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## CURRENT NEWS

### **FY2022 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE (TVSSA) FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM POPULATION CERTIFICATIONS DUE**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is seeking population certifications from eligible applicants to signal their intent to participate in the noncompetitive [Fiscal Year \(FY\)2022 TVSSA Formula Grant Program](#). If your Tribe intends to participate, you must submit a population certification by **11:59pm Alaska time on Tuesday, February 15, 2022**.

[Register](#) for the Informational Webinar: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 3pm ET  
Access the [Population Certification Form](#)  
Learn how to submit your [Population Certification](#)

### **FY2022 COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION (CTAS) UPDATED**

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 [FY2022 CTAS solicitation](#) was recently updated with formatting changes. Applications are due in [Grants.gov](#) by **8:59pm ET Thursday, March 10, 2022**, and in [JustGrants](#) by **8:59pm ET Tuesday, March 15, 2022**.

Access the [CTAS solicitation materials](#)



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# CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED

## OVC FUNDING WEBINAR SERIES

Helping Applicants Develop Stronger Proposals

OVC will host a four-part Pre-Application Webinar Series: Planning Your OVC Application to provide potential applicants with information about OVC funding opportunities and guidance on how to apply. Each webinar will cover a unique topic to help your organization prepare for OVC FY2022 funding opportunities. A question and answer session will conclude each webinar. You may register for one or all four webinars. Participation in these webinars is optional, but strongly encouraged.

### Part 1: Getting Ready to Apply

This session will provide an overview of the two-part application process in Grants.gov and JustGrants, including actions potential applicants can take prior to a solicitation's release.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 from 3-4:30pm ET

**Register** for the [Part 1 webinar](#)

### Part 2: Considerations When Building Your OVC Budget

The discussion will cover how to create a strong budget and budget narrative that effectively identifies the resources requested, is clearly connected to your grant application narrative, and complies with DOJ guidelines and requirements.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 3-4:30pm ET

**Register** for the [Part 2 webinar](#)

### Part 3: Preparing Your Proposal and What to Expect Next

Receive practical guidance on how to prepare a strong grant application and what happens to applications after submission.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 3-4:30pm ET

**Register** for the [Part 3 webinar](#)

### Part 4: Overview of Upcoming Funding Opportunities in FY2022

Learn about the primary initiatives that OVC anticipates funding in FY 2022 and acquire key information about the grant application process.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 3-4:30pm ET

**Register** for the [Part 4 webinar](#)



# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

Teens, young people 12-18 years of age, are victimized by crimes far more often than any other age group. Yet teens are the least likely to report their victimization. Service providers frequently struggle in their efforts to reach teen victims, to inform them of available services, and to provide age-appropriate support. This month the OVC Tribal Grantee Spotlights focus on two grantees who are developing best practices and implementing programs specifically designed for teen victims.

**Tribe/Program:** [The Alaska Native Justice Center](#) (ANJC)

**Award:** 2019, 2020, 2021 TVSSA



## **What approach did your Program take to develop/enhance and implement services for youth victims?**

ANJC identified opportunities to expand and grow through the process of a needs assessment and strategic plan. Through this process ANJC had the support of our Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) provider, Fox Valley. As results of this process, ANJC has an opportunity to grow and be successful with many services available to youth and their families. ANJC has increased collaboration with community partners to help meet the needs of youth and their families and to work together, through direct services and referral sources in order to make a larger impact in the community. By gathering new ideas of how to better serve the community, we found an overwhelming theme of respondents looking for culturally appropriate methods to heal, such as community gatherings, talking circles, and arts and crafts. Our hope is that there can be improvement in the threats that have been identified such as high rates of trauma, lack of cultural/traditional healing and supportive services. Working in partnership with other community agencies allows us to leverage additional resources and provide more comprehensive services to our clients.



Marlene Mack  
Assistant Director of Operations

## **What recommendations do you have for other Tribal Programs considering services in this area?**

ANJC highly encourages grantees to take advantage of the resources that are available through the support of their training and technical assistance providers. We have felt welcomed, and do not hesitate to connect with our TTA Provider should we run into barriers, questions and input as we progress through our projects.

## **How has OVC funding and support helped develop and/or sustain this Program?**

Collaboration is crucial when working with participants and are an important part of the holistic approach in addressing unmet needs. As a result of Covid-19, many of our participants and their families were left unemployed, with limited resources available such as day care, family parks and agencies closed their doors due to mandates. ANJC was able to financially assist our participants as long as they fit within the grant requirements.

The ANJC family continues to be flexible as we navigate through rotation of shifts and moving to a new space. Staff approached this with a positive attitude and I'm proud of the teams for coming together and working as a team.

If you have questions about ANJC programs, contact Marlene at [m.mack@anjc.net](mailto:m.mack@anjc.net)

# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS CONTINUED



**Tribe:** [Nez Perce Tribe](#) (Idaho)

**Program:** I'nit (Home) Teen Shelter Program

**Award:** 2019 TVSSA and 2020 CTAS Children's Justice Act

## **What are some things your Program considers when working with teen victims of crime?**

We recognize that traumatized teens may not always act like teens.

