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CURRENT NEWS

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES REFRESHER: PMT AND JUSTGRANTS

During this live session, participants will review the performance reporting requirements, report types and due dates, and how to access and navigate both the PMT and JustGrants platforms for reporting purposes.

Register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 2pm ET

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 Saturday, July 30, 2022. Additional information about performance measures is available on the Office of Justice Programs' Grant Performance Measurement and Progress Reporting Information webpage [here](#).



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OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Tribe: Pueblo of Isleta
Program: Pueblo of Isleta Victim Services
Award: FY18 VSSA



What approach did your Program take to develop/enhance and implement services for elder abuse victims?

When developing services for Elders within our community, we noticed a trend, especially during COVID, in exploitation and financial exploitation impacting vulnerable Elders. Financial exploitation has impacted our vulnerable Elders when ordering groceries and medications. Elders have been hit especially hard by phone scams, with one incident happening right in Pueblo, where an elderly victim was taken advantage of through a phone scam and was threatened if money wasn't sent to the person on the other end of the phone. It is important to keep these considerations in mind when serving elder abuse victims.

What challenges did you overcome in developing these services?

One of the challenges we faced when developing these services came down to language barriers. Investigators working with Elders did not speak the Tewa language, which required Isleta Advocates to interpret for the Elders. Certain words and sayings in the Elders native language don't have an English translation, which can make it difficult when communicating. Identifying economic and financial solutions for victims of phone and money scams was also another challenge we faced when serving elder victims of crime.



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

Finding someone who is bilingual and knowledgeable of the language the elders speak is important when considering providing services to Elders. It helps establish trust and provides an effective way to be able to interpret communication.

"OVC funding has supported our efforts in providing direct and immediate services for victims of crime and giving trauma care."

Eulalia Lucero, Program Manager

If you have questions about the program, contact Program Manager, Eulalia Lucero at Eulalia.lucero@isletapueblo.com.

OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Tribe Name: Meskwaki Nation

Program Name: Elder and Vulnerable Adult and Community Programs

Awards: FY18 TVSSA; FY20 TVSSA



What approach did your Program take to develop/enhance and implement services for elder abuse victims?

The previous Case Manager was instrumental in getting collaborations in order. She reached out to Iowa Department of Aging & the Department of Human Services to start. After gathering information on how the program was going to look, we put information related to the program in a newsletter about what the program entails, what it highlights, who we are and what we do. The next step was a direct-approach outreach to the who we are and what we do. The next step was a direct-approach outreach to the community to let them know about the program; we developed brochures, met with Senior Services and provided handouts to seniors all across the settlement. We also collaborated with DHS to learn how to do Elderly waivers so that individuals can get the care they need.



What challenges did you overcome in developing these services?

COVID. We were unable to see or be with our seniors. The senior center has been closed since 2020 and we haven't been able to see anyone in person. Once we are able to get back into the community, we will be able to spend time with our elders; even if they don't need assistance, we will be able

to learn from them. However, we know these challenges won't be as persistent; we are still getting their needs met. Last summer we were able to have our Elder Abuse Awareness event in June. We had a good turnout. The event was hosted at the tribal center. We invited the community, and informed them about the program, had a meal provided by the casino and had traditional Meskwaki games. We provided handouts and program materials focused on what elder abuse is and who and how they can qualify for the program. In September, we also had the Meskwaki senior games event which included water balloon throwing, the elders got to play basketball and had an egg run.



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

First, a needs assessment should be done to determine what services you should provide for your elderly. We will be conducting an updated needs assessment for our community to see what opportunities may have been missed initially and what we can improve upon.

After the assessment, start reaching out and building relationships and partnerships with other agencies who can assist. Reach out to other tribes in your area to see what they are doing for their elders, make those partnerships and see if you can even make referrals to other facilities in your area.

"This funding also allows us to create safety for our seniors and be able to take care of their wellbeing. I am able to provide relief housing, transportation and other goods and services to them."

Kade Brown, Case Manager, Elder and Vulnerable Adult and Community Program

If you have questions about the program, contact Case Manager, Kade Brown at k.brown@meskwaki-nsn.gov.

JUNE IS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



As protectors of culture and history, American Indian and Alaskan Native elders are vital to the well being of communities and traditions. Any work in elder abuse, and neglect with native elders must have a strong cultural and community component, often guided by tribal elders themselves.



The NCEA provides the latest information regarding research, training, best practices, news and resources on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation to professionals and the public. First established by the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) in 1988 as a national elder abuse resource center, the NCEA was granted a permanent home at AoA in the 1992 amendments made to Title II of the Older Americans Act.

The NCEA is one of 27 Administration on Aging funded Resource Centers. Research shows that as many as two million elders are abused in the United States. The Administration on Aging recognizes that as a government, as a society and as individuals, we must increase our efforts to ensure that all older adults age with dignity and honor.

Learn more [here](#).

SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

JUNE 15 IS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

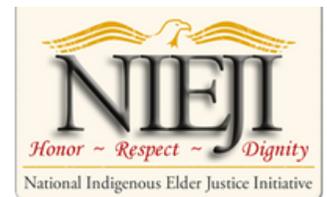


TRIBAL ELDER ABUSE RESOURCES



[Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#) currently funds four Resource Centers for Older Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. These Resource Centers provide culturally competent health care, community-based long-term care, and related services.

[National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative \(NIEJI\)](#) was created to address the lack of culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in Indian Country.



[The National Indian Council on Aging](#) focuses on 1) access to information; 2) more effective options for self-care and longevity information and awareness; and 3) to streamline and increase access to aging.

