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## CURRENT NEWS

### FINAL CALL FOR 17TH NATIONAL INDIAN NATIONS CONFERENCE PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

OVC is seeking subject matter experts to present at the 17th National Indian Nations Conference, scheduled for December 6–9, 2022, at the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in Palm Springs, CA.

This conference will focus on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and 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.

If you are interested in presenting, review the [presentation guidelines](#) and submit your proposal for consideration by **August 30, 2022**.

Selected presenters will be notified by September 12, 2022. The conference is being planned as an in-person event with a virtual component OVC anticipates that all presenters will attend in-person. Additional registration details are forthcoming.

Please visit the [conference website](#) for more information and contact us at [IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com](mailto:IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com) if you have any questions.



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# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

**Tribe:** Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
**Program:** Sunrise Special Services  
**Award:** FY18 VSSA, FY20 TVSSA, FY21 TVSSA

## What approach did your Program take to develop/enhance and implement services related to cultural healing?

We knew we wanted our staff training plan to be very focused on culture and being culturally sensitive. We serve three different tribes and it's important to realize how important culture is when providing direct services. We are able to offer our clients culturally-focused services such as sweats, beading, basket weaving and making top knots, just to name a few. Since we do serve three different communities, staff training has played a large part to assist in recognizing not only the commonalities in each community but most importantly where there are differences, so we can ensure we are providing direct services to all of our clients.



L to R: Lorree Lewis-Crandell (Program Director); Katie Ray (Lead Tribal Victim Advocate, Program Manager); Jennifer Ray (Tribal House Manager); Kerri Allen (Tribal Victim Advocate)

*“It’s important for our advocates to be role models to our communities. By having familiar and culturally focused services, there comes comfort involved with the healing process. Healing can occur naturally when gathered around a fire, talking in a lounging/safe area, having cultural medicines available, taking time for spiritual prayers, singing, playing the drums, etc.”*

Lorree Lewis Crandell, Program Director

## What challenges did you overcome in developing culture-focused programs?

For staff trainings, we realized there was no focus specifically related to living on a reservation, extreme poverty or working with someone who is disenfranchised. Oftentimes, offenders return to the reservation because that is their home and can even reside right across the street from the victim. This led to us ensuring proper training was received on working with the offender and mediations with the victims.

## What recommendations do you have for other Tribal Programs in the development of cultural programs?

Seek out partnerships within the community which could include the victim-witness program, MDT's, judges, etc. By having these partnerships, everyone becomes more invested with each other. There was an instance in our community when an advocate became triggered during court. The personnel in court recognized this and stopped the proceeding to allow us to burn root. We now know the court recognizes this culture need and we can now advocate for this service to our client, as well.

Finally, make time for your staff. You need to recognize some of the training they receive may be triggering to them. Ensure you providing them with the safe spaces they need. We offer sweats to our staff each month, otherwise they may not have that time for their own cultural experiences.

If you have questions about the program, contact Lorree Lewis-Crandell at [lorreel@yahoo.com](mailto:lorreel@yahoo.com).

# OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Tribe: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Program: Tribal Victim Services  
Award: FY20 TVSSA, FY21 TVSSA



## What approach did your Program take to develop/enhance and implement services related to cultural healing?

Healing Through Arts program was developed by accident 12 years ago. It all started with a painting demonstration at a health fair that attracted people to our victim services program table. We realized that incorporating art could improve the program's efforts in reaching out to people. We sent staff to trainings by "Room 217" and "[A Window Between Worlds](#)" to learn more about healing through arts. Once trainings were complete, we began the program first targeting Tribal employees, children, and elders. It's grown from there.

## What challenges did you overcome in developing this project?

Healing Through Art provides participants a lot of autonomy. Some victims may not have had any type of autonomy, so they don't know how to utilize it in the program and it takes time for them to embrace it. Elder participants may be challenged because of low self-esteem and lack of experience using art. Some may not have participated in arts since they were very young.



Artwork created by Healing Through Art participants



Kent Miller, TVS Program Manager

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

Be patient and have people experience art for themselves using their own ideas. People will eventually express through art. If you don't try innovative ways towards cultural healing, there won't be any change affected. Victims need time to heal and being patient is very important.

Learn more about Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Victim Services Healing Through Art Program by visiting [https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc\\_npu\\_nov\\_2012.pdf](https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc_npu_nov_2012.pdf)

If you have questions about the program, contact Tribal Victim Services Program Manager, Kent Miller, at [KentMiller@pbpnation.org](mailto:KentMiller@pbpnation.org).

