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Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

Technical Assistance
Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual
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Ensuring a Successful Sexual Assault Program



Ensuring a Successful Program

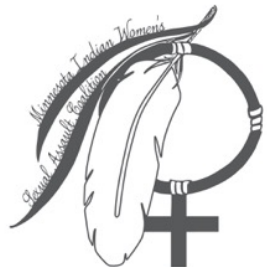
- How are you assessing your needs?
- Know your grant and responsibilities;
- Grant Review:
 - Narrative
 - Timeline
 - Budget
- Clear on your definitions;
- Establish clear policies;
- Establish clear practices;
- Establish clear agency priorities for serving survivors;
- Know your laws surrounding SA;
- Know your resources;
- Adequate staff training



What it means to be an advocate

Act as the bias *supporter* of victims who have experienced or are experiencing sexual violence.

- Believe the victim
- Non judgmental
- Bound by confidentiality
- Encourage the victim
- Accompany the victim to:
 - Hospital
 - Law Enforcement
 - Prosecutor office
- Good listener
- Support services are free of charge
- Safe person to talk to
- Educate on SA
- Informative: What are their choices
- Identify concerns/solutions
- Resourceful



Defining Sexual Assault

"The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim." -2011 Uniform Crime Report

SA is an aggressive act and motivated by power and control.

Always involves a lack of consent.



Sexual Assault/Abuse

NON-CONTACT: Does not involve touching

- Obscene calls
- Jokes
- Peeping
- Sexual propositions
- Child pornography
- Forcing child to watch sexual acts or sexual violence

MANIPULATIVE: Touching which appears hostile and which has been psychologically, rather than forcefully, imposed on child



Sexual Assault/Abuse

CONTACT: Involves some kind of touching

- Unwanted hugs, kisses
- Unwanted pinching, tickling
- French kissing
- Sexual positioning for photos
- Handling genitals
- Masturbation
- Mouth to genitals contact

AGGRESSIVE: Sexual activity in which a child is physically forced to participate

- Oral rape
- Vaginal rape
- Anal rape
- Sexual bondage
- Sexual maiming



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

- ✓ Two completely different crimes with completely different consequences both socially, legally, and physically (STI's, pregnancy, etc.)
- ✓ Impact may be similar, e.g., anger, guilt, shame.
- ✓ Relationship between the perpetrator and the victim.
 - A friend or acquaintance
 - Spiritual advisor
 - Intimate partner
 - Gang
 - Stranger rape
 - Acquaintance – someone in your household
 - Current or former Intimate partner



Sex Trafficking: Pimps Are Batterers

Pimps/Traffickers:

- **Isolation:** Keeps from family, friends, society. Only source of support. Not allowing to seek help;
- **Intimidation and threats:** children, other family, animals, self, threats to send explicit photos to social media or family
- **Economic Abuse:** takes money; controls money, gives little if any to victim;
 - *Gets victim to trade sex for money with other buyers, then takes it.*

Batterers:

- **Isolation:** Keeps from family, friends, society. Only source of support. Does not allow to seek help;
- **Intimidation** and threats: children, family, pets, self;
- **Economic Abuse:** controls the money. Gives little access to money.
 - Takes any money they earn from working;



Sex Trafficking: Pimps Are Batterers

Pimps/Traffickers

- **Physical Violence:** Severe beatings, traumatic brain injuries, broken bones, death
- **Sexual Violence:** Rape, sexually degrading their victim.
- **Emotional/Verbal Abuse:** name calling, lies, nothing but a whore, racial insults

BATTERERS

- **Physical Violence:** Severe beatings, traumatic brain injuries, broken bones, death.
- **Sexual Violence:** Marital/Date Rape, sexually degrading their victim.
- **Emotional/Verbal Abuse:** name calling, lies, calling them a bad parent, telling them they're crazy.



Key Indicators of a Successful Sexual Assault Program



Key Indicators of a Successful SA Program

- Communications
 - Social Media Platforms
 - Event Gatherings
 - Policy
 - Protocol
- Pre-incident
- During the incident
- Post-incident
- What will reach your target audience most effectively?



