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# E-BULLETIN

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



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## CURRENT NEWS

### **2021 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Color Palette and Theme Poster**

April 18–24, 2021 commemorates NCVRW. The theme – *Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities.* – emphasizes the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime. In preparation of this event, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) released a color palette and Theme Poster for use in awareness campaigns targeted at engaging your community's observance of this event. The theme color palette is pink and purple with a yellow accent. The Theme Poster is available in multiple sizes, resolutions, and languages (i.e., English and Spanish) and can be customized to add your organization's contact information. Access the Color Palette and Theme Poster [here](#).



### **VictimConnect Provides Confidential Referrals for Crime Victims**



The VictimConnect Resource Center is a place for crime victims to learn about their rights and options confidentially and compassionately. VictimConnect is a completely anonymous weekday helpline offering information, referrals, and resources through toll free phone calls or texting (855-4-VICTIM) or via online chat. Whether by chat, text, or phone, trained specialists are available to assist victims of crime locate appropriate national, local, or online referrals. The VictimConnect Resource Center also has a special focus on populations, crimes, and topics that are generally underrepresented or underserved in victim services. Visitors to the hotline receive strength-based and trauma-informed services and referrals in over 200 languages. During these difficult times, the helpline remains open for victims. Access the resource [here](#).



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## The Native Love Project and Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM), a national effort to raise awareness and protect teens from violence. How can you make a difference? By encouraging your school, community-based organizations, Tribal leaders, parents, and teens to join together to prevent teen dating violence – both at home and in our communities. Those of us in Native communities often hear jokes about “Indian loving” as waking up with a hickey and a black eye – that is not love, it is dating violence. To support the effort, Verizon partnered with the National Ingenious Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC) to address teen dating violence among Native youth. The Native Love project provides opportunities for our young people to discuss teen dating violence and related issues to reframe

what Native Love is...including ways to transform our thoughts and actions to restore how we love, honor, and treat one another. The goal is to inspire, empower, and mobilize Tribal youth to advocate against violence against Native women, youth, and children and create positive social change in our communities. Find more information about Native Love and Teen Dating Violence [here](#).

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### **SPECIAL FEATURE**

#### **U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Fiscal Year 2021 Competitive Grant Announcement**

CTAS combines many of the Department of Justice’s (DOJ’s) existing Tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into a single solicitation, requiring only one application from each Tribe or Tribal consortium. This approach reduces the number of applications required to access funds and provides federally recognized Tribes, Tribal consortia, and Tribal designees the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues. Note: CTAS is not a program but a single solicitation under which tribes can apply to seven separate grant programs from four grant-making offices.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Grants.gov deadline:** March 16, 2021 at 9:00 pm ET

**JustGrants deadline:** March 30, 2021, 9:00 pm ET

#### **CTAS FY 2021 Webinar Schedule**

- Budget Development  
**Find more information or register [here](#).**  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 2pm to 4pm ET
- Purpose Area 1 (COPS)  
**Find more information or register [here](#).**  
**Date:** Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET
- Purpose Areas 2, 3, 4 (BJA)  
**Find more information or register [here](#).**  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 2pm to 4pm ET



- Just Grants and Submitting an Application  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30 pm ET
- Purpose Area 6 (OVC)  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET
- Purpose Areas 8 and 9 (OJJDP)  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET
- Budget Worksheet Completion  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 2pm to 4pm ET
- Application Checklist and Final Q&A  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 2pm to 4pm ET

**Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Fiscal Year 2021**

**Formula Grant Announcement**

OVC is seeking population certifications from eligible applicants to signal their intent to participate in the noncompetitive FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program. If your tribe intends to participate, you must submit a population certification by **11:59pm ET on Friday, March 5, 2021.**

Learn how to submit your population certification [here](#).  
See examples of allowable costs [here](#).



**TVSSA FY 2021 Phase 1 Population Certification Webinars**

This webinar will provide details and guidance for potential applicants to the OVC FY 2021 TVSSA Formula Program Grant Solicitation. Presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding opportunity, review its eligibility requirements and the application process, and address frequently asked questions. This webinar is offered twice. Participation is optional, and both webinars will provide the same information.

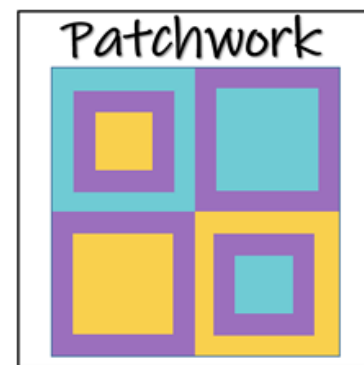
- **Phase 1 Population Certification Webinar #1**  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET
- **Phase 1 Population Certification Webinar #2 (repeat)**  
Find more information or register [here](#).  
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET



## RESOURCES

### **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Podcast: Patchwork**

Patchwork, a podcast from the Department of Justice's OVW, offers a glimpse into the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) at the local, state, Tribal, and national levels. How are VAWA grants made? What happens after the grants leave Washington and arrive in communities across the country? Who are the people who benefit from the grants? Featuring the voices of people combating domestic and sexual violence on the front lines and behind the scenes, Patchwork threads together stories from over 25 years of federally funded efforts to serve victims and hold offenders accountable. Access the podcast [here](#).



