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## **TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER FACT SHEET**



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## Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

The Alaska Native Women's Resource Center envisions our Tribal women, communities and families free from violence, healing the trauma and utilizing the wisdom of our ancestors to create effective community/Tribal responses to domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, trafficking, sexual assault, and related injustices.

Our goal is to empower tribal communities to protect their citizens. We believe each community has the knowledge to do this. We work closely with communities to tailor the training and technical assistance to fit their needs.

- *Provide training and technical assistance for our tribal communities based on the needs of the community.*
- *Create public awareness and material to bring attention to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, stalking and missing and murdered Indigenous women throughout our state*
- *Engage on a systems level to create change and develop policies to protect tribal members at local, state and federal levels.*
- *Empower tribes to create their own system response to violence aimed at protecting women and children.*
- *Increase victim's access to services on an emergency and long-term basis.*
- *Strengthen local response to domestic violence and sexual assault through access to tribal protection orders and other resources.*
- *Training and Technical Assistance tailored to fit each tribe's identified needs. This includes training such as VAWA, roots of violence in tribal communities.*
- *Monthly steering committee meetings to provide growth and knowledge of current issues in our field.*

We believe our tribes have the knowledge to serve their victims and survivors in the most cultural appropriate way to promote healing. Our goal is to help them find the resources in their community to promote healthy families and communities.

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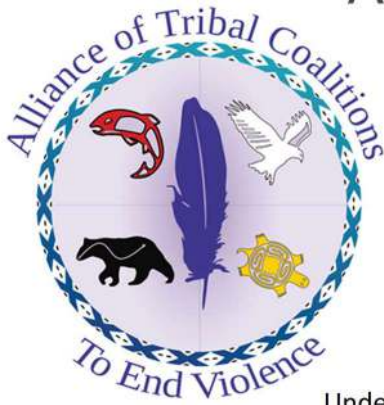
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# ALLIANCE OF TRIBAL COALITIONS TO END VIOLENCE



The Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence (Alliance), a nonprofit organization established in 2013 by and for tribal coalition directors, *works to advance tribal sovereignty and the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women by providing support to tribal coalitions and tribal communities in their efforts to address equal justice for survivors of violence.*

Under the Comprehensive Training and Technical Assistance Project for Tribal Coalitions, the Alliance will:

- Deliver training and technical assistance to Tribal Coalition Program grantees, as well as OVW tribal grantees, partners, and subgrantees;
- Coordinate and conduct an annual training institute for tribal coalition board members on nonprofit board development, roles and responsibilities, board oversight, management, recruitment, fundraising, and training on the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault against native and Indigenous people;
- Coordinate and conduct an annual training institute for tribal coalition outreach staff including training on curriculum development, outreach skills development, training facilitation, and awareness campaign development.
- Coordinate and conduct an annual training institute for coalition executive directors on organizational capacity, board recruitment, and leadership development; and
- Provide onsite technical assistance on capacity building topics.



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## MENDING THE SACRED HOOP

Mending the Sacred Hoop (MSH) is a Native owned and operated nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization that exists to address violence against Native women and works to end it. We organize to address issues surrounding violence against American Indian/Alaska Native women in our home community of Duluth, MN, throughout the state of Minnesota, and nationally with Tribes and Native communities that are addressing the domestic/sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking in their communities. MSH provides training to strengthen Tribal and Native

community responses to these crimes, including the advocacy and systems responses; community understanding and awareness; engaging men in the work to end violence against women; and coordinating community responses that provide for women's safety and uphold offender accountability.

**Mending the Sacred Hoop Technical Assistance Project (MSH-TA)** works under a collaborative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to provide training and technical assistance to U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Program grantees working to address violence against women in their communities. MSH-TA works with villages, reservations, rancherias and pueblos across the United States to improve the justice system, law enforcement, and service provider response to the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking in Native communities.

