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CURRENT NEWS

2021 WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT

The 2021 White House Tribal Nations Summit will feature panel discussions and listening sessions with high-level Administration officials on Tribal by President Biden and the Administration. Register for the Summit and fill out a short questionnaire by Friday, November 5. **Find more information and register [here](#). Complete the questionnaire [here](#). Dates:** Monday-Tuesday, November 15-16, 2021



INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) seeks Tribal and stakeholder input regarding the implementation of the Indian Boarding School Initiative that Secretary Deb Haaland announced in June 2021. The Initiative's purpose is an initial collection and review of Department documents and records, and compilation of its existing data. The Department seeks to consult with Tribal governments, Alaska Native Corporations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations on key issues for inclusion in the Department's Initiative report and help lay the foundation for future sitework to protect potential burial sites and other sensitive information. The Department will conduct three webinar consultation sessions and will accept oral and written comments. **Find more information and register [here](#). Dates:** November 17 & 23, 2021



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CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED

17TH NATIONAL INDIAN NATIONS CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2022

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) rescheduled the 17th National Indian Nations Conference for December 6-9, 2022 on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California. The Conference focuses on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims. It will also provide training for victim service providers, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, judges, medical and mental health professionals, social workers, and victim advocates at the Tribal, federal, state, and local levels. **Learn more [here](#)**. OVC is also seeking subject matter experts to present at the Conference. The deadline to submit an application to present is Tuesday, August 30, 2022. **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: Mondays at 1pm ET
- Entity Management: Tuesdays at 2pm ET

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

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK (NCVRW) THEME AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

During NCVRW, OVC leads communities across the Nation to honor victims and the professionals who support them. The 2022 NCVRW theme is Rights, access, equity for all victims. The theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victim rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all. Join OVC in commemorating NCVRW on April 24-30, 2022. **Learn more [here](#)**. Programs can also apply for funding to raise awareness about victims' rights and services in their community during NCVRW. NCVRW Community Awareness Projects grants reimburse up to \$5,000 in costs associated with conducting public awareness activities during NCVRW, including public outreach activities, mass media advertising, and the production, publication, and distribution of printed awareness materials. **Application materials are available [here](#)**. **Deadline:** Friday, November 12, 2021



QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TOOL (PMT) AND FINANCIAL REPORTS DEADLINE

OVC sets program goals and collects performance measures data that demonstrate grantees' achievements. All OVC funding recipients are required to collect and report performance measures data that demonstrate the results of funded activities. The deadline to submit Quarterly PMT and Financial Reports was Saturday, October 30, 2021. If you have not submitted these reports, please submit them as soon as possible. **Access resources for performance measures [here](#)**.

THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE'S (BJA'S) SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE (SAKI) PROGRAM SOLVES 36-YEAR-OLD SEXUAL ASSAULT COLD CASE

The BJA's SAKI takes a multidisciplinary approach to solve sexual assault crimes. This grant program aims to address unsubmitted sexual assault kits in law enforcement custody and help provide resolution for victims when possible. The most recent BJA blog post, "BJA's SAKI Program Solves 36-Year-Old Sexual Assault Cold Case, Bringing Long-Sought Justice to the Victim," focuses on how SAKI has made a difference and how it recently helped solve a 36-year-old cold case. **Learn more [here](#)**.



RESOURCES



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE: RESILIENCE STRATEGIES FOR YOUR ROLE SERIES

These resources highlight specific stressors and corresponding resilience strategies for law enforcement agencies. The series also supports agencies and departments to address officer mental health and wellness concerns through unique and practical resilience strategies customized to roles within the field of public safety. Specifically, these resources provide crucial information for agencies to identify how to navigate adversity, thrive in the face of challenges, and maintain positive mental health. While the series is geared towards law enforcement agencies, victim service providers can also apply the information provided in the resources to improve their personal wellness and the wellness of their staff. **Learn more [here](#).**

IT'S ABOUT TRAUMA HANDOUT FROM THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER (NIWRC)

