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CURRENT NEWS

THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES THE 2021 TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT

The 2021 White House Tribal Nations Summit will occur the week of November 8, 2021. A follow-up announcement will share specific dates and times. This year, the Summit will take place virtually.

The Summit allows Tribal leaders and officials from the highest levels of the Administration to engage in robust and meaningful dialogue on key issues, policy initiatives, and goals for Indian Country. **Register [here](#). Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 22, 2021



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS: 17TH NATIONAL INDIAN NATIONS CONFERENCE

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is seeking subject matter experts to present at the 17th National Indian Nations Conference. The Conference is scheduled for March 22–25, 2022, on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California. Selected presenters will have the opportunity to share their expertise with Tribal, state, local, and federal personnel responsible for meeting the needs of victims of crime in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. **Learn more [here](#). Submission Deadline:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021



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CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED

OVC AWARDS OVER \$1.2 BILLION TO SUPPORT VICTIMS

At the 2021 National Joint Conference for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance and Compensation Administrators, Acting Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon, Office of Justice Programs, announced more than \$1.2 billion in Fiscal Year 2021 VOCA funding. These OVC awards include over \$1 billion in victim assistance funds, \$186 million to supplement state victim compensation programs, and over \$3 million to implement statewide technology programs and



support the annual training event for state victim assistance and compensation administrators. OVC also anticipates making the following awards to enhance victim services:

- \$90.3 million in Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside funds designated by law from the Crime Victims Fund to support the provision of services to crime victims in American Indian/Alaska Native communities.
- \$6.8 million in Tribal Set-Aside funds to support Tribal grantees with capacity building, training, and technical assistance.
- \$200,000 to update the Tribal Resource Tool, which maps the availability of victim services in Tribal communities.
- \$2.9 million to Tribes under the Children's Justice Act Partnership to enhance the handling of cases of criminal child abuse and neglect.

Learn more [here](#).



PLANNED JUSTGRANTS OUTAGE AUTOMATED STANDARD APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENTS (ASAP) SYSTEM STATUS

JustGrants will be unavailable from **11:30pm ET on Thursday, September 30, 2021**, until **5:30am ET on Friday, October 8, 2021**. During this time, users will not be able to access JustGrants. To prepare for the system outage, users are advised to complete any time-sensitive actions in JustGrants as soon as possible before September 30, 2021 at 11:30pm ET. If you attempt to access the system during this outage, you will receive an alert message indicating that JustGrants will be back online at 5:30am ET on Friday, October 8, 2021. Additionally, all DOJ-related ASAP accounts were temporarily suspended for the last five business days of September to conduct account reconciliation activities associated with the end of the fiscal year. Award recipients are able to resume drawdown requests on Friday, October 1, 2021, and can request and receive payments during the JustGrants system outage.

Learn more [here](#).

REGISTER NOW! THE JUST GRANTS SYSTEM (JUSTGRANTS) TEAM OFFERS REAL-TIME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

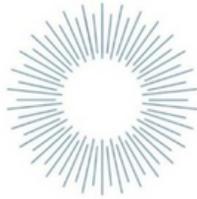
The JustGrants team facilitates weekly Virtual Q&A sessions, which provide opportunities to receive direct technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality. Sessions focus on Entity Management and Post-Award Management for DOJ award recipients. The topic and session times are noted below:

- Post-Award Management: Monday, October 4, 2021 at 1pm ET
- Entity Management: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 2pm ET

Access recordings of previous sessions [here](#). Register for a session [here](#).



CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED



National
Elder Abuse
MDT Training
and Technical
Assistance
Center

NEW E-BULLETIN OFFERS RESOURCES AND UPDATES FOR OVC-FUNDED ELDER ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS (MDTs)

With funding support from OVC, the National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center (National Center) provides case consultations, training, and technical assistance to OVC MDTs throughout the country. The National Center recently released its inaugural e-bulletin for OVC elder abuse MDT grantees, its inaugural e-bulletin for OVC elder abuse MDT grantees,

which will provide OVC elder abuse MDT grantees with updates on key National Center developments, the work of grantees and various professionals within the Center's network, and important resources, trainings/webinars, and conferences. [Learn more here.](#)

FREE COACHING SERVICES FROM THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAPACITY BUILDING CENTER

Securing funding while maintaining daily operations and services for victims can be extremely challenging. The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center is offering free coaching services to assist victim service providers pursue grant opportunities, engage in strategic financial planning, and identify paths toward long-term sustainability. These no-cost services include:

- **Office Hours** the first Thursday of every month at 2pm ET. Register for office hours [here](#).
- **One-on-one Coaching** on demand. Request one-on-one coaching via email at contact@ovc-htcbc.org.
- **Cohort Conversations** held once a week for four weeks. Register for cohort conversations via email at contact@ovc-htcbc.org.
- **The Resource Library** with more than 100 downloadable anti-trafficking resources. Access the Library [here](#). Contact the Center with questions at contact@ovc-htcbc.org or 1-844-682-0411.