*Mending the Sacred Hoop's mission is to restore safety and integrity to Native women by assisting Native sovereign nations in strengthening their response to domestic violence and sexual assault. We work to improve the safety of Native women who experience battering, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking by assisting tribes with training, technical assistance and resource materials that specifically address violence against American Indian/Alaska Native women.*

MSH-TA's approach recognizes that individual nations are responding to violence against women by creating strategies at the local level distinct to their available resources and cultural perspectives. We believe progress at the local level increases the opportunity to learn from each other and share effective strategies. The challenge for our Nations is to reclaim traditional views of women, developing a Native justice response that upholds accountability and works to end violence against Native women. MSH-TA provides support to Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program grantees through a partnership to work in cooperation with tribes and tribal grantees through the Tribal Governments Grant Program.

**MSH-TA is a Tribal Training & Technical Assistance Program funded to provide the following specific OVW Training Events:**

- OVW Tribal Division New Grantee Orientation;
- Advocacy Training – Personal, Institutional and Systems;
- 1.2 Consultation and support for OVW Tribal Governments Program Grantees;
- Technical assistance via teleconference to address Tribal grantees specific areas of need, tribal on-site training

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## **Resources**

MSH-TA provides resource materials and publications that support and inform Tribal grantee programs in their work to address domestic and sexual violence against Native women, including DV/SA Advocacy; Tribal SA/DV Program Development; Batterer Intervention Program Development; CCR Development; Creating Public Awareness Campaigns in Tribal Communities. Please visit our website to view and download manuals, articles, videos, and brochures and other resources:

<https://mshoop.org/resources/>.

## **Program Support**

We provide on-going Coordinated Community Response (CCR) support to Tribal grantee programs through on-site training follow-up that includes tele/video conferences with CCR agency partners and the Tribal grantee program to identify further action steps and strategies in the implementation of a coordinated response to domestic violence in their community.

## **Program Development**

MSH-TA offers technical and training assistance to OVW Tribal grantees in developing programmatic responses to violence against Native women that are culturally-specific; incorporating Tribal values into the work to address and end violence against women in their communities in ways that uphold women's safety and sovereignty and offender accountability.

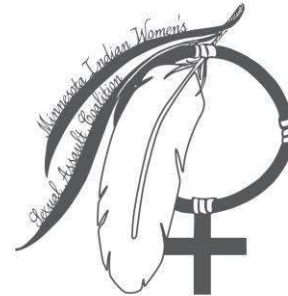
**Target Audience/Eligibility:** U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program grantees. For a complete list of training and technical assistance topics, please visit our website: <https://mshoop.org/ovw-tribal-grantees/>.



# MINNESOTA INDIAN WOMEN'S SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION

The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) is a tribal coalition and national training and technical assistance provider whose goal is to end sexual violence against Native people. MIWSAC strives to empower and support Native communities in the work to end sexual violence against American Indian and Alaska Native people. MIWSAC is committed to incorporating our culture and spirituality into everything we do, including our internal policies and the work we do within the community.

MIWSAC seeks to restore safety and justice through the teachings of our grandmothers. We work with advocates, law enforcement officers, healthcare providers, mental health professionals, social service workers, prosecutors, judges, elders, community members, and anyone who is interested and invested in ending sexual violence in our tribal communities.



MIWSAC provides culturally-specific and comprehensive training and technical assistance on a variety of topics relating to sexual violence for the Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program grantees, sub-awardees, and potential grantees. A comprehensive technical assistance and training project on sex trafficking in Indian Country to all Tribal Affairs Division grantees is provided by MIWSAC. Making available subject matter expertise to build leadership throughout American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes is vital for our relatives and their success. Grantees support and access to products and technical assistance comes from a variety of ways that include the following:

- Providing basic and/or advanced training to tribal communities on sexual assault issues across the lifespan to assist in healing and shaping a culturally appropriate response.
- Culturally specific training, technical assistance, information, resources, and referrals.
- Development of community-based solutions to address issues associated with the sexual assault of adult and adolescent American Indian and Alaska Native people.
- On-site and remote T/TA, web-based resources, and peer-to-peer support opportunities drawing from the MIWSAC expertise and large community networking pool.
- Assisting programs in enhancing their responses, planning, development, implementation, and enhancement.
- Provide sample forms, policies, procedures, and protocol.
- Planning tools to respond to crisis public relations/media strategies.
- Monthly virtual networking Connect and Reflect opportunities with other tribal sexual assault advocacy programs.
- Public awareness of sexual violence and sex trafficking in tribal communities.
- Training on substance abuse/addiction and sexual assault.
- Responding to a history of trauma through the teachings of our ancestors.
- Provide 40 Hour Native-Specific Sexual Assault Advocacy Training at no cost to participants.

- Enhancing advocate response to Native victims of sexual assault with disabilities; tools for building accessible services and agencies.
- Resource manuals and public awareness materials on sex trafficking in Indian Country
- Best practices for working with LGBTQ and Two Spirit survivors materials and webinar.

MIWSAC holds several training events throughout the year, including an annual National Institute for TSASP grantees, 40 Hour tribal specific Sexual Assault Advocacy training, Onsite TA visits, and the biannual National Conference on Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking.

MIWSAC is also hosting multiple national roundtables in 2020 on sex trafficking in Indian Country.



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## National Congress of American Indians

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.

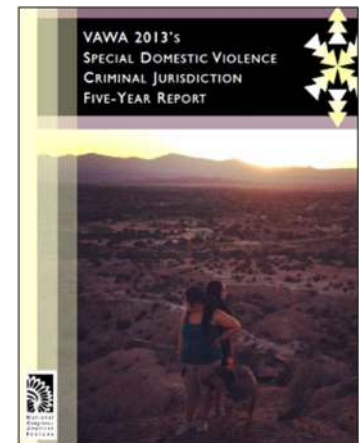
Through the NCAI comprehensive T/TA project, OVW Tribal Jurisdiction program grantees and potential grantees receive support and technical assistance for planning, developing and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems necessary to exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ) under VAWA 2013.

Along with our project partner, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI), we are able to provide comprehensive training and technical assistance, including:

- ❖ OVW Training Events – annual New Grantee Orientation, semi-annual Inter-Tribal Technical-Assistance Working Group (ITWG) meetings, and subject-matter expert support for other OVW events
- ❖ Webinars – For some tribes, implementation of SDVCJ requires changes to existing policies and procedures. We have hosted a series of webinars to help tribes navigate these changes, covering topics such as Jury Pool Development, defendants’ rights, health care for non-Indian defendants, victims’ rights, and [more...](#)
- ❖ Regularly scheduled peer-networking conference calls
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SDVCJ Implementation [Report](#) and other [publications](#) including guidance documents for revising codes.

NCAI is also able to provide tailored Grantee Technical Assistance, including:

- ❖ On-site SDVCJ team training
- ❖ 1:1 consultation and support
- ❖ Code review - Administrative policies/procedures review
- ❖ Other support and consultation to plan, implement, and exercise SDVCJ



In 2013, DOJ launched the Intertribal Technical- Assistance Working Group (ITWG) on Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) as a key part of the Pilot Project. The ITWG is a voluntary working group of tribal representatives who **exchange views, information, and advice** about how tribes may best exercise SDVCJ and combat domestic violence.

Since 2013, the ITWG has had in-person meetings twice a year. The next ITWG in-person meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2020. More information can be found at [www.ncai.org/tribal-vawa](http://www.ncai.org/tribal-vawa) or by emailing: [tribal-vawa@NCAI.org](mailto:tribal-vawa@NCAI.org)



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*ITWG at the 12th in-person meeting in May 2019, hosted by the National Advocacy Center.*

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## NATIVE ALLIANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE

The Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV) is the Tribal Coalition serving 38 federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma, and a National Technical Assistance Provider affording Tribal Government and Tribal Jurisdiction Program grantees, subgrantees, and potential grantees technical assistance on data collection, and how to use data to develop or enhance programs to effectively respond to domestic and sexual violence occurring in their communities.

