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## CURRENT NEWS

### COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION (CTAS) RELEASED

The CTAS provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. The majority of the Department of Justice (DOJ) existing tribal government-specific programs are included in and available through CTAS and are referred to as purpose areas (PA). OVC's Children's Justice Act (CJA) Partnerships for Indian Communities is PA #6 in CTAS. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 applications are due in **Grants.gov by Thursday, March 10, 2022, 8:59pm ET** and in **JustGrants by Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 8:59pm ET**. Learn more [here](#). Access the full solicitation [here](#).

DOJ will host several webinars to provide helpful information about the FY2022 CTAS opportunity:

- [CTAS Overview](#): January 6, 2022, 1pm ET
- [JustGrants and Submitting an Application](#): January 12, 2022, 1pm ET
- [Budget Development](#): January 13, 2022, 1pm ET
- [Purpose Area #6 \(CJA\)](#): January 25, 2022, 1pm ET
- [Tips for Successful Applications for Alaska & Rural Communities](#): January 25, 2022, 3pm ET
- [Budget Worksheet Completion](#): February 17, 2022, 1pm ET
- [Application Checklist and Final Q&A](#): February 22, 2022, 1pm ET



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# CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED



## FY2022 TRIBAL SET-ASIDE FROM THE CRIME VICTIMS FUND CONSULTATION

OVC [invites](#) tribal leaders, representatives, and stakeholders to participate in a consultation on the Tribal Set-Aside from the Crime Victims Fund for Fiscal Year 2022. Attendees will discuss proposed changes to program policy regarding the use of funds and the application. The Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Program provides support to tribal communities to enhance services for victims of crime.

OVC will hold virtual consultation sessions on **Thursday, January 13** and **Friday, January 14, 2022, from 2-5 pm ET**. Participants can indicate their interest in speaking when they register.

- **Register for the January 13 session** [here](#).
- **Register for the January 14 session** [here](#).

View an [informational Framing Paper](#) and a [report](#) on the administration of the FY 2021 TVSSA that provide relevant background and questions for you to consider in advance of the consultations. If you are unable to attend these consultations, OVC strongly encourages tribal leaders, representatives, and stakeholders to submit written comments. **Submit written comments** to OVC no later than **Friday, February 4, 2022, at 11:59 pm ET**.

Submit your comments by email to [ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov).

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES: PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING

OVC Tribal grantees are required to submit their Quarterly Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and Semi-Annual Progress Reports, and Federal Financial Reports (FFRs), by **Sunday, January 30, 2022**. Additional information about performance measures is available on the Office of Justice Programs' Grant Performance Measurement and Progress Reporting Information webpage [here](#).

For questions, contact the performance reporting assistance resources below:

- Quarterly PMT Report:  
**OVC PMT Helpdesk**  
Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm ET  
[ovcpmt@usdoj.gov](mailto:ovcpmt@usdoj.gov) or 1-844-884-2503
- Semi-Annual Progress Report/FFR Submission:  
**JustGrants Support**  
Monday-Friday 5am to 9pm ET  
Saturday, Sunday, & federal holidays 9am to 5pm ET  
[JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 1-833-872-5175
- Completing the FFR  
**OCFO Customer Service Center**  
Monday-Friday 8:30am to 6pm ET  
[ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov](mailto:ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov) or 10800-458-9786



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Monday-Friday 12pm to 7pm ET  
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# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

The Children's Justice Act (CJA) Partnership for Indian Communities initiative offers funding, technical assistance, and training to help American Indian and Alaska Native communities develop, establish, and operate programs designed to improve the investigation, prosecution, and handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, and particularly child sexual abuse cases, in a manner which lessens trauma for child victims.

Below are spotlights on two current CJA grantees with information about how their communities are benefitting from CJA awards.

**Tribe:** The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

**Program:** Menominee Family Services Program

**Award:** CJA Award #2020-V6-GX-0001

## How is your Program currently using your OVC Children's Justice Act funds to support child victims of crime?

We have focused our attentions on virtual outreach. We have conducted many Zoom meetings with agencies and continue to conduct presentations in the community about children who are in need of support (booths, articles in newspaper, etc.). We have improved our assessments for families (trauma assessments) and continue to use them to help provide the best supports to children victims. We continue with "Lunch n Learns"—meetings with school staff addressing childhood trauma. Overall, we continue talking with families and do case planning with them.



In June 2020, the program took on the responsibility of enforcing the Children's Code. While there have been some issues with this transfer from the state of Wisconsin, the working relationship still exists and we are currently determining how this relationship will work in the future. Currently, our programs include Child Welfare, Protective Services, and ICWA. In the past few years, we have grown the program from 8 staff to 18 individuals who oversee resources that help our tribal families.