They may present more as adults because that's the role they've played. Often these teens have taken on most of the responsibility for their own care, they've been desensitized to traumatic experiences, and they are really good at designing protection mechanisms for themselves.

So we work very hard to earn teens' trust. They are going to hold you to everything you say, so it's really important to follow through and do what you say you're going to do. We also spend a lot of time out in the community so teens get to know us and know we are people they can come to.

## **Who does your Program serve?**

Our I'nit Teen Shelter Program serves youth who are direct victims of crime. This includes Minors in Need of Care (MINOCS) and Youth in Need of Services (YINS) as well as drop-in youth who need a safe place to go. We are in the final stages of completing work on our Shelter and are excited to get the facility up and running so teens have that safe place in our community.



I'nit Teen Shelter

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

We know our culture and our Tribe. We are experts on being Indian. Implementing that knowledge into teen services can be very fun! Take teens hunting, gathering, and to the Long House.

Kids from hard places may not have had experience with traditions and ceremony. Inviting them to participate with their family is very empowering. There are lots of curriculums available to help incorporate culture into services, like White Bison, Daughter of Tradition, Native Wellness Institute, and Positive Indian Parenting. We also use the 5 Love Languages of Children and make it indigenous ourselves.



Rebecca Lehman, LMSW  
Director of Indian Child Welfare



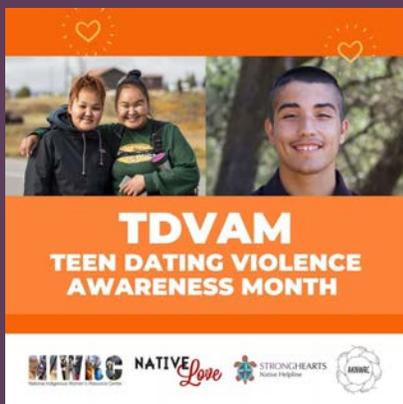
Nez Perce Tribe teen activity

# FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Teen dating violence is an issue that impacts everyone - not just teens - but their parents, teachers, friends, and communities as well. Together, we can raise the nation's awareness about teen dating violence and promote safe, healthy relationships.



The resources highlighted in this Special Feature Resources section can help your Tribal victim service program educate your community about teen dating violence and develop teen-specific victim services.



## [TDVAM: LIFTING UP VOICES OF NATIVE YOUTH AND TEENS FOR DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH](#)

This NIWRC website offers resources to help honor Native youth and teens in your lives by raising awareness of dating violence and promoting healthy relationships.

# SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

## **OVC-FUNDED GUIDES FOR SERVING TEEN VICTIMS OF CRIME**

The National Center for Victims of Crime and the National Crime Prevention Council produced several guidebooks related to serving teen victims of crime. These guidebooks are helpful to programs seeking to design and implement teen-focused victim services, conduct effective outreach to teens, develop appropriate policies and procedures, and more.

- [Reaching and Serving Teen Victims: A Practical Handbook](#)
- [Outreach to Underserved Teen Victims of Crime](#)
- [Chart a Course: Policies That Affect Victim Services for Teens](#)

## [LOVE IS RESPECT](#)

Love is Respect is a national resource to disrupt and prevent unhealthy relationships and intimate partner violence by empowering young people through inclusive and equitable education, support, and resources.

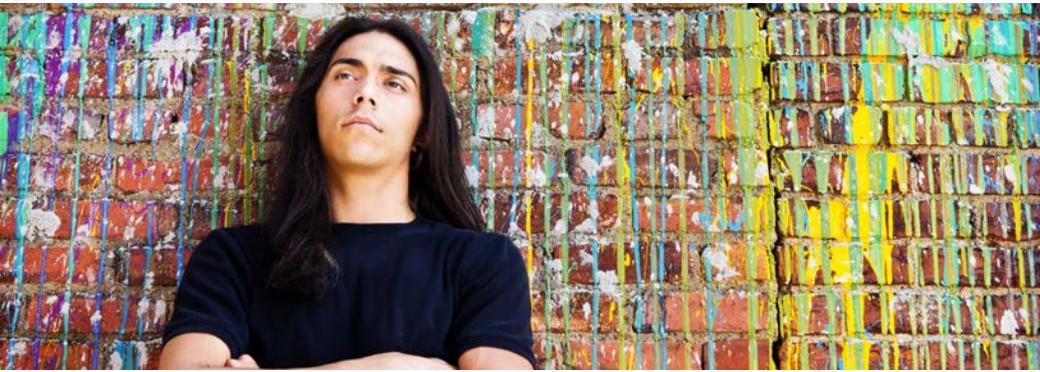


## [THATS NOT COOL.COM](#)

That's Not Cool is an award-winning national public education initiative that partners with young people to help raise awareness and bring educational and organizing tools to communities to address dating violence, unhealthy relationships, and digital abuse.