The primary purpose of the NAAV is to increase awareness of the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault, and enhance the response to this violence against Indian women at the Federal, state and tribal levels. The NAAV staff consist of Native women with extensive experience in the field of domestic and sexual violence prevention and response, and the NAAV Board of Directors are all individuals providing direct victim services within tribal domestic and sexual violence prevention programs for Tribal Governments.

As a Tribal Coalition, the NAAV serves the 38 federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma, along with their tribal domestic and sexual violence programs by providing training, technical assistance and support relating to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking in Oklahoma Indian Country.

The NAAV has extensive experience in providing multi-disciplinary training, technical assistance and support to tribal and non-tribal organizations and agencies in Oklahoma Indian Country. Various methods for technical assistance delivery are utilized by the NAAV including onsite visits and consultation. The NAAV has provided technical assistance consultation via telephone, in-person, web-based and electronic depending upon the program, the information and assistance requested, and the program and/or program staff requesting such assistance. On average, the NAAV provides more than 300 technical assistance activities in a calendar year to the tribal governments, tribal programs, child welfare and child protective services agencies, tribal courts, non-tribal domestic and sexual violence program staff, mental health organizations, law enforcement agencies, tribal community group, tribal and non-tribal coalitions, and other organization and agencies contacting the NAAV.

The ***DATA Collection, Analysis & Utilization Project*** of the NAAV is delivered in conjunction with project partner, Gray O.A.K., LLC. Gray O.A.K. is a Maine-based research and evaluation company working primarily with tribes and non-tribal entities working with tribes across the United States and in Alaska. The owner, Dr. Diane Gout, has worked with tribes and tribal domestic violence and



sexual assault programs for over 20 years. The *overarching mission of the company is to promote ownership, autonomy and knowledge (OAK) through the understanding and development of data.*

Together, the NAAV and Gray O.A.K., LLC have created a partnership, funded by the Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women to provide training and technical assistance on data collection and utilization. The purpose of the **DATA Collection, Analysis & Utilization Project** is to assist Tribal Government and Tribal Jurisdiction Program grantees, subgrantees and potential grantees on data collection, data analysis, and how to use data to develop or enhance programs to effectively respond to domestic and dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence occurring within their communities.

Through the project, we will provide:

- Workshops and training segments at OVW training events and conferences
- Webinar and distant learning trainings
- Resource materials including toolkits, tip sheets, best practices, FAQs
- Table exhibits and one-on-one TA at OVW sponsored conferences/trainings
- Specialized, on-site technical assistance
- Specialized technical assistance via telephone & web-based meetings
- Web portal for project communication and resource sharing
- Semi-annual newsletter sharing information & education on best practices for program assessment, data collection, and data utilization



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*“QizhjeH” A Place Where People Gather.*

## **OUR MISSION**

QizhjeH Heritage Institute (QHI) is a 501(c)(3) Alaska Native non-profit entity with the mission to promote the health, safety and resiliency of Alaska Native and American Indian people and communities through education, communication and a commitment to culture.

The roots of our organization are in the Lake and Peninsula Borough of Alaska. The village of Nondalton, Alaska is where we got our start, helping to provide educational and cultural resources for tribal members and shareholders of Kijik Corporation. Today we’ve grown to serve Native peoples across Alaska and the Lower 48 states.

QHI is committed to improving the quality of life of Native Peoples by addressing the health and social justice issues through providing culturally relevant education, outreach, awareness and social marketing services.

## **THE PURPOSE OF OUR WORK**

In the United States, violence against American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women has reached devastating levels on tribal lands and in Alaska Native communities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that murder is the third leading cause of death among AI/AN women. Despite these horrifying numbers, the epidemic has been largely invisible. Over the years, and without consistent positive interventions, violence has become normalized. In the absence of any public promotion or open discussion across all ages, genders, and social circles many Native people have come to “expect” some exposure or experience violence and it has become a part of one’s daily existence. We’re here to change that.