Mary Kramer  
Assistant Director of  
Family Services



Becki Brunet  
Wrap Around Case  
Worker

## What challenges have you faced in assisting child victims of crime?

Our program struggles with how to approach and interact with families who experience victimization in a trauma-informed way. Helping build long-term goals with families has been hard, especially balancing empathy while progressing the case plan. It can be a hard balancing act to pull off. We continue to work on improving our approach to working with families, especially since June 2020.

## What recommendations do you have for others looking to develop or improve services to child victims of crime?

Identify what resources you have that can help you with families. Know what resources you have and use them to benefit child victims. Our program likes to analyze what our end goals are—what do we want to accomplish. From the end goal, we walk back through the objectives and figure out how we can be successful. Take the time to review your end results in advance to figure out how you can get through the daily grind.

*"Our community has endured a lot of trauma. The opportunities provided through the CTAS award have allowed us to reach and inspire traumatized families and move them towards happy and healthy living."*

# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS CONTINUED



**Tribe:** Fort Belknap Indian Community (Montana)  
**Program:** Fort Belknap Social Services  
**Award:** CJA Award #2018-V4-GX-0041

## **How is your Program currently using your OVC Children's Justice Act funds to support child victims of crime?**

Our Social Services Program provides wrap-around services for victims of crime, focusing on youth up to age 18 and, in some cases, up to age 21. We support children and youth in high-risk situations, providing and connecting them with victim services, mental health services, and substance abuse recovery services.

We will open our Teen Safe House soon. We worked with our OVC Program Manager and TTA providers to adjust our budget and to develop our policies and procedures. Once those are approved, we will hire staff using our CJA funds to support the Teen program.

## **What challenges have you faced in assisting child victims of crime?**

The pandemic and staff turnover have been the most significant challenges to our program. Only staff deemed essential are working due to continued pandemic lock-downs. It has been difficult to locate qualified staff to fill vacant positions, so our program has encouraged community members to pursue and complete degrees. Many have now received associate's degrees and are pursuing bachelor's degrees, building up our local pool of potential employees.

## **What recommendations do you have for others looking to develop or improve services to child victims of crime?**

Focus first on meeting basic needs, such as shelter and food. Once those are met, program staff can help youth address victimization, mental health, and recovery needs. Consistency is key. Even if only one person shows up, you will see positive change if you keep putting in the effort.

*"We are so grateful for the opportunity [CJA funding has provided] to build [our Programs]. With all the support we have from our OVC Grant Manager to our TTA provider, we have the ability to continue to grow."*

*Eagle Ereaux, Director of Social Services*



Fort Belknap Teen Safe House (exterior)



Fort Belknap Teen Safe House (interior)

# JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center exists to help organizations and Tribes start, sustain, or grow their anti-trafficking work. The Center offers resources, training, and more.

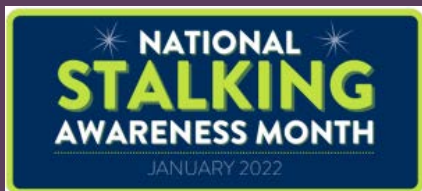


Visit the Center [here](#).

Access Tribal specific trafficking resources [here](#).

# JANUARY IS NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

The Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center (SPARC) is a federally funded



project providing education and resources about the crime of stalking, including live and recorded trainings, tools for victim advocates, and annual awareness month campaign resources.

Visit SPARC [here](#).

Access 2022 Stalking Awareness Month resources [here](#).

# SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

## INTIMATE PARTNER HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE INTERSECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (AEQUITAS)

This presentation will describe how, in addition to violence and threats, traffickers exploit feelings of love and loyalty to maintain power over their victims and perpetrate sex trafficking and related crimes. The presenters will discuss the importance of identifying victims of intimate partner human trafficking to ensure victim safety and provide access to services and support, while at the same time articulating offender conduct to ensure they are held accountable for their actions.

Register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 2pm ET

## TRIBAL SEX TRAFFICKING RESOURCES WEBSITE

This website provides comprehensive information on sex trafficking as it impacts Native people and Native nations, including publication resources, victim service directories, and training calendars. Also available for

download is the *Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum* which is a comprehensive training for Tribal victim service programs.

Access the resource website [here](#).



## OVC HELP SERIES FOR CRIME VICTIMS: STALKING

Stalking is a dangerous, potentially lethal, crime. It is generally understood to be a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person

that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Advocates can assist victims of stalking by informing victims about the risks of stalking, victims' rights, assisting in filing for protection orders, and much more. Learn more [here](#).