Trauma happens when we experience a violent event or continuing situation that threatens our life or mind, and we're so overwhelmed we can't cope or regain our balance. For people experiencing domestic violence, trauma can be pervasive and ongoing. Historical and intergenerational trauma can affect individuals and communities across generations. The "It's About Trauma" four-page handout provides a culturally-based overview of trauma, how people respond differently to trauma, and Indigenous ways of healing. **Learn more [here](#).**

SHELTER AND OTHER SAFE SPACE INFORMATION PACKET FROM NIWRC

This Shelter and Other Safe Space Information Packet is a collection of articles, booklets, sample policies, and forms covering a range of topics about providing shelter and other emergency housing for survivors of intimate partner violence. For a variety of reasons, some Tribal Nations may not establish domestic violence shelters and may collaborate with other area shelters and create networks of safe homes and utilize motels and hotels for emergency housing. This Information Packet is part of an initiative to support and guide efforts to provide shelter in different forms for survivors. These materials can be helpful for advocates, educating Tribal officials, in-services, cross-trainings, and public education events. **Learn more [here](#).**



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES: VIDEO AND AWARENESS POSTER SERIES

The Department of Homeland Security and Blue Campaign published a video and human trafficking awareness posters tailored to Native communities. The video depicts what human trafficking can look like in Native communities, including recruiting tactics used by traffickers, and ends with a comprehensive overview of how to recognize and report human trafficking. The poster series raises awareness of human trafficking among Native communities. Informed by Native survivors of human trafficking, the series uses culturally-relevant images and messages. **Access the video [here](#). Access the poster series [here](#).**

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

“[National Native American] Heritage Month is an opportune time to raise awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present and the ways in which Tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.”

(National Congress of American Indians)

“Participating in traditional culture serves as a tool for resiliency, and it may help [American Indian/Alaska Native] victims through their healing process.”

(National Sexual Violence Resource Center)



SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WEBSITE

The Native American Heritage Month website provides a wealth of resources and webinars provided by various agencies, including the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Through this website, these agencies join together in paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans. **Learn more [here](#).**

VIDEO SERIES: A CIRCLE OF HEALING FOR NATIVE CHILDREN ENDANGERED BY DRUGS

This seven-part video series, which OVC produced in collaboration with Tribal and Federal partners, presents first-person stories and Native cultural practices from across the Nation to show many ways Native communities are healing from drug endangerment. Tribal leaders, service providers, and survivors share testimonials and describe practices that inform and inspire Tribal communities endeavoring to support and treat traumatized children. Although each community must develop its own culturally relevant responses in helping victims endangered by drugs, these videos provide examples of programs successfully incorporating culture into services in Tribal communities throughout the Nation. **Access the videos [here](#).**

VIDEO SERIES: A HEALING JOURNEY FOR ALASKA NATIVES - MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESPONSES TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

This five-part video series, published by OVC, provides an overview of various topics, including the multiple challenges victims face when involved in the justice processing of their cases in Alaska, community-based responses to victims in Alaska villages, multidisciplinary approaches involving a range of professional disciplines, holistic and community-based approaches to victims and offenders, and the issue of sex trafficking of Alaska Natives. The videos reveal the importance of community-based, culturally-relevant approaches when supporting victims of crime. **Access the videos [here](#).**

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: TAILORING VICTIM SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION IN PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

This brief profiles the Victim Specialists Program within the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, highlighting its work with Native American crime victims and its incorporation of culturally competent practices, with the intent of providing promising practices and lessons learned for Project Safe Neighborhoods teams to consider when developing or modifying similar strategies within their districts. **Learn more [here](#).**

TRAINING AND EVENTS



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) RESPONSE TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING (CST) ONLINE

Hosted by the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC), this live, instructor-led four-day training will guide existing MDTs in improving their response to CST and assist those who seek to establish a formal MDT in their communities to respond more effectively to CST cases. Subject matter experts will work with teams to identify gaps and develop short and long-term response plans. To attend this training, you must be part of an MDT and your team members must attend with you.