It is possible, to stop the cyclical nature of experiencing violence, perpetuating violence and expecting violence. This can be accomplished by changing the paradigm surrounding violence by changing behaviors at the individual, community and societal level.

## **QHI’S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TRIBAL COMMUNITY AWARENESS, OUTREACH AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES**

Social Marketing is a specialization in the field of health communications. It blends traditional marketing techniques and behavior theory to communicate key information that is used to impact the Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs (KAB) of a specific audience.

This kind of marketing is a widely used and highly evaluated practice across public health agencies that communicates health harms and “sells” a change in behavior, such as quitting smoking or wearing a seatbelt. Over time, the old behavior (smoking, driving without a seatbelt) is no longer socially acceptable or denormalized.

While social marketing combats social and health harms and improves safety of individuals, it is also effective at disseminating critical information to large groups of people across expansive geographic areas.

Social Marketing is an effective tool for increasing awareness, reaching tribal communities, providing intervention, prevention and education.

## **OUR PARTNER – NORTHWEST STRATEGIES**

With our trusted partners Northwest Strategies (NWS), the QHI and NWS team can help OVW Tribal Grantees and Coalitions to realize comprehensive communications programs that will prevent violence and save lives.

NWS is an Alaska Native and woman-owned and managed brand marketing and communications agency. Through our heritage we celebrate and advance our Nation's Indigenous people better than any communications firm in the country. Many government entities, tribes, tribal health organizations and Native enterprises trust NWS to help grow their organization's interests with purpose and pride.

NWS's dedicated team of Alaska Native/American Indian communications professionals provide clients with a wide array of indigenous perspectives from across Alaska and the Lower 48. From brand strategy and video production to fully-fledged integrated marketing campaigns, NWS is changing the narrative about our First Nations Peoples.

## **SERVICES**

- Communications training and advising
- Campaign planning
- Research and Evaluation
- Brand Strategy
- Media Planning and Placement
- Public Relations
- Event Planning
- Social Media
- Creative: Print, Digital and Online, Out-of-home, Direct Mail, Collateral
- Design
- Web/Multi-Media
- Radio/TV/Long-Form Video

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# RED WIND CONSULTING, INC.

Red Wind Consulting, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, working extensively with Tribes and Alaska Native villages addressing violence against Native women.

Red Wind's vision is to strengthen Tribal programs and Native organizations' ability to develop and enhance local responses to address and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. In this effort, Red Wind is committed to building the leadership of indigenous women, defining and guiding its work from traditions and values that carry the strength and essence of native women while recognizing that we must work across our community to bring everyone back into our circle of life.



Red Wind recognizes the power nature of domestic violence and sexual violence, as well as the role of community leadership in guiding and shaping responses to healing years of oppression playing itself out today. Red Wind offers highly skilled facilitators; an ability to help people move through the hard stuff with openness; a way to engage in complex topics while lead staff can fully participate; and more! Red Wind is fortunate to have partnerships with a range of highly experienced and knowledgeable consultants. Many have experience being involved in the development of local programs and responses to end violence against indigenous survivors as well as offering national technical assistance and training.

## **Transitional Housing and Shelter Training and Technical Assistance**

Red Wind provides support to OVW Tribal grantees engaged in developing and implementing tribal transitional housing program(s). The target audience for the technical assistance is the Tribal Advocates and Tribal Program Coordinators developing and/or implementing transitional housing programs that are engaged in the early development of programs providing direct services to Indian women victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through transitional housing. Red Wind works with grantees to develop their operating policies and procedures, develop and revise program practices, ensure victim safety and confidentiality is protected within the program's activities, and assist programs with providing the full range of transitional housing services to include economic advocacy, long-term housing planning, and individual and household stability.

