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CURRENT NEWS

NEW RELEASE: WHEN A LOVED ONE GOES MISSING - RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES OF MISSING AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE ADULTS

This guide from Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) provides information and practical resources to assist family members and friends with the search for a missing adult loved one. While not an exhaustive list of actions, this guide offers helpful steps to take while searching for a loved one, suggestions about how to cope with trauma, and a list of resources for navigating this difficult situation. **Access the guide [here](#).** OLJ also published the Resource Basket for Families, Victims, & Survivors: Searching for a Missing Loved One website. This website provides a list of free resources and easily accessible reporting centers for family and friends who are searching for a missing loved one. **Learn more [here](#).**

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP) GRANT AWARDS

All FY 2021 grants will be made as soon as possible on a rolling basis and no later than December 31, 2021. Applicants not receiving an FY 2021 award, for which they competitively applied, will be notified as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2021. **Find more information about FY21 grant awards [here](#).**



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CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED



NEW RELEASE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) HOMICIDE SUMMARY

This report summarizes data from CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) on AI/AN homicides. The CDC found that homicide is the leading cause of death for AI/AN individuals and that intimate partner violence contributes to many of these homicides. **Access the report [here](#).**

NEW RELEASE: THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY (NCVS) DASHBOARD (N-DASH)

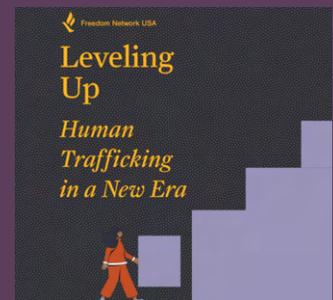
From the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), this dynamic analysis tool allows users to examine NCVS data on both personal and property victimization, by select victim, household, and incident characteristics. The N-DASH replaces and enhances the core functionality of the previous NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool, increases the speed of conducting analyses, contains new data elements, and provides the capability for custom graphics and other modern visualization features. **Learn more [here](#).**

MASS VIOLENCE ADVISORY INITIATIVE

The Mass Violence Advisory Initiative (MVAI) equips law enforcement leaders and their communities with expert assistance, guidance, and rapid response resources in the event of targeted acts of mass violence. A collaboration between the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), MVAI connects local law enforcement leaders with Mass Violence Peer-to-Peer Advisory Teams comprised of law enforcement professionals with personal experience navigating acts of mass violence. The IACP plans to expand MVAI to also include community, faith-based, and psychological services. The services available through MVAI are provided at no cost to an agency in need. **Learn more [here](#).**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: 2022 FREEDOM NETWORK USA HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

This conference is the premier training opportunity for professionals in the anti-trafficking field. Each year, multidisciplinary experts and advocates gather to discuss trends, challenges, and find new ways to collaborate to address human trafficking in the US. On March 16-17, 2022, attendees can join virtually or in person at the Hyatt Regency in Miami. **Learn more or register [here](#).**



PROGRAM PROFILE: IMPOWER PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN INDIAN GIRLS

The IMpower program (also known as No Means No), which was originally implemented in Nairobi, Kenya, was a school-based sexual assault prevention program designed to increase resistance skills (i.e., mental, verbal, and physical skills) and increase empowerment self-defense knowledge (i.e., the ability to recognize risk and respond using resistance strategies to prevent a sexual assault). The program was adapted for American Indian girls that sought to reduce sexual assault victimization and to improve sexual assault resistance skills and self-defense knowledge. Girls who received the intervention reported statistically significantly lower rates of sexual assault and sexual harassment, compared with girls in the comparison group. **Learn more [here](#).**

RESOURCES



RECORDED WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

OVC and the Office on Violence Against Women hosted a webinar on Friday, October 29, 2021, on how COVID-19 has impacted the occurrence of domestic violence across the country. During the webinar, Federal Government representatives, researchers, and service providers analyzed domestic violence calls, the inequities experienced by underserved populations, the challenges service providers experienced, and innovative responses to help those in need. **Access the recorded webinar [here](#).**



CHECKDEC

CheckDEC is a free mobile app from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children and OVC. The app immediately connects children, families, and professionals to substance abuse-related information, crisis helplines, drug and treatment information, supportive resources, and services within their local area. **Learn more [here](#).**

PARTNERS IN JUSTICE - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) VICTIM SPECIALISTS

This video, prepared by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the BIA, presents an overview of the BIA Victim Specialist Program and identifies some of the program's successes and challenges in providing services to victims of crime in Indian Country. BIA's National Victim Assistance Coordinator and BIA Victim Specialists based in Indian Country provide viewers with an explanation of the services available to Native victims of crime through the program and discuss how BIA's Victim Specialist Program complements Tribally operated victim services programs. **Access the video [here](#).**



USING FEDERAL LAW TO PROSECUTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES IN INDIAN COUNTRY DVD AND FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

This DVD and companion facilitator's guide provides guidance on successfully prosecuting domestic violence offenders who commit crimes in Indian Country in federal court. The video incorporates case studies of actual prosecutions, while the guide provides an overview of relevant legal principles and key points for discussion. The materials also discuss common circumstances in Tribal domestic violence prosecutions, such as offender recidivism, recanting victims, safety planning, and federal and Tribal criminal justice and social service professionals working collaboratively to ensure victims' safety and community justice. **Learn more [here](#).**

DECEMBER IS NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is described by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as "One of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving."

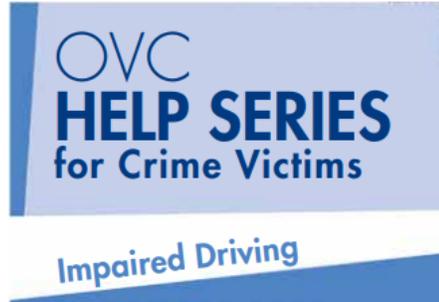
American Indian and Alaska Native persons have the highest alcohol-impaired driving death rates among all racial and ethnic groups. Alcohol-impaired driving death rates among American Indian and Alaska Native persons are 2 to 17 times higher than other racial and ethnic groups.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool (FIRST) [online]. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Department of Transportation. Available at <https://cdan.dot.gov/query>

SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

OVC HELP SERIES FOR CRIME VICTIMS: IMPAIRED DRIVING

Victims of impaired driving crashes are not hurt accidentally. They are victims of a crime. Victims and their loved ones may be affected emotionally, financially, and physically. Advocates can provide information and a full range of victim support services. [Learn more here.](#)



OVC TTAC VICTIM ASSISTANCE TRAINING (VAT) ONLINE: IMPAIRED DRIVING

This free, 45-minute online training module focuses on impaired driving crimes, the effects these crimes have on victims, and strategies service providers can use when helping victims of impaired driving crimes.

Access the Crimes section of the VAT Online training catalog [here](#), then navigate to Page 2 to locate the Impaired Driving module. You will need to log in or create a free VAT Online account to view the module.

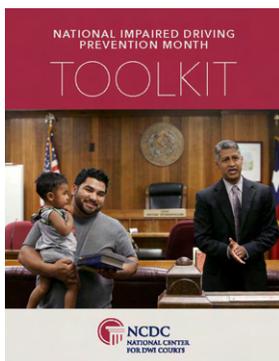


MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD) VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Long after the crash, survivors, family, and friends continue to feel the impact. MADD Victim Services is available to provide emotional support as well as a variety of other assistance. [Learn more here.](#)

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) AND PREVENTION: ROADWAY TO SAFER TRIBAL COMMUNITIES TOOLKIT

American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest motor vehicle-related death rates of all racial and ethnic groups. This Toolkit offers fact sheets, posters, and a video containing important steps for road safety, including decreasing alcohol-impaired driving. [Access the Toolkit here.](#)



NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH TOOLKIT

The National Center for DWI Courts developed this Toolkit to provide ideas for safe events, tips for engaging media, sample social media posts, and much more to help your program promote safe and sober driving. [Access the Toolkit here.](#)

TRAINING AND EVENTS



**VIRTUAL
MEETINGS
HOSTED BY
YOUR TTA
PROVIDERS**



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

Hosted by 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, December 6-9, 2021 at 11am ET

ASK AN EXPERT: STRATEGIES FOR FUNDING AND SUSTAINING YOUR ANTI-TRAFFICKING WORK

Hosted by the Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center, this webinar will provide information about securing funding for anti-trafficking work while maintaining daily operations. During the webinar, three experts will share their experience and answer participant questions about developing strategic and sustainable approaches to fund anti-trafficking work, finding, and assessing funding opportunities, and writing competitive grant applications. **Learn more and register [here](#). Date:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 3pm ET

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR SELF-CARE

Developing an intentional and consistent self-care practice is critical to help minimize the impact of work-related trauma exposure and maintain healthy resilience, but it is not a “one size fits all” concept. While traditional self-care activities, such as massages or yoga practices, can be valuable parts of a self-care toolbox, this webinar from the OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center will explore why it's critical to recognize the importance of other factors, including setting healthy boundaries and accessing support as an integral part of a holistic approach to self-care.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 at 1:30pm ET

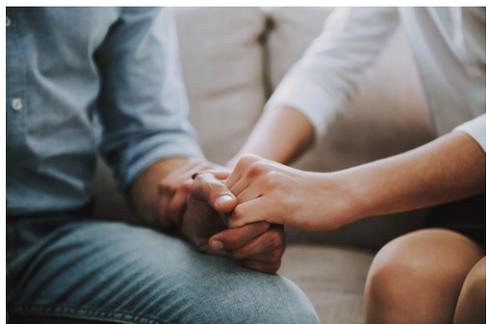
NCJTC'S MONTHLY OVC GRANTEE FORUM – VIRTUAL MEETING: HOLIDAYS: MERRY AND BRIGHT?

Holidays are meant to be peaceful, joyful and about families coming together. For some, they may be particularly stressful for a number of reasons: illness or loss, severe weather, intimate partner violence, depression and more. Likewise, holiday stress may also mean an increase in calls for first responders, victim services, law enforcement and social services. Join us to share and discuss tips to help prepare staff for the potential increase victimization and coping tools to manage their own stress. **Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 12pm ET

UNIFIED'S DECEMBER COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING: CREATING A VICARIOUS TRAUMA INFORMED WORKPLACE

December's Community of Practice will focus on how Tribal victim service providers can support staff resiliency and wellness. Join subject matter experts and fellow grantee programs to learn more about how Tribal victim service programs are working to mitigate vicarious trauma. **Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 2pm ET

TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED



LABOR TRAFFICKING SCREENING AND INTERVIEWING

This 1-hour webinar from Framework: Tools to Combat Labor Trafficking will provide in-depth knowledge of labor trafficking screening and interviewing procedures. Topics include understanding the purpose of screening for trafficking, a review of existing screening tools, best practices, legal considerations, and common pitfalls. This training is tailored for anti-trafficking service providers with a beginning understanding of survivor screening and interviewing. Attendees will gain the ability to determine screening questions for crisis and intake situations. **Learn more or register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 2pm ET

CREATING A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

This live, online, instructor-led webinar from NCJTC brings together child-serving professionals to create a plan of action for preventing child sexual abuse of youth in their care. Attendees will also learn the signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse and the responsibilities of mandated reporters and stakeholders.

Learn more or register [here](#). Dates: Thursday-Friday, December 16-17, 2021 at 9am ET



WHAT ABOUT THE BUYERS? FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY FIGHTING DEMAND

Hosted by Anti-Trafficking International, this webinar features Valiant Richey, a global expert on human trafficking, who will discuss how communities, law enforcement, and political leaders can come together to stop the demand for human trafficking. The webinar will cover why we should focus on demand to stop sex trafficking, how to understand buyers, what states need to do to address demand, and how the United States compares to other countries on focusing on demand.

Learn more or register [here](#). Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 10am 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, December 21, 2021 at 10am ET

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is accepting applications for grants for the Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP) program. This IHS grant supports the development and expansion of DVP programs by incorporating prevention efforts that address the social, spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of victims. The grants facilitate the integration of culturally appropriate practices and trauma-informed services for Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian organizations (UIO) serving the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population. This IHS program promotes prevention efforts that address domestic and sexual violence, including sexual exploitation/human trafficking, Missing and Murdered AI/AN people, and child maltreatment. **Application materials are available [here](#). Deadline:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022

URBAN INDIAN 4-IN-1 GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to ensure the highest possible health status for Urban Indians. Funding will be used to support the 4-in-1 health program objectives. These programs are integral components of the IHS health care delivery system. Funds from this effort will ensure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to Urban Indians. **Application materials are available [here](#). Deadline:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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

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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