American Indian Justice Conference

Virtual | November 3-5, 2021



SAVE THE DATE: AMERICAN INDIAN JUSTICE CONFERENCE (AIJC)

AIJC provides training to Tribal communities to enhance their response to alcohol and drug abuse, recognize how trauma impacts drug and alcohol abuse in Tribal communities, and identify current trends and best practices for Tribal justice systems to strengthen multidisciplinary approaches to healing and justice. The five multidisciplinary tracks offered at the Conference include Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Courts and Traditional Justice, Probation, Reentry, and Policing, Strategic Planning, and Addressing Violent Crime in Native Communities. Registration information is forthcoming. **Dates:** Wednesday-Friday, November 3-5, 2021

RESOURCES



EFFECTIVE VICTIM INTERVIEWING: HELPING VICTIMS RETRIEVE AND DISCLOSE MEMORIES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) published this resource to improve the capacity of agencies when interviewing victims of sexual assault. The module offers a brief overview of the scientific research on stress, trauma, and memory, as well as the unique dynamics of sexual assault. The module also applies this information to the practical tasks involved in the initial response to a sexual assault report, follow-up interviews, and

documentation. Additionally, it addresses the impact of interviews on investigators themselves, and offers ways for law enforcement agencies to support investigators and high-quality sexual assault investigations. **Learn more [here](#).**

RECORDED SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE: 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TRAUMA, AND RESILIENCE

EVAWI's annual Conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, and elder abuse. Sixty-eight recorded sessions from the Conference, which took place from April 6 to 8, 2021, are now available on EVAWI's website. These sessions cover various topics, including addressing sexual victimization within domestic violence, the #MeToo movement, and collaboration between law enforcement and advocates. **Learn more [here](#).**



END ABUSE of PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The movement starts here

JUST ASK: A TOOLKIT TO HELP ADVOCATES MEET THE NEEDS OF CRIME VICTIMS WITH DISABILITIES

People with disabilities and Deaf people experience violent crime at three times the rate of people without disabilities, yet healing services and the legal system are often not accessible to them. This Toolkit, from End Abuse of People with Disabilities, lays out four simple steps for providing accommodations to survivors with disabilities and includes sample language service providers can use when talking to survivors. It also outlines what agencies need to have in place for staff to provide accommodations as soon as survivors request them. The Toolkit also provides a palm card, a quick reference guide, an agency readiness guide, a tip sheet, a poster, and a demonstration video. **Access the Toolkit [here](#).**

HATE CRIME VICTIMIZATION, 2005-2019

Published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, this report presents National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) data on hate crime victimizations from 2005 to 2019. Hate crimes in the NCVS include violent and property crimes that the victim perceived to be motivated by bias against the victim's race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. It includes crimes reported and not reported to police. The report examines the number of hate crimes over time, characteristics of hate crimes, perceived bias motivations for these hate crimes, reporting to police and reasons hate crimes were not reported, and demographic characteristics of victims and offenders. **Learn more [here](#).**

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native adults (83%) have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime.

(National Institute of Justice)



SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM) RESOURCES FROM THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER (NIWRC)

NIWRC supports the continual efforts of survivors, Tribes, grassroots advocates, and communities to increase awareness of and action on domestic violence, a critical issue impacting Native communities across the United States. NIWRC's website provides information about Domestic Violence and resources that agencies can utilize in their DVAM outreach efforts. [Learn more here.](#)



DVAM TOOLKIT

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) published the #WeAreResilient Toolkit which provides information, background, messaging, templates, and content to help agencies promote their involvement in #DVAM2021 and their commitment to seeing a national culture where everyone is safe, empowered and free from domestic violence. The #WeAreResilient Toolkit includes details about NCADV and DVAM, ideas and suggestions for DVAM outreach during COVID-19, information about Domestic Violence (including graphics, links to blog posts and fact sheets, and online resources), and samples and templates. [Access the Toolkit here.](#)