- Provide one-to-one technical assistance with transitional housing grantees developing and implementing their transitional housing programs.
- Conduct on-site work sessions to assist with intensive on-site work to engage in early program development, implementation and policy develop across the full range of transitional housing components;
- Provide regular Webinar Series;
- National Transitional Housing Conference bi-annually.

## **Children and Youth Tribal Technical Assistance**

Red Wind provides support to OVW Tribal grantees to assist tribal communities in providing services to address the needs of youth who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and stalking and the needs of youth and children exposed to these crimes.

Technical assistance available to assist grantees in working with Children and Youth include areas such as:

- Providing a framework for providing advocacy responses to children and youth exposed to violence and youth victims,

- Conducting education and outreach,
- Develop meaningful responses that build on protective factors and systems engagement.
- Developing and enhancing their responses to teens and tweens, and
- Responding in ways to protect the bond between the non-offending parent and strengthening a child's resiliency.

Activities include one-to-one consultation through phone and email, webinars, on-site training/work sessions, and National Training.

### **Honoring Our Spirit: Tribal College and University Campus Technical Assistance**

Red Wind provides to provide culturally specific training and technical assistance to tribal colleges on planning and implementing holistic responses serving American Indian and Alaska Native youth and adult victims of sexual assault within the campus environment.

Technical assistance available to assist Tribal College and University Campuses include areas such as:

- Conduct outreach to the 37 tribal college and university campuses;
- Tailored on site trainings for Tribal campuses;
- Provide an annual Webinar Series;
- Develop and distribute a tribal campus response manual on holistic responses to sexual assault;
- Develop a strategy for on-line advocacy training within tribal campus environments and American Indian and Native Alaska communities; and
- Tribal Campus Website coming later in spring 2020, will be linked to [www.red-wind.net](http://www.red-wind.net).

### **Responses for Urban Native Programs**

This is Red Wind's newest project and we will provide *Responses for Urban Native Programs Technical Assistance (RUN-TTA)* to urban Native programs that are providing responses to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. We will bring together native specific resources to Urban Native programs, facilitating a means for Urban Native programs to incorporate values and belief systems within their programs, develop peer relationships with other Tribal/Native specific programs, and build the capacity of the urban native programs to coordinate and access services with non-native partners.

This work includes strengthening partnerships with non-native programs that will enhance the Urban Native Response.

### **Other Training and Services**

Red Wind works directly with tribes on a range of topics including developing domestic violence programs, sexual assault services, community education, long-range planning and strategic planning, materials development, and community training to name a few.

Red Wind works extensively with tribes in the development of their sexual assault response. This includes working with them to develop their Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) including providing SART training, working with Tribes to develop their SART protocols, assessing their response, and assisting with new strategies to enhance their response, problem solving and long-term planning.

Red Wind also has been working extensively in the exploration and development of responses to Elder Abuse including public awareness, adapting policies and procedures to accommodate aging victims, and developing or incorporating Elder Abuse Responses into a Coordinated Community Response.

## **National Tribal Advocate Center (N-TAC)**

In response to the lack of 40-hour sexual assault and domestic violence tribal advocacy training for Indian Country, Red Wind developed N-TAC to provide tribal advocates with an option that includes relevant American Indian culturally-specific advocacy and addresses the unique tribal-federal response that tribal advocates work with. N-TAC provides a 40-hour Sexual Assault Advocate Training Institute and a 40-hour Domestic Assault Advocate Training Institute, both twice a year. N-TAC also provides Advanced Advocacy training to supplement the evolving needs of advocates to stay abreast of critical issues when working with Native American victims/survivors.

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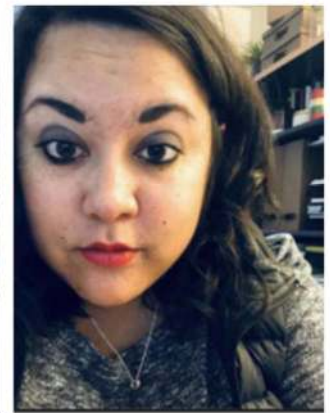
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## **Southwest Center for Law and Policy**

The Southwest Center for Law and Policy (SWCLAP) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization located in Tucson, Arizona. Since 2002, SWCLAP has been providing legal training and technical assistance, on a national level, to OVW grantees serving American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of sexual and domestic violence, stalking, elder abuse, teen dating violence, firearms violence, and abuse of persons with disabilities. SWCLAP has four main projects:

### **National Tribal Trial College (NTTC)**

NTTC is a free 20-week certification course in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy (in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin Law School) to address the critical lack of legal services for American Indian/Alaska Native domestic and sexual assault survivors. The Certification in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy requires completion of a 20 week on-line, interactive course with an additional week of trial advocacy skills training held each summer in Madison, Wisconsin. The next free on-line course begins February 3, 2020. NTTC also provides free tribal law enforcement and prosecutor training through webinars and on-site training. Information and registration can be found at [www.nttconline.org](http://www.nttconline.org).

### **National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault (NICCSA)**

NICCSA was developed to address the lack of access to information on sexual violence against American Indian/Alaska Native women. The project includes a free, centralized repository of information and resources for service providers (and victims) as well as original articles, interviews, training videos, and research. NICCSA also hosts a toll-free helpline to assist legal, law enforcement, healthcare, advocacy, and other professionals in problem solving complex practice issues. Information and materials can be found at [www.niccsa.org](http://www.niccsa.org).

### **Sexual Assault Forensic Exam, Service, Training, Access, and Resources (SAFESTAR)**

SAFESTAR was developed to address the lack of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) in Indian Country and to mitigate the long-term adverse health consequences related to sexual violence. Lay women from a local community are trained in a 40-hour course (in collaboration with the International Association of Forensic Nurses) to triage injuries, provide emergency first aid, initiate services, referrals to culturally appropriate services (including traditional ceremonies and medicine), deliver community education and collect and preserve sexual assault forensic evidence.

SAFESTARs can respond to both historical and recent sexual violence. The intensive, hands-on 40-hour course is an adaptation of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training. Federal, State, and Tribal justice, healthcare, and service allies are also cross trained with the newly certified SAFESTARs. For more information please visit [www.safestar.net](http://www.safestar.net).

### **Other SWCLAP fee-based services**

SWCLAP develops and delivers on-site legal training for federally recognized Tribes and urban Indian service providers including; drafting of legal codes, policies, and procedures; development of multi-disciplinary, inter-jurisdictional collaboration for more effective prevention and response to violent crime victimization in Indian Country; law enforcement training; expert witness training; Memoranda of Understanding and Inter-Governmental Agreements; and other legal training and services. More information on the fee based training and services SWCLAP provides can be found at [www.swclap.org](http://www.swclap.org).



# TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) <https://www.home.tlpi.org/> is a Native American operated non-profit corporation organized to design and deliver education, research, training, and technical assistance programs which promote the enhancement of justice in Indian country and the health, well-being, and culture of Native peoples.

**Our vision** is to empower Native communities to create and control their own institutions for the benefit/welfare of all community members now and for future generations.

**Our mission** is to enhance and strengthen tribal sovereignty and justice while honoring community values, protecting rights, and promoting well-being.

In pursuit of our mission, TLPI strives to provide free resources for American Indian and Alaska Native nations, American Indian and Alaska Native people, tribal justice systems, victims services providers, tribal service providers, and others involved in the improvement of justice in Indian country. These resources are available at <https://www.home.tlpi.org/publications> and through the Tribal Court Clearinghouse ([www.TLPI.org](http://www.TLPI.org)).