# TRAINING AND EVENTS



**VIRTUAL  
MEETINGS  
HOSTED BY  
YOUR TTA  
PROVIDERS**



## **CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE**

Learn techniques and strategies to enhance the likelihood of obtaining information from possible victims of child sex trafficking. 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. Understand various disciplines' roles and responsibilities and how they can contribute to a positive outcome of the CST case. Examine question strategy, interview dynamics, language use, and interview suggestions. Discuss the business model of child sex trafficking as it relates to a variety of crimes, including the use of sexually explicit images of minors (child pornography).

**Dates:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 11am ET. **Register [here](#).**

## **JUSTGRANTS VIRTUAL Q&A: APPLICATION MECHANICS: SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TRAINING**

This webinar will address the following topics: preparing to apply, completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov, entity onboarding and JustGrants access, JustGrants roles and responsibilities, assigning users' roles to applications, and more. It will also answer attendee questions about application submission.

**Dates:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 2:30pm ET. **Register [here](#).**  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 2:30pm ET. **Register [here](#).**  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 2:30pm ET. **Register [here](#).**

## **CHILD ABUSE: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE ONLINE**

Learn the best approach with children who are alleged victims of child abuse in the initial phases of a case, after a concern has been identified. Develop the skills and techniques necessary to engage a child in such a way as to minimize suggestibility but still provide support, beyond what is taught in a First Responder Training. Review best practices in identification of a concern and learn to engage these children in a way that maximizes positive case outcomes and minimizes potential behaviors that can hurt cases.

**Dates:** Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 12pm ET. **Register [here](#).**  
Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 12pm ET. **Register [here](#).**

## **NCJTC'S MONTHLY OVC GRANTEE FORUM: GRANTEE INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT: TELE-BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE**

During this month's grantee forum, we will be hearing from Alan Faulkner, Program Manager, Village of Dot Lake. Alan has been working with the Village of Dot Lake, Alaska over the last 1.5 years to introduce tele-behavioral medicine for their victim service program. Attend this meeting to learn more about the program, factors to consider when developing a similar program, and discuss services that could be provided in this manner. **Find more information or register [here](#).** **Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2pm ET

## **UNIFIED'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING: TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

One in four teens is abused or harassed online. But technology can also be used as a tool to educate teens about the dangers of dating violence. Learn about common digital abuse patterns and ways technology can be used to protect teens at Unified's February Community of Practice. **Find more information or register [here](#).** **Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2pm ET

# TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

## RESPONSE TO AT-RISK MISSING AND HIGH-RISK ENDANGERED MISSING CHILDREN

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.

**Dates:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9am ET. Register [here](#).

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

Indigenous people across the country have sounded the alarm for years about the disturbing and disproportionate rates of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in the United States. This OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) session is an opportunity for advocates and other allies to increase their understanding of the alarming prevalence of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

**Dates:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 2pm ET. Register [here](#).



## TAKING ACTION ASSISTING VICTIMS OF FINANCIAL FRAUD

Anyone can be a victim of financial fraud, and perpetrators of this type of crime can range from the most intimate of people like partners and family members to strangers far away. It's important for service providers, practitioners, and those who do client-facing work, to understand the dynamics of financial fraud and the emotional and often traumatic toll it can have on victims. This presentation will identify strategies and provide resources to help professionals who are seasoned in supporting victims and those who will occupationally support someone experiencing fraud. Presenters will help identify steps for an action plan and provide intervention and prevention strategies to disrupt the cycle of fraud.

**Dates:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 12pm ET. Register [here](#).



## MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING ONLINE

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.

**Dates:** Monday, February 28 - Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 2pm ET. Register [here](#).

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## **FY2022 Justice for Families Program**

This Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant program is designed to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports activities such as court-based programs, supervises visitation and safe exchange, personnel training, civil legal services, and the provision of resources in juvenile court matters.

**Deadlines:** Grants.gov: Monday, March 7, 2022, 11:59pm ET  
JustGrants: Thursday, March 10, 2022, 11:59pm ET

Access the full solicitation [here](#).

## **FY2022 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS (LAV) GRANT PROGRAM**

OVW's LAV grant program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth (ages 11 and older) victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by providing funds for comprehensive direct legal services to victims in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence. Comprehensive legal services should address the broad spectrum of legal issues that victims encounter and help promote economic independence for victims. Services must include legal representation by a licensed attorney.

**Deadlines:** Grants.gov: Thursday, March 10, 2022, 11:59pm ET  
JustGrants: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:59pm ET

Access the full solicitation [here](#).

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES (FVPSA) GRANTS TO TRIBES**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) FVPSA Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal organizations are formula grants. The purpose of these grants is to assist Tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and to provide immediate shelter and supportive services to victims of these crimes.

**Deadline:** Grants.gov: Thursday, March 31, 2022

Access the full solicitation [here](#).

# 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.

**National Criminal Justice  
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(855) 866-2582  
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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.

**OVC TFMC**  
(703) 462-6900  
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