Effective Community Outreach Strategies

- Utilize what is available to you
- Use reliable resources (NIJ National Institute of Justice)
- Start talking/planning about April SA Awareness month
- Develop 2 sentence public service announcement
- Identify one community activity you can do



Assessment

- How do you know that what you are doing in response to victims coming forward is working?
- How do you know you need what you think you need?
- Inventory of existing services
- Victim experience survey
- Community needs assessment
- Protocol
- Inter-agency agreements
- Training and Monitoring—is it working
- Evaluation
- Survey monkey review



Assessing your program

- Characteristics of your community
- Criminal jurisdiction over sex crimes
- Other agencies that may be involved
- Other agencies needed in the community
- Other supportive programs for victims of SA
- Do community members know what to do if a SA occurs?
- What barriers do victims have to obtain immediate assistance?



Ensuring a Successful Program: Legal Responsibilities

- ✓ How do I know if I'm a mandated reporter?
 - ✓ Review your tribal and state codes
 - ✓ Consult with in-house counsel or tribal lawyers
- ✓ Mandated Reporting Obligations
- ✓ Confidentiality
- ✓ Release of Information Sample Form

Peer Mentoring and Technical Assistance



What is Technical Assistance (TA)?

Technical assistance is intended to provide grantees with information, training, support, and resources to enhance their capacity to address violence against women and children while effectively implementing grant goals and objectives.



Targeted T/TA Project: Sex Trafficking

Project Summary:

This project provides comprehensive training and technical assistance to Tribal Affairs Division grantees on sex trafficking in Indian Country.

T/TA Available:

- National Conference on Sex Trafficking in Indian Country - <https://miwsactraffickingconference.com/>
- Subject-matter expert support for OVW training events
- Resource List publication designed for advocates, prosecutors, and law enforcement
- Tailored on-site training to provide T/TA on sex trafficking



Comprehensive Training and Technical Assistance: Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

Project Summary:

This project provides comprehensive technical assistance to Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program grantees. TA available includes site visits, an annual National Institute, and monthly opportunities to connect with other grantees.

Project POC: Cinnamon Bankey

OVW Program Specialist: Rebekah Jones

T/TA Available:

- OVW Training Events - Annual New Grantee Orientation, Annual National TSASP Institute, and subject-matter expert support for other OVW events
- Monthly opportunities to connect with other grantees
- Tailored Grantee Technical Assistance
 - On-site T/TA training
 - 1:1 consultation and support to plan, implement, and enhance the tribal community's response to sexual violence



Peer Mentoring & Unique Opportunities: Focus of Our Technical Assistance Project

Offer TSASP Grantees access, support, and products that may include the following:

- Sexual Assault 101
- Basic Office Management Skills
- Guidance on Policy writing
- Guidance on Protocol
- Review of Materials
- Substance Abuse/Addiction and Sexual Assault
- Historical Trauma and Responses
- 40 Hour Native Specific Sexual Assault Advocacy Training
- Ensuring your program is accessible



Peer Mentoring & Unique Opportunities: Technical Assistance Provided

We provide culturally appropriate and relevant technical assistance through a variety of methods:

- ✓ Email and phone consultation
- ✓ Topical monthly conference calls
- ✓ Onsite consultations x 2 per year
- ✓ Referrals to other TA providers or subject matter experts
- ✓ Grantee meetings/training institute
- ✓ Providing opportunities for Peer-to-Peer support and information sharing
- ✓ Review of materials, policies, etc.
- ✓ Peer Mentoring



Peer Mentoring & Unique Opportunities

- ✓ Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative (SADI):

March 12-14, 2019

- ✓ TSASP Institute:

March 15th, 2019

- ✓ Peer to Peer Mentoring Programs:

- ✓ Muscogee Creek Nation
- ✓ Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition

Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601

- ✓ 40 Hour SA Advocacy :
Twin City Area, MN



Resources

National Sexual Assault Hotline.....	800-656-4673
Polaris Project (24/7 Trafficking Hotline).....	888-373-7888
National Congress of American Indians.....	<u>www.ncai.org</u>
National Sexual Violence Resource Center.....	877-739-3895 <u>www.nsvrc.org</u>
Vera Institute (Disability Organization).....	202-465-8900
National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault...	<u>www.niccsa.org</u>



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