

# Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Technical Assistance Providers and Tribal Coalition Service Directory

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The mission of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, is to provide federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

In 1994 Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in recognition of the severity of crimes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This Act emerged from the efforts of a broad, grassroots coalition of advocates and survivors who informed the work of Congress. In the two decades prior to VAWA, a movement had grown within the United States to respond appropriately to violent crimes against women. Rape crisis centers and women's shelters were established in localities, and state and local laws had changed. However, the progress had been uneven around the country. VAWA was borne out of the need for a national solution. This Act enhances the investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women.

## **Grants to Indian Tribal Governments**

The Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments Program), authorized in Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), is designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. This program awards funds to:

- Develop and enhance effective plans for tribal governments to respond to violence committed against Indian women;
- Strengthen the tribal criminal justice system;
- Improve services available to help Indian women who are victims of violence;
- Create community education and prevention campaigns;
- Address the needs of children who witness domestic violence;
- Provide supervised visitation and safe exchange programs;
- Provide transitional housing assistance; and
- Provide legal advice and representation to survivors of violence who need assistance with legal issues caused by the abuse or the violence they suffered.

## **Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition Grant Program**

The Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program (Tribal Coalitions Program), authorized in the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (VAWA 2000), builds the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women's organizations, and victim service providers to form nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

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OVW's Tribal Coalitions Program grants are used to: increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women; enhance the response to violence against women at the tribal, federal, and state levels; and identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services.

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# FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) is a Native-run, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which believes that when armed with the appropriate resources, Native people hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, and cultural well-being of their communities.

*Our mission is to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. We invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.*

With the support of individuals, foundations, corporate, tribes and donors, First Nations improves economic conditions for Americans Indians through technical assistance and training, advocacy and policy, and direct financial grants in five key areas:

- Achieving Native Financial Empowerment
- Investing in Native Youth
- Strengthening Tribal & Community Institutions
- Advancing Household & Community Asset-Building Strategies
- Nourishing Native Foods & Health



Through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, First Nations provides training and technical assistance to the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition Grantees.

Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions raise awareness, provide education, advance policy, and build community-wide support for American Indian and Alaska Native women affected by domestic and sexual violence, thereby requiring a broad network of support of which First Nation is a part. In our role as a OVW technical assistance provider, we work with established and emerging coalitions to provide specialized training and technical assistance to coalitions located in 16 states. First Nations provides support dependent on the needs of each tribal coalition. First Nations uses training methods that includes on-site (small group, large group, one-on-one) training and technical assistance, web-based, peer-to-peer mentoring, assessments, and telephone consultation. The following list contains some of the types of training and technical assistance activities we offer.

- Board and Staff Development to help staff and volunteers reach professional and personal excellence to strengthen and enhance success in their organizations. Training includes the Roles and Responsibilities of a Nonprofit Board of Directors; Board Handbook, Meeting Minutes and Policies and Procedures; Board Recruitment, Orientation and Retention; Resource Development; Executive Director Roles and Responsibilities; Community Engagement; Human Resource Management and Employee Handbooks.

- Communications Development including Developing a Communications Strategy; Branding; Social Media; Developing Webinars as a Training Tool; and Annual Reports.
- Financial Systems including Audit Preparation; Internal Controls; Chart of Accounts; Understanding Financial Statements and Budgeting.
- Program Development that includes Program Administration; Curriculum Development; and Evaluation.
- Organizational Assessments and Strategic Planning.
- Nonprofit incorporation consultation that assists tribal groups as “emerging tribal coalitions” toward state and federal nonprofit incorporation.
- HelpDesk is a repository of information and resources that includes recorded webinars, nonprofit incorporation resources, articles, publications, and a place to submit electronic requests for training and technical assistance. Link: [www.firstnations.org/helpdesk](http://www.firstnations.org/helpdesk).

We recognize capacity building as an organizational investment that contributes, strengthens, and reveals the dynamics and impact capacity challenges have on people and organizations.



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# INSTITUTE FOR NATIVE JUSTICE

The Institute for Native Justice (INJ) offers training and technical assistance for rural and tribal communities focused on safety for victims, program capacity building, community readiness and cultural considerations for victim assistance. INJ delivers its training and technical assistance through on-site workshops and seminars, online training and immediate phone support. Our training is designed from the concept that services to victims of crime are only as strong and sustainable as the service provider team.

INJ features workshops that build advocacy skills, teach safety planning for victims, supports safety planning for tribal courts, community readiness, and cultural competency delivered by staff and consultants who have Indian Country experience and extensive knowledge about the field of domestic and sexual violence crimes. For more information, please visit the website [www.institutefornativejustice.org](http://www.institutefornativejustice.org).