# TRAINING AND EVENTS



**VIRTUAL  
MEETINGS  
HOSTED BY  
YOUR TTA  
PROVIDERS**



## **PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSIFYING FUNDING, AND WRITING COMPLEX GRANTS (OVC TTAC)**

Victim serving organizations often struggle with fluctuating funding sources and levels of support. The first session in this series will explore two critical domains of sustainability planning—effective resource and partnership development—and will help participants apply strategies that build strong support for their programs, potentially leading to new funding opportunities. Participants will begin to create a diversified funding plan framework, which will include new approaches for expanding a potential donor/funder pool. The second session will explore the essential ingredients of complex grant applications: compelling statements of need, detailed budget justifications aligned with project goals and objectives, and quality outcome measures. Implementing these plans and using these tools will improve the odds of success in finding strategic and sustainable funding.

**Register [here](#). Dates:** Wednesdays, January 12 and 19, 2022 at 2pm ET

## **SPARC A DIALOGUE: BUILDING STALKING AWARENESS IN JANUARY AND BEYOND**

Stalking is a serious, prevalent, and dangerous crime that impacts every community in the United States. While awareness and public discussion of intimate partner violence and sexual assault have increased in recent years, stalking remains frequently misunderstood and rarely discussed – on campuses, within the fields of domestic and sexual violence, in our criminal justice system, and among the broader general public. This webinar highlights strategies and tools to create and elevate discourse on stalking.

**Register [here](#). Dates:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2pm ET

## **NATIVE SPECIFIC SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE (RED WIND CONSULTING)**

The upcoming 2 hour training will look at Native American specific assault statistics and culturally specific sexual assault exams. Other areas of training include the following: cultural roots of violence, historical trauma, unique legal issues, and power and control. Presenters will help the attendees become more familiar with creating a sister space for healing and intervention considerations.

**Register [here](#). Dates:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 12pm ET

## **NCJTC'S MONTHLY OVC GRANTEE FORUM – VIRTUAL MEETING: NEW YEAR, CAN I GET A DO-OVER?**

This forum will recap 2020-2021 and goals for the new year. Admittedly, the last couple years have certainly been like nothing ever experienced before. Grantees will have the opportunity to share their experiences managing their programs through a pandemic and discuss their goals for the new year. Please be prepared to share any highlights or out-of-the-box practices that assisted with the continuation and progress of a successful grant year. **Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 2pm ET

## **UNIFIED'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING: FOR TEENS' SAKE: SERVING YOUTH VICTIMS OF CRIME**

January's Community of Practice will focus on the unique needs of teen and youth victims of crime. Join subject matter experts and fellow grantee programs to learn how Tribal victim service providers can better support this population.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 2pm ET

# TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

## RESPONSE TO AT-RISK MISSING AND HIGH-RISK ENDANGERED MISSING CHILDREN (NCJTC)

Gather information on how to engage and construct a collaborative response to at-risk missing and high-risk endangered missing children. Explore how a missing child's path to becoming a victim of exploitation intersects with the child protection, law enforcement and juvenile justice systems and acts as a risk factor to abductions. Identify opportunities within those systems for prevention and engagement. Examine the complex, layered exploitation these victims endure and how exploiters capitalize on this victimization.

Register [here](#). Dates: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 9am ET



## MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING ONLINE (NCJTC)

Improve multidisciplinary team (MDT) responses to child sex trafficking cases. Gather information about improving or establishing a formal MDT in your community. Identify gaps and develop short and long-term response plans with the help of subject matter experts.

Register [here](#). Date: Tuesday-Thursday, January 18-21, 2022 at 9am ET

## COUNT ME IN - MAKING DATA COLLECTION A PRIORITY (NATIVE ALLIANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE)

Love it or hate, we all use and rely upon data. This webinar will explore how data can enhance capacity, promote accountability, and create opportunities for overall health and well-being for American Indians and Alaska Natives at the program, community, and individual levels.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 2pm ET



## CREATING A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (NCJTC)

Join other child-serving professionals to create a plan of action for preventing child sexual abuse of youth in your care. Learn the signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse, mandated reporter and stakeholder responsibilities. Identify strengths and weaknesses of current prevention practices, and develop an action plan for your organization.

Register [here](#). Date: Tuesday-Wednesday, January 25-26, 2022 at 11am ET

## RIGHT HAND, MEET LEFT HAND: COORDINATING THE RESPONSE TO STALKING (SPARC)

Keeping victims safe and holding offenders accountable requires that diverse professionals -- including (but not limited to) victim advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, educators and others -- view their work through a "stalking lens," take pro-active steps to incorporate a stalking response into their roles, and work together. In honor of National Stalking Awareness Month, this session will provide practical strategies for building stalking into a coordinated community response.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 2pm 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

## 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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