# TRAINING AND EVENTS



## HEALING IN ACTION

Learn about repeated trauma and its impact on emotional intelligence and leadership. The focus will be on practical applications and the importance of creating a climate of physical, emotional and relational safety. Attendees will explore their current strengths and challenges, how cultural wisdom enhances their Emotional Intelligence, and an understanding of repeated trauma and the impact of repeated trauma on development and coping. The program supports victim service providers to not only increase their awareness but also explore their behavior at each level of system: to engage with clients differently, to engage with each other differently, and to understand that the organization and community as a whole is part of the healing interventions.

**Register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 2pm ET

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

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, using the Strategic Prevention Dashboard, for your organization. This course is open to all members of child serving organizations such as preschool, after school care, summer camps, church groups, athletic associations or others responsible for the care of minors.

**Register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday Wednesday, August 16 17, 2022 from 9am 5pm ET

## NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE

The National Sexual Assault Conference is a 3-day virtual conference providing advanced training opportunities for activists, advocates and other professionals working to prevent sexual violence, provide critical intervention services and support those who have experienced sexual violence.

This year's conference, through the theme, "Embracing Intersectionality," seeks to uplift the role we all have in creating safe and equitable communities.

**Learn more and Register [here](#). Date:** Thursday, August 17-19, 2022

## HOW TO SUPPORT CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

Research shows that having a parent experiencing victimization or incarceration is an adverse childhood experience, a trauma that can lead to poor health and wellbeing as an adult. Some children may also witness their parent's assaults or arrests, but as children they have the ability to build resilience. Please join the National Criminal Justice Training Center's August grantee forum for a discussion on ways we can continue to help support our children.

**Register [here](#). Date:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 2pm ET

# TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

## CONDUCTING FORENSIC INTERVIEWS WITH CHILDREN: WHAT JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS NEED TO KNOW

Using a research-based forensic interview protocol is important for gathering as much accurate information as possible from children about crimes they have experienced or witnessed. This webinar will provide an overview of a modified form of the National Institute of Child Health and Development interview protocol. The pitfalls associated with asking compound, direct, suggestive, and leading questions will be discussed.

Register [here](#). Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 1pm ET

## NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This conference brings together victims and survivors, advocates, service providers, and other professionals working to address domestic violence. Workshop and session topics include Systems Change, Health and Domestic Violence, Advanced Advocacy Skills, Anti-Oppression and Racial Justice, and Survivor-Focused.

Learn more and Register [here](#). Dates: Sunday-Wednesday, August 28-31, 2022 in St. Louis, MO



## COLLABORATIVE ADVOCACY: SYSTEM AND COMMUNITY BASED ADVOCATES WORKING TOGETHER

Join Unified and the National Crime Victim Law Institute for this interactive session to discuss the similarities and differences between system and community based advocates, the role each plays in victim services, and how victims benefit when these two types of advocates work collaboratively to deliver comprehensive, victim focused services during, and beyond, the criminal justice process.

Register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 2pm ET

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME'S 2022 NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE & NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM BAR ASSOCIATION'S 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Improve your response to victims of crime through promising practices, current research, and effective programs and policies.

The multidisciplinary institute offers more than 80 victim-centered, practice-based, research-informed trainings to sharpen your skills, connect with peers, and reach across professions, including law enforcement, victim service professionals, attorneys, members of the military and Department of Defense, counselors, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers.

Learn more and Register [here](#). Dates: Thursday-Saturday, October 6-8, 2022 in St. Louis, MO

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## OJJDP FY2022 YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. This solicitation provides funding for applicants to develop/enhance strategies to prevent youth violence, including youth gang/group involvement and youth gang/group violence.

Learn more [here](#).

**Deadlines:** Grants.gov August 29, 2022; JustGrants September 12, 2022

## TURCO MUÑOZ SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS SCHOLARSHIP

The Turco Muñoz Supporting Domestic Violence Survivors Scholarship helps address the crisis of domestic violence by supporting the education of those who intend to professionally help domestic violence victims. The program provides \$1,000 tuition payments directly to the school of scholarship winners.

Candidates must meet these minimum eligibility requirements:

1. Must have some victim advocacy experience serving DV survivors. For example, experiences as a victim advocate, family law paralegal, social worker, investigator, or other employee of an organization whose mission is to serve domestic violence survivors.
2. Must be enrolled in either (1) a law school or (2) undergraduate or graduate program with a focus in an applicable field of study.
3. Must have a genuine intention to focus your career after graduation to serving survivors of domestic violence.

Learn more [here](#). Apply [here](#).

**Deadlines:** August 19, 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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