[National Resource Center on Native American Aging](#) provides education, training, and technical assistance. A major project of this Resource Center has been the development of an elderly needs assessment tool to assist Tribes in planning for elder care services.

TRAINING AND EVENTS



CRISIS AWARENESS, INTERVENTION & DE-ESCALATION FOR VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

Review methods to prevent or intervene in a crisis situation including de-escalation and communication techniques. Understand what happens in our brains in order to manage ourselves before we may help others. This session will apply specific techniques that are practical and immediately applicable.

Register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 1pm ET

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 child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

Register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 10am ET

BEYOND SELF-CARE: THE CE-CERT MODEL FOR SECONDARY TRAUMA AND BURNOUT

This talk will discuss concepts and tools for addressing secondary trauma and burnout with an emphasis on the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. A strong emphasis will be placed on the CE-CERT (Components for Enhancing Clinician Experience and Reducing Trauma) model and how this specific trainer applied the principles and tools with himself and his team. Other related models (e.g., TARGET and CBT) will also be discussed, but the central discussion will focus on applying the CE-CERT concepts and tools. The CE-CERT model is not simply self-care but is a model that goes “beyond self-care” to present a functional, evidence-informed set of concepts, steps and tools that can be applied across multiple disciplines for day-to-day secondary traumatic stress and burnout.

Register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1pm ET

VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TTA PROVIDERS



UNIFIED'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING

Join us for our monthly interactive web based training and networking opportunity that highlights best practices from OVC funded Tribal Grantee Programs and subject matter experts.

This month's topic is Basic Victim Advocacy Skills for Tribal Victim Advocates presented by the National Center for Victims of Crime.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 2pm ET

TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

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. To attend this training, you must be part of a multidisciplinary team and your team members must attend with you, from a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 10. Each team member should register individually. To make your team easily identifiable, all team members should use the same name for their team leader during the registration process.

Register [here](#). Date: Monday through Thursday, June 20-23, 2022 at 11am ET



UPLIFTING THE INDIGENOUS LGBTQ2S+ COMMUNITY THROUGH INDIGENOUS EMPOWERMENT AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV) PREVENTION

This presentation is an introductory webinar on how the cisgender and heterosexual community can be more supportive of the LGBTQ2S+ community and proactive in IPV prevention. This prevention will also highlight how Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is intimately and intricately connected to colonial violence against Indigenous Peoples. Charlie Amáyá Scott will also share their understanding of Indigenous feminism and how we, as Indigenous relatives, can be allies in preventing IPV against our LGBTQ2S+ relatives.

Register [here](#). Dates: Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 12pm ET

ASSISTING VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES

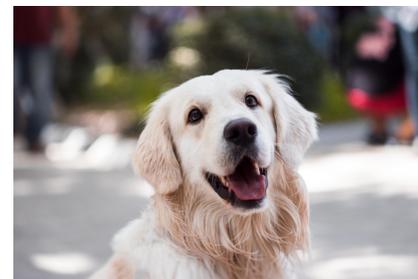
OJJDP will host "Assisting Victims of Hate Crimes" as part of OJJDP's Preventing Youth Hate Crimes & Identity Based Bullying Initiative webinar series. During the webinar, intended for youth justice professionals, presenters will help attendees:

- Increase their knowledge around best practices in assisting victims of youth hate crimes
- Incorporate victim assistance strategies into their programs by sharing examples of current programming
- Understand ways to assist those impacted by youth hate and bias based crimes

Register [here](#). Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 2pm ET

CONSIDERING A FACILITY DOG FOR YOUR VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAM?

Given the positive effects on survivors, many victim service providers have added or are considering adding a professionally trained facility dog to their programs. During this session, experts will provide practical information about how you can incorporate a courthouse facility dog into your Child Advocacy Center, District Attorney's Office, Family Courts, Tribal Courts, or other direct victim service programs. Learn how these highly trained facility dogs can work alongside victim service and law enforcement professionals to provide emotional support and positive interactions with children and other survivors. Discover the training required to become a facility dog handler and find accredited assistance dog organizations through Assistance Dogs International.



Register [here](#). Dates: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 2pm ET

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OVC FY 2022 ENHANCED COLLABORATIVE MODEL TASK FORCE TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications to fund services for victims of all forms of human trafficking throughout the United States. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by enhancing the law enforcement and social services fields' response to victims of human trafficking. The purpose of the Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Program is to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to fight human trafficking. Learn more [here](#).

Deadlines: Grants.gov June 09, 2022 11:59 PM ET; JustGrants June 16, 2022 8:59 PM ET

OVC FY 2022 HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

To enhance capacity to identify, assist, and provide services to all victims of human trafficking, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) leads the Nation in supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed programs, policies, and resources that promote justice, access, and empowerment. This program will provide funding for services to victims of human trafficking. Learn more [here](#).

Deadlines: Grants.gov - June 09, 2022 11:59 PM ET; JustGrants - June 16, 2022 8:59 PM ET

OVC FY 2022 VOCA VICTIM COMPENSATION FORMULA GRANT

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program. The primary purpose of these grants is to supplement state efforts to provide financial compensation to crime victims throughout the nation for costs resulting from crime, and to encourage victim cooperation and participation in the criminal justice system. The goal is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the compensation, support, and services necessary to aid their restoration after a violent criminal act, and to support them as they navigate the criminal justice process. Learn more [here](#).

Deadlines: Grants.gov June 23, 2022 11:59 PM ET; JustGrants June 30, 2022 8:59 PM ET

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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