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Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Operation Lady Justice

Tribal and State Task Forces and Efforts to Address Missing or Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, also known as Operation Lady Justice (OLJ), is closely coordinating with the Tribes and states which are already at work on the issues surrounding missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives via established task forces or other efforts with similar goals and objectives. OLJ is facilitating the sharing of information among the federal, tribal, and state task forces and efforts. Through sharing of information on all on-going efforts, individual Tribes, states, and OLJ can learn from each other, develop common understandings, and strategize on activities and recommendations to address missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. OLJ's website includes a clearinghouse on Tribal and state task forces and efforts to address missing or murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives where Tribal and state task force reports, documents, and other publicly available resources will be housed. OLJ continues to collect information from Tribes and states to include on this page to inform the public about these efforts throughout Tribal nations and the country and including it on the OLJ website for those who are interested. If your Tribe or state wishes to contribute information to the page, please email OLJ at: OperationLadyJustice@usdoj.gov.

Below is a list of the known tribal and state task forces and efforts with links to their website, reports, etc.

| Tribes | Task Force/Study/Effort | Information |
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| Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes | Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Workgroup | https://csktribes.org/ ; http://www.charkoosta.com/news/cskt-confronts-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-crisis-head-on/article_6561efd0-258b-11e9-aab8-43944b6382c6.html |
| Navajo Nation | Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives | https://www.navajommdr.com/ |
| Yakima Nation | Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Committee | http://www.yakamanation-nsn.gov/council.php |
| Yurok Tribe | Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls | https://www.yuroktribe.org/ |



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| State | Task Force/Study/Effort | Report Date | Report/Legislation |
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| Alaska | “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: Learn about NamUs — National Missing and Unidentified Persons System & the State of Alaska Missing Person Clearing House” webinar hosted by Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center on April 1, 2020. | N/A | https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/alaska |
| Arizona | Study committee on missing and murdered indigenous women and girls | 11/1/2020 | https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/1R/laws/0232.pdf |
| Idaho | Summit led by Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance and Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. | N/A | https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/idaho |
| Kansas | In consultation with Native American Indian tribes, the Kansas bureau of investigation, the Kansas law enforcement training center and other appropriate state agencies, the attorney general may coordinate training regarding missing and murdered indigenous persons for law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas. | N/A | http://kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/hb2646/ |
| Minnesota | Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women | 12/15/2020 | https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF0070&session=ls91&version=list&session_number=0&session_year=2019 |
| Montana | Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force | 9/1/2020 | https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/montana |
| Nebraska | The Nebraska State Patrol shall conduct a study to determine how to increase state criminal justice protective and investigative resources for reporting and identifying missing Native American women and children in Nebraska. | 6/1/2020 | https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/nebraska |
| New Mexico | Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force | 11/1/2020 | https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/19%20Regular/final/HB0278.pdf |
| North Dakota | Promote training on human trafficking investigation and prosecution and on missing and murdered indigenous people with the North Dakota state's attorney's association, the North Dakota peace officers standards and training board, and state and local law enforcement agencies The attorney general shall implement a missing person repository for authorized users to enter missing person information in accordance with rules established by the bureau of criminal investigation. Missing person information, including demographic data related to indigenous people, which is entered by an authorized user or made available to an authorized user by a federally recognized tribe in this state must be included in the repository. | N/A | https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/66-2019/bill-index/bi1311.html https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/66-2019/bill-index/bi1313.html |
| Oklahoma | Interim Study | N/A | https://www.okhouse.gov/Documents/InterimStudies/2019/Interim_Study_19-137.doc |



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| Oregon | The Department of State Police shall conduct a study to determine how to increase and improve state criminal justice protective, responsive and investigative resources and systems for reporting, identification, investigation and rapid response to future and past cases of missing and murdered Native American women in this state, including cases involving Indian country. | 9/15/2020 | https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2625 |
| South Dakota | The director of the Division of Criminal Investigation shall prepare guidelines and uniform procedures for the reporting of and investigation of missing persons, including missing and murdered indigenous women and children, and runaways. The director of the Division of Criminal Investigation shall establish training programs for law enforcement personnel regarding the conduct of investigations into missing persons, including missing and murdered indigenous women and children, and the provision of runaway assistance. The Division of Criminal Investigation shall collect data and share information on missing and murdered indigenous persons in cooperation with similar divisions, bureaus, or departments of other states, tribal governments or law enforcement agencies, county or municipal governments and law enforcement agencies, the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior, or the Bureau of Investigation of the U.S. Department of Justice. | N/A | http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Bill.aspx?File=SB164P.htm&Session=2019&Version=Printed&Bill=164 |
| Utah | Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force | 11/30/2020 | https://le.utah.gov/~2020/bills/hbillenr/HB0116.pdf |
| Washington | The Washington state patrol must conduct a study to determine how to increase state criminal justice protective and investigative resources for reporting and identifying missing Native American women in the state. | 6/1/2019 | https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/washington |
| Wisconsin | Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force | | https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/ag-kaul-announces-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-task-force |
| Wyoming | Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force | N/A | https://governor.wyo.gov/media/news-releases/2019-news-releases/governor-gordon-creates-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-persons-task-force |
| International | | | |
| Canada | National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls | 6/3/2019 | https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/ |