THE COALITION TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE WOMEN (CSVANW): I WILL RUN FOR THEM VIRTUAL 5K

CSVANW is hosting their annual I Will Run for Them virtual 5K Run/Walk & 1K Kid awareness run to honor the resilience, strength and spirit of Native relatives impacted by domestic violence. Participants will have two days (October 23 and 24, 2021) to complete a 5K run, jog, walk and/or any form of movement they can. [Learn more here.](#)

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 confidential and anonymous culturally appropriate domestic, dating, and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans. Their website also offers resources, including educational articles and personal stories, to increase understanding of abuse and increase the capacity of those supporting victims of domestic violence. [Access the website here.](#)

TRAINING AND EVENTS



2021 HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT

This virtual 2021 Summit brings together local, state, and national leaders working to eradicate all forms of human trafficking. Summit attendees will have access to targeted breakout sessions covering several topics such as Legal and Law Enforcement, Service Delivery, Policy and Research, and Medical and Healthcare.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

CHILD ABUSE: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE

Attend this live, online, instructor-led training hosted by NCJTC to learn effective approaches with children who are alleged victims of child abuse in the initial phases of a case after a concern has been identified.

Participants will develop the skills and techniques necessary to engage a child in such a way as to minimize suggestibility but still provide support. The virtual training will also review best practices in identifying a concern and learning to engage these children in a way that maximizes positive case outcomes and minimizes potential behaviors that can hurt cases.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10am ET

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE

This online training, hosted by NCJTC, will teach strategies to enhance the likelihood of obtaining information from possible victims of child sex trafficking. Facilitators will compare and contrast typical child sexual abuse cases with child sex trafficking (CST) cases and address the different points of entry into the criminal justice and welfare system for CST victims. The training will also review various disciplines' roles and how they can contribute to a positive outcome of a CST case.

Furthermore, participants will examine question strategy, interview dynamics, language use, and interview suggestions, and discuss the business model of child sex trafficking as it relates to a variety of crimes.

Find more information or register [here](#). Dates: Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10am ET

TAKING THE CALL: A NATIONAL CONFERENCE EXPLORING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY RESPONDER MODELS

From The Council of State Governments, Justice Center, this Conference will explore how jurisdictions innovate their agencies to ensure that emergency calls receive the appropriate response. The Conference will also discuss the opportunities and challenges of community responder models and how certain approaches may improve community health, lessen the burden on law enforcement, and reduce unnecessary justice system contact.

Find more information or register [here](#). Dates: Wednesday-Thursday, October 20-21, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TTA PROVIDERS



NCJTC'S MONTHLY OVC GRANTEE FORUM – VIRTUAL MEETING: MALE VICTIMIZATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Join us for an interactive discussion to explore some of the reasons men do not report their victimization, discuss challenges men who have been victimized face and discuss best practices/unique ways to engage men within your communities.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 12pm ET

UNIFIED'S OCTOBER COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING: LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October's Community of Practice will detail examples of legal advocacy for victims and provide an opportunity to discuss Domestic Violence awareness in Tribal communities across the nation. Join subject matter experts and fellow grantee programs to learn more about effectively supporting victims of crime in your community.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 2pm ET

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



E-LEARNING COLLABORATIVE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE PREVENTION

This funding, from the Department of Health and Human Services, supports an E-Learning community and peer learning platform that uses multiple communication channels, including interactive web conference series, podcasts, online education resources, translation products, and planned and strategic social media to build and strengthen violence prevention systems for the Division of Violence Prevention's funded recipients, sub-recipients and prevention practitioners nationally.

Application materials are available [here](#). Deadline: Wednesday, November 17, 2021



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

OVC PROVIDES SEVERAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TTA) RESOURCES AT **NO COST TO GRANTEEES**

Programmatic TTA providers offer training, resources, and information to build grantees' capacity to develop and implement grant-funded victim service projects. Services include help with strategic planning, community needs assessments, policies and procedures, eLearning and in-person training, and much more. Contact your assigned Programmatic TTA provider for more information.

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Financial TTA builds grantees' capacity to administer federal grant funds by assisting with preparing budget modifications, creating financial policies and procedures, and answering general financial questions. Contact the OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) for more information.

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