## Current OVW Funded Projects:

### **Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women**

This initiative provides training and technical assistance and resources designed to help individual tribal governments and tribal communities to enhance victim safety and more effectively address offender accountability. Capacity building training and technical assistance support are available to any tribal government or tribal community not currently receiving OVW grant funding. Initiative partners provide individualized training, technical assistance and resources to strengthen the response of tribal governments to effectively address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

*Initiative training, technical assistance, and resources will focus on:*

- Legal response - tribal protection orders
- Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Shelter and safe housing

Past webinars and requests for training assistance are available at the initiative website - <https://www.tribalresponse.org/>.

### **Tribal Domestic Violence Courts and Dockets**

TLPI has a webpage on the Tribal Court Clearinghouse [www.TLPI.org](http://www.TLPI.org) devoted to information on tribal domestic violence courts and dockets. The webpage:

- Provides resources that explain the benefits of developing tribal domestic violence courts and dockets;
- Provides information on how to implement a tribal domestic violence court or docket;
- Provides resources to educate systems and service providers on the dynamics domestic violence in Indian country and the responsibility for the safety of victims and batterer accountability;
- Provides information relative to using a domestic violence court/docket to exercise the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction; and



- Hosts all project-specific information and resources developed by TLPI, including:
- [Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets Development Guide](#) (2019)
- Webinars
- Project Events

Other Resources:

**Sex Trafficking in Indian country website** which provides one-stop access to a wide-range of resources on sex trafficking in Indian country, [www.TribalTrafficking.org](http://www.TribalTrafficking.org). TLPI just released a new publication, *Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum*, available at <https://www.home.tlpi.org/sex-trafficking>.

**Tribal Protection Order website** which is designed to provide both tribal and non-tribal entities with a clearinghouse of information and resources pertaining to the issuance and enforcement of tribal protection orders, [www.TribalProtectionOrder.org](http://www.TribalProtectionOrder.org).

TLPI's OVW-Funded Violence Against Native Women Publications are at: <https://www.home.tlpi.org/publications>

**Violence Against Native Women Publications:**

[\*Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets: Guide for Development of a Tribal Victim-Centered Specialized Court or Docket to More Effectively Address Domestic Violence Cases \(2019\)\*](#)

[\*Tribal Laws: Implementing TLOA Enhanced Sentencing and VAWA Enhanced Jurisdiction \(Updated 2016\)\*](#)

[\*Domestic Violence Laws: Guide for Drafting or Revising Victim-Centered Tribal Laws Against Domestic Violence \(2015\)\*](#)

[\*Tribal Domestic Violence Court-Docket Fact Sheet \(2015\)\*](#)

[\*Tribal Domestic Violence Case Law: Annotations for Selected Tribal Court Cases \(2011\)\*](#)

[\*Responses to the Co-Occurrence of Child Maltreatment and Domestic Violence in Indian Country \(2011\)\*](#)

[\*Listen to The Grandmothers: Incorporating Tradition into Contemporary Responses to Violence Against Native Women \(2008\)\*](#)

[\*Sharing Our Stories of Survival: Native Women Surviving Violence \(2008\)\*](#)

**Sexual Assault Publications:**

[\*Sexual Assault and Stalking Laws: Guide for Drafting or Revising Victim-Centered Tribal Laws \(Updated 2017\)\*](#)

[\*Tribal Court Judges Bench Book: Tribal Judicial Guide for Navigating Sexual Assault Cases \(2011\)\*](#)

[\*Safety for Indian Women from Sexual Assault Offenders Demonstration Initiative \(2009\)\*](#)

[\*Sexual Assault Response Teams: Resource Guide for the Development of a Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\) in Tribal Communities \(2008\)\*](#)

[\*Tribal Law Enforcement Protocol Guide: Sexual Assault \(2008\)\*](#) (This publication was developed in partnership with the Southwest Center for Law and Policy)

[\*Prosecutor Sexual Assault Protocol: Resource Guide for Drafting or Revising Tribal Prosecutor Protocols \(2008\)\*](#) (This publication was developed in partnership with the Southwest Center for Law and Policy)

[\*Final Report: Focus Group on Public Law 280 and the Sexual Assault of Native Women \(2007\)\*](#)