**The Institute for Native Justice (INJ) specializes in serving American Indian and Alaska Native programs and projects which provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.**

## **Jump Start**

The Institute for Native Justice *Jump Start* provides OVW grantees with the opportunity to build foundational skills through onsite workshops and technical assistance. In particular, these skills support safe, effective and sustainable tribal and rural victim advocacy projects and program operation. Jump Start offers core training for victim advocates in safety planning, confidentiality, ethics, resources and referrals, peer counseling and active listening skills. Each workshop is customized to meet the needs of the requesting agency. INJ's staff and consultants have extensive experience in Indian Country and they offer a practical approach to training and technical assistance.



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## MENDING THE SACRED HOOP

Mending the Sacred Hoop is a Native-owned and operated nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that exists to address violence against Native women and works to end violence. We provide 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 grew out of regional organizing efforts to address violence against Native women and a Native women's advocacy and support group for survivors of domestic violence in Duluth, Minnesota in the 1980s.

The passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994 made funding available for tribal programs to address violence against Indian women. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs created the Violence Against Women Office to create public policy and direct funding efforts to state and tribal grantees. To provide additional support for grantees, funding for technical assistance projects was made available for Native organizations to assist S.T.O.P. Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant Program recipients in addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in their communities. Mending the Sacred Hoop entered into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Justice in 1995 to provide comprehensive training and technical assistance, thus creating Mending the Sacred Hoop S.T.O.P. Violence Against Indian Women Technical Assistance Project, or the MSH-TA.



Mending the Sacred Hoop Technical Assistance Project (MSH-TA) works under a collaborative agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (USDOJ) to provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to USDOJ Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Tribal Government 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 and stalking in Native communities.

Our 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, and stalking by

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assisting tribes with training, technical assistance and resource materials that specifically address violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Our approach recognizes that individual Nations are addressing violence against women by developing responses 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 Native nations is to reclaim traditional views of women, develop Native justice responses that upholds accountability and works to end violence against Native women.

The following frames our work:

- Native women are the highest victimized population in the United States by perpetrators of all races. (*Bureau of Crime Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice. American Indians and Crime Report. Washington: 1999*).
- Violence against women is a social problem that affects individuals, families, and communities (including schools, medical, and judicial institutions), and as such, requires societal change.
- Domestic and sexual violence is about establishing power and maintaining control.
- Colonization is based in a belief that one group has the right to exert their will over another and use people and resources for their own gain.
- Acculturated values and beliefs have eroded our Indigenous structures and life ways.
- We have to reclaim our own Indigenous teachings on culture and values to create social change in and for our communities.

**Program Support:** MSH-TA provides comprehensive technical assistance and training to OVW Tribal Government Program grantees through:

- On-site, national, regional and web training on specific topic areas, such as:
  - Advocating for Native Women at the Individual and Institutional Levels;
  - Organizing for Change: Native Women's Leadership in Addressing Violence Against Indian Women (VAIW);
  - Batterer Intervention Program Development;
  - Creating a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) in Native Communities.
- Technical assistance via teleconference to address Tribal grantee-specified areas of need, such as:
  - Engaging the community in addressing VAIW;
  - Strategizing to fill gaps in women's safety and offender accountability;

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- The advocacy response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DV/SA);
  - Grant project implementation.
  - 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 the MSH website to view and download manuals, articles, videos, and brochures and other resources: <http://mshoop.org/resources>.

**Services Provided:** We work with Tribal grantee programs to develop, implement and strengthen the response at the local level to uphold women’s safety and offender accountability. MSH-TA is currently funded to provide on-site training to OVW Tribal Government Program grantees in their communities on developing and implementing a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to Domestic Violence. On-site CCR training is developed with the Tribal grantee to address specific issues faced by the community in the response to VAWI, and to ensure training is relevant to community needs and resources.

**Program Support:** We provide on-going 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 Government 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 Government Program grantees. For upcoming events, please see our “Events” page at: <http://mshoop.org/ovw-tribal-grantees/msh-ta-events-and-announcements/>.



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# MINNESOTA INDIAN WOMEN'S SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) is a Tribal Coalition and a National Technical Assistance Provider, whose primary purpose is to address and work towards ending sexual violence against Native women and children. MIWSAC has a strong sisterhood within the coalition and strives to empower and support one another in the work to end sexual violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. MIWSAC strives to incorporate our culture and spirituality into everything we do, including our internal policies and the work we do within the community.

MIWSAC provides training and technical assistance (T/TA) on a variety of topics relating to sexual violence that is culturally specific, and is the comprehensive technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) Grantees. In addition, MIWSAC provides technical assistance and training to tribal grantees to address sex trafficking against Native women. Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to:



- Providing basic and/or advanced training to tribal communities on sexual assault (SA) issues across the lifespan;
- Culturally specific training, technical assistance, information, resources, referrals;
- Development of community-based solutions to address issues associated with the sexual assault of adult and adolescent American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls; and
- On-site and distance T/TA, website, and communications, drawing from the MIWSAC expertise and large community networking pool.