Find more information or register [here](#). Dates: Monday-Thursday, November 1-4, 2021 at 9am ET

TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE'S (TLPI'S) CELEBRATORY WEBINAR SERIES

November 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of TLPI. In honor of 25 years of service to Indian Country, they are hosting a special three-day webinar series with each day focusing on the anniversary theme of "Celebrating our Journey" (November 2), "Honoring our Relatives" (November 9), and "Building a Vision for the Future" (November 16). The "Celebrating our Journey" webinar will feature Mary Kathryn Nagle and a panel to discuss how Mary's plays bring a human and creative lens to policy issues in Indian country. For the "Honoring our Relatives" webinar, TLPI will highlight and honor several grassroots organizations working in Indian country. Lastly, the "Building a Vision for the Future" webinar will feature a panel focused on a vision of Tribal justice for the future. **Dates:** November 2, 9, & 16, 2021 at 2pm ET

- **Register for the webinar on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 [here](#).**
- **Register for the webinar on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 [here](#).**
- **Register for the webinar on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 [here](#).**

AMERICAN INDIAN JUSTICE CONFERENCE (AIJC)

Hosted by NCJTC, 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. **Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Wednesday-Friday, November 3-5, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TTA PROVIDERS



NCJTC'S MONTHLY OVC GRANTEE FORUM – VIRTUAL MEETING: RECONNECT AND CHECK-IN

This month we are taking the opportunity to re-engage and network with your colleagues working on victim service programs. Join us for an interactive discussion to check-in with each other and open the dialogue to discuss your successes! **Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 12pm ET

UNIFIED'S NOVEMBER COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING: VICTIM ADVOCATES' ROLES IN ADDRESSING THE CRISIS IN MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

November's Community of Practice will provide an opportunity to discuss the role of victim advocates in responding to the missing and murdered indigenous persons crisis 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:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 2pm ET

TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

SUPLANTING AND DUPLICATIVE COSTS

The OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) invites OVC Tribal grantees and those seeking OVC grant funding to learn the difference between supplanting, supplementing, and duplicative costs. This webinar will review these types of costs and provide examples of program budgets and strategies to avoid supplanting and duplicative costs. OVC TFMC will also provide time for questions and answers at the end of the webinar. **Find more information and register [here](#). Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 2pm ET

NIWRC 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY: CARRYING OUR MEDICINE FORWARD - A DECADE OF LIFTING THE MOVEMENT OF SAFETY FOR NATIVE WOMEN

This fall, NIWRC will mark its 10th anniversary and re-dedicate their commitment to strengthening Tribal responses for the safety of Native women and their children. Join this live webinar showcase of NIWRC's support of the Indigenous movement for the safety of Native women, including historical milestones and accomplishments of their technical assistance and training, resource development, and policy and systems engagement. Learn how you can support the movement and get involved with NIWRC's work to strengthen roots and plant seeds for change. **Find more information and register [here](#). Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 3pm ET



2021 JUVENILE SEX TRAFFICKING (JuST) CONFERENCE

This unforgettable and inspiring JuST Conference features today's most pressing issues in the anti-trafficking field. Presentations and workshops focus on skill-building, survivor experiences, cross-discipline collaboration, task force development, case studies, and lessons learned. The JuST Conference continues to stand by the motto that each person has a role to play in preventing and ending commercial sexual exploitation and that a collaborative community response is critical. Registration for the in-person JuST Conference is now closed. However, registration for the Virtual Conference is still open. Virtual Attendees will have access to all live plenary sessions and up to 7 pre-selected workshops. **Find more information and register [here](#). Dates:** Wednesday-Friday, November 17-19, 2021

FURTHERING THE CONVERSATION: MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) APPROACHES

Join NCJTC for an interactive discussion regarding the recent webinar, Roadmap and Toolkit to a Successful MDT, which occurred on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions to our presenters and access tools for successful MDT development and sustainability. If you were unavailable for the live webinar, please watch the recording [here](#). **Find more information and register [here](#). Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 2pm ET

CHILD ABUSE: 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 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](#). Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 11am ET

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

This funding, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), supports projects aiming to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas. While HUD will give funding priority for new construction projects, rehabilitation projects, acquisition of units, and necessary affordable housing-related infrastructure projects, applicants may also apply for funding to carry out other eligible activities under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

Application materials are available [here](#). Deadline: Wednesday, December 1, 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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