### **OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC): Supporting American Indian and Alaska Native Communities**

OVC TFMC created a video providing information about their program and how it supports American Indian and Alaska Native communities with financial management and reporting requirements of OVC grant awards. Additionally, the video describes how OVC TFMC offers individualized financial training and technical assistance and financial needs assessments. View the video [here](#). OVC TFMC also provides a variety of learning aids including Financial Policies and Procedures Guide Sheets. Find the Guide Sheets and other resources [here](#).



### **Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center Website**

The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center exists to help organizations and Tribes start, sustain, or grow their anti-trafficking work. The Center's free services provide immediate and sustainable benefits to organizations and Tribal Nations with minimal demands on their time. The Center is a coaching and development hub. Find more information [here](#).

### **The Tribal Resource Tool**

The Tribal Resource Tool is a web-based searchable directory of services created through gathering input from over 100 stakeholders across Indian Country and urban Indian communities. The directory provides a listing of services available to all American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) survivors of crime and abuse and identifies gaps in victim services to resolve them. Help the Tribal Resource Tool and its partners continue engaging others in this important project by sharing the Tribal Resource Tool information and asking the appropriate providers to fill out the Inclusion Form on the Tribal Resource Tool's website. Find more information and access the Tool [here](#).



### **OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) Tribal Victim Assistance**

As part of OVC's ongoing commitment to providing relevant resources and tools to Indian country professionals, OVC TTAC created a website to help guide Tribal victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, judges, and others to information detailing how to create a victim-centered response to AI/AN victims of crime across the lifespan. OVC TTAC invites you to explore this site and learn more about available federal and non-federal resources to help Tribal communities better meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and many other forms of victimization. Find more information [here](#).



## **TRAINING AND EVENTS**

### **National Institute of Corrections' (NIC) "Becoming Trauma Informed: An Essential Element for Justice Settings"**

In this Community Services Division-sponsored webinar series, NIC's Maureen Buell facilitated a stimulating discussion featuring Stephanie Covington, PhD, of the Center for Gender and Justice, and Nena Messina, PhD of Envisioning Justice Solutions. All three speakers have extensive experience delivering trauma informed education and services to the men and women in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as well as other state and local agencies nationally. The webinar series guides administrators and correctional staff through the process and provides updated information and research. This dynamic three-part webinar series focused on the following topics:

- 1) The Association between ACEs and Criminal Justice Involvement
- 2) Trauma Informed Treatment and Theory
- 3) Becoming Trauma Informed and Moving to Trauma Responsive.

Since the demand outpaced the limited number of registrations, the webinar is now streaming and shareable. Access the webinar recordings and resources [here](#).

### **Domestic Violence and Dispatch Webinar**

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, on average, 20 people are physically abused by their intimate partner every minute. As a result, telecommunicators have a significant likelihood of receiving domestic violence related calls. These calls can often be volatile and present safety risks for the caller and responding officers. This session will focus on steps telecommunicators and dispatchers can take when handling calls related to domestic violence. Knowing the types of questions to ask, as well as some underlying motivations to these situations, can help telecommunicators keep callers and responders safe.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** February 9, 2021 from 1pm to 2:15pm ET

### **Virtual Stop. Observe. Ask. Respond. (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Training**



Join the free, 2-hour live SOAR to Health and Wellness training that teaches providers how to identify and respond to human trafficking. After completing the training, learners will be able to: describe the types of human trafficking and potential risk factors, identify individual and environmental indicators of trafficking, screen and identify individuals

who may have experienced trafficking, utilize a trauma-informed, person-centered, multidisciplinary approach, assess the unique needs of individuals who have experienced trafficking, deliver appropriate services to individuals who have experienced trafficking, and share the importance of trafficking awareness and responsiveness with others in their work environment.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** February 17, 2021 from 1pm to 3pm ET

### **No Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) in Sight: An Intro to a Training for all Healthcare Providers**

Many facilities have limited access to SANEs or sexual assault forensic examiners (SAFEs) but are still caring for patients that have been sexually assaulted or abused. To address this concern, the Tribal Forensic Health Care training program is hosting this online webinar to help improve the overall care provided to patients who experienced sexual assault/abuse. There is no charge for participants.

Students must register for an account on the site before registering for the course. This webinar offers Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) and Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 1pm to 2:30pm ET



### **The Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Title IX**

With recent changes to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, victim service providers may be seeking best practices in providing comprehensive support to teen victims of dating violence. This session provides an overview of victims' rights, resources, and safety measures available under Title IX and ways to advocate and coordinate effectively with Title IX administrators in high schools and on college campuses.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Thursday, February 24, 2021 from 2pm to 3:15pm ET

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TTA) PROVIDERS**

#### **February 2021 Community of Practice Virtual Gathering: Teen Dating Violence and Mandatory Reporting in Tribal Communities**

**Host:** Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc.

**Overview:** Tribal victim service programs serving teen victims of dating violence and sexual assault face many challenges, among them finding ways to comply with mandatory child abuse/neglect reporting requirements while maintaining teen victim trust and upholding victim rights. Unified's February 23, 2021 Community of Practice subject matter expert and OVC Tribal grantee program presenters, along with small group discussions in virtual "Talking Circle" break-out sessions, will provide critical information to help Tribal programs navigate these issues.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2pm ET



#### **February 2021 OVC Grantee Virtual Cross-Site: Serving Victims Through Collaboration**

**Host:** National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

**Overview:** Attend this live online instructor-led interactive meeting that will highlight ways for programs to better serve victims through collaboration. You will gather information on the importance of interdisciplinary communication, stakeholder cohesiveness, and developing a victim focused vision in your communities. You will also learn about the unique partnerships that exist between victim serving agencies and other disciplines, detail the importance of multi-agency collaboration, and set forth a best practice approach to assisting victims across multiple jurisdictions.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 11:30am to 6pm ET

### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Sexual Assault Services (SAS) Culturally Specific Program Solicitation**

The SAS Culturally Specific Program supports nonprofit organizations that focus primarily on culturally specific communities and have experience in sexual assault or who partner with an organization having such expertise. The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is to establish, maintain, and expand sustainable, culturally appropriate services that address the unique needs and challenges of victims of sexual assault from culturally specific communities.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Monday, March 1, 2021



**OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Solicitation**

The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking supports programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services. This opportunity supports programs that provide transitional housing and support services specifically for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing because of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking; and whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.



**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021

**OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) Solicitation**

TSASP supports efforts to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofit Tribal organizations within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. TSASP-supported projects provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, or police departments), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Thursday, March 4, 2021



**OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation**

The Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program supports the maintenance and replication of existing successful community-based programs providing culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the development of innovative culturally specific strategies to enhance access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using more traditional programs.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 21 Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Training and Technical Assistance (TJSI TTA) Initiative**

Applications are solicited for the TJSI TTA Initiative, which is designed to assist Tribes with the planning and implementation processes for renovating, expanding, or replacing correctional facilities, multipurpose justice centers, courts, police departments, alternatives to incarceration facilities, transitional living facilities, and domestic violence shelters/programs. The TJSI TTA Initiative will assist BJA's Tribal grantees under the CTAS Purpose Area 4 (Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program) in meeting the goals and objectives of their grant-funded infrastructure projects.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021



## **Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2021 Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Program**

The solicitation seeks applications for civil legal assistance services and criminal legal assistance services. This program provides civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income individuals, Indian tribes, and Tribal justice systems to support the development and enhancement of Tribal justice systems and access to those systems. While the core focus of this program is to provide direct legal services, funding can also support other needs of eligible Tribes such as providing conflict counsel for Tribes exercising enhanced sentencing authority or special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction authorized through the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 and supporting veterans' legal clinics for Native American veterans.

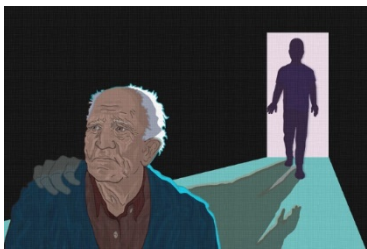


**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021

## **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation**

The Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) supports efforts to enhance the safety of rural victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Friday, March 12, 2021



## **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Solicitation**

The Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Thursday, March 18, 2021

## **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Solicitation**

This program aims to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult or youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations. Survivors from underserved populations face challenges in accessing comprehensive and effective victim services that are accessible, culturally relevant, and responsive. As a result, survivors from underserved communities often do not receive appropriate services. The Underserved Program supports projects that address these gaps. Funds may be used to: develop or enhance population specific victim service, develop or enhance outreach strategies to reach underserved survivors, build the capacity of population specific organizations to serve survivors of these crimes, build the capacity of victim service providers to provide victim services that are population specific, train and educate community partners and the criminal justice system on the needs of survivors from underserved populations, and develop culturally and linguistically appropriate materials for underserved survivors.



**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021





## **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program (DGP) Solicitation**

The goal of DGP is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that improve the response to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. DGP funds establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships, increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of violence and abuse, identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area, and develop a plan to address those identified needs that builds a strong foundation for future work.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Thursday, March 25, 2021



## **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Solicitation**

Through this grant program, Indian Tribes receive support to exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) and technical assistance (TA) for planning and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise the jurisdiction. The program encourages collaborations among Tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, probation, victim service providers, and other partners to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders in the Indian country of the participating Tribe are held accountable.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Friday, March 26, 2021

Find funding opportunities from the OJP [here](#).

For a complete list of current funding solicitations, visit the Grants.gov website [here](#)!

