, that is changing with the [Tribal Resource Tool](#), a web-based resource mapping tool created to: provide a listing of all services available for AI/AN victims and survivors of crime and abuse and identify gaps in victim services so those can be addressed. Click [here](#) to include your victim service program information on the Tribal Resource Tool map.

Elder Fraud Hotline- For too long and far too frequently, fraudsters have preyed upon our senior citizens, robbing them of their hard-earned savings. To help combat fraud against older Americans, the U.S. Department of Justice launched the [National Elder Fraud Hotline](#), managed by OVC, to provide services to adults ages 60 and older who may be victims of financial fraud. Take a [look](#) at Office for Victims of Crime's new Elder Fraud Hotline and Website. There are information and resources available for victims of elder fraud!

National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center (NMMVRC) Resources- NMMVRC receives funding from OVC to provide communities with access to evidence-based information and the necessary resources to effectively prepare for and respond to mass violence incidents. The center offers best practices for community preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience for mental health professionals, first responders, journalists, policymakers, and victim assistance professionals. [Visit](#) the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center website to learn more and view these resources.

Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Resources...

StrongHearts Native Helpline- The StrongHearts Native Helpline: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) is a safe domestic violence and dating violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate [support](#) and advocacy daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Anonymous and confidential.

Talking to Your Children About Domestic Violence- If your child is witnessing abuse in your home, what you're experiencing is likely made even worse by the concern you feel for your child. Children who live in homes where abuse occurs – whether the abuse is emotional, verbal, physical or some other form – are very likely to be psychologically and emotionally affected by what they see and hear. The Children's Bureau's information service, Child Welfare Information Gateway, offers a number of publications related to preventing child abuse, protecting children from the risk of abuse, and promoting healthy families. Listed [here](#) are the latest bulletins for professionals, factsheets for families, and issue briefs that cover research and evidence-based or evidence-informed practices for preventing maltreatment.

NNEDV's 14th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report - illuminates ongoing gaps in services and need for policy changes. NNEDV began conducting the Domestic Violence Counts one-day survey fourteen years ago in order to provide accurate information about how many survivors seek support from domestic violence programs, without compromising survivors' safety or confidentiality. It is the only one-day unduplicated count of domestic violence services requested by adults and children across the United States in a 24-hour period. Year after year, state and local advocates, national experts, journalists and reporters, and policymakers from both sides of the aisle rely on the Domestic Violence Counts Report as a trusted source of data about the realities faced by advocates and survivors every day. Learn more: read and download the [14th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#); Read and download the [National Summary](#); Find your [State's or U.S. Territory's Summary](#)



OVC Help Series for Crime Victims- A domestic violence advocate can help you learn about your rights as a victim of domestic violence and provide you with information about your legal options, such as reporting the crime to local law enforcement or obtaining a protective order. An advocate can also connect you with your local women's center, shelter, or domestic violence program, which can be another important resource for emotional support, shelter, or financial assistance. Local police, hospitals, churches, family or conciliation courts, crisis intervention services, or departments of health and human services can also [give you information](#) about local resources.

Resources for Information and Assistance

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE or 1-800-799-7233
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)
www.thehotline.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
303-839-1852
www.ncadv.org

National Center for Victims of Crime
202-467-8700
www.ncvc.org

Training & Events...



Free Virtual Training Opportunity- Missing Children on the Autism Spectrum: The Do's & Don'ts of Response & Interaction. This [webinar](#) will provide a basic overview of autism and how it relates to wandering/elopement behaviors. Attendees will learn the reasons behind wandering, how to respond when a child with autism is missing, and the do's and don'ts of searching for – and interacting with – this population. April 29, 2020 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT.



National Resource Center for Reaching Victims- The Center offers transcripts and recordings of its national strategy sessions along with other helpful [resources](#) for reaching all victims.

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence - NCADV offers resources for domestic violence agencies on its website; and is seeking input about how domestic violence programs are adjusting and providing victim services today; the input form can be accessed at [here](#). NCADV also shares a series of six sequential [webinars](#) on financial education for survivors of domestic violence and the advocates who serve them. The series is offered as a full curriculum, or webinars can be chosen a la carte for those seeking to increase their skill set on a specific topic. Each 90-minute webinar provides essential financial literacy skills: from basic money management skills, budgeting and setting financial goals to planning for retirement.

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center - NIWRC is a Native-led nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children. The NIWRC provides national leadership in ending gender-based violence in tribal communities by lifting up the collective voices of grassroots advocates and offering culturally grounded resources, technical assistance and training, and policy development to strengthen tribal sovereignty. [Join](#) the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) and a panel of Native journalists covering domestic violence for a discussion on the legal and ethical ramifications for journalists covering this topic.

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