MIWSAC Offers Grantees access, support, and products that may include the following:

- Public awareness work;
- Basic office management skills;
- Substance abuse/addiction and sexual assault;
- Historical trauma and responses;
- 40-hour Native-specific Sexual Assault Training;
- Native victims of SA with disabilities;
- Prostituted and trafficked Native women; and
- Two Spirit/LGBTQ communities.



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# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 in response to the termination and assimilation policies the US government forced upon tribal governments in contradiction of their treaty rights and status as sovereign nations. To this day, protecting these inherent and legal rights remains the primary focus of NCAI.

## **NCAI Mission**

- Protect and enhance treaty and sovereign rights.
- Secure our traditional laws, cultures, and ways of life for our descendants.
- Promote a common understanding of the rightful place of tribes in the family of American governments.
- Improve the quality of life for Native communities and peoples.

## **NCAI Founding Principles**

- To secure and preserve American Indian and Alaska Native sovereign rights under treaties and agreements with the United States, as well as under federal statutes, case law, and administration decisions and rulings.
- To protect American Indian and Alaska Native traditional, cultural, and religious rights.
- To seek appropriate, equitable, and beneficial services and programs for American Indian and Alaska Native governments and people.
- To promote the common welfare and enhance the quality of life of American Indian and Alaska Native people.
- To educate the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people, and rights.

The NCAI provides technical assistance to Indian tribes to assist in their understanding of and—when appropriate—implementation of VAWA 2013’s tribal provisions, which provide a framework for tribal prosecution of certain non-Indian domestic and dating violence offenders, known as Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ).

NCAI facilitates the Inter-Tribal Working Group (ITWG) on SDVCJ which is a forum for peer-to-peer information sharing and collaborative problem-solving. Through the ITWG, attorneys, judges, advocates, and policy-makers from interested tribes come together to raise questions, identify challenges, and determine together how to best interpret the legal requirements of VAWA 2013 and develop implementation solutions. This peer-to-peer technical assistance covers a broad set of issues, from drafting stronger domestic violence codes and victim-centered protocols and policies, to improving public defender systems, to analyzing detention and correctional options for non-Indians, to designing more broadly representative jury pools and strategies for increasing juror compliance with a jury summons. Tribes interested in joining the ITWG should contact NCAI.

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NCAI provides its technical assistance through in-person meetings, on-site and telephonic TA, webinars, and by maintaining a comprehensive website to share resource materials, [www.ncai.org/tribal-vawa](http://www.ncai.org/tribal-vawa).



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# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) is a Native nonprofit organization that was created specifically to serve as the National Indian Resource Center (NIRC) Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women.

The NIWRC, through its Board of Directors and staff, have the demonstrated and unique expertise to serve as the next National Indian Resource Center. Our Board consists of Native women from throughout the United States with extensive experience and commitment to providing technical assistance/training and resource information regarding violence



National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

committed against Native women and their children. This leadership will ensure that our work supports and upholds grassroots advocacy and policy development work to address these crimes. Further, the NIWRC's staff brings decades of expertise, regarding violence against Native women, each of us having worked in various capacities to build a strong grassroots movement to increase the response within tribes to domestic violence and safety for Indian women.

The NIWRC is dedicated to reclaiming the sovereignty of Native nations and safeguarding Native women and their children. Through public awareness and resource development, training and technical assistance, policy development, and research activities, we will provide leadership across the Nation to show that offenders can and will be held accountable and that Native women and their children are entitled to: 1) safety from violence within their homes and in their community; 2) justice both on and off tribal lands; and 3) access to services designed by and for Native women based on their tribal beliefs and practices.

## **Technical Assistance to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions (TDVSACs)**

NIWRC works to enhance the capacity of TDVSACs to provide comprehensive training and TA to tribal communities and coalition membership through strengthened peer-to-peer relationships and increased use of information technology resources; assisting in developing a national coalition network; and the creation of an online national coalition information technology center, including:

- Enhance the response to violence against Indian women by strengthening the technical expertise of TDVSACs on federal law and policy impacting the safety of Indian women;
- Webinars on current and emerging federal law and policy issues;
- Leadership Training Institute; and
- Ongoing TA through phone/email contact on substantive law and policy issues.

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## IT Support

- Social media/video production (public awareness campaigns);
- Online social networking (peer to peer mentoring and sharing ideas);
- Online meetings (computer conferencing);
- Back office/systems infrastructure support;
- Domain and website planning and support; and
- Virtual office/private cloud implementation, deployment and support.

## Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

The NIWRC is supporting the development of an Alaska Native Women's Resource Center that will provide Alaska Native specific technical assistance and training in up to four villages throughout the State and through the Alaska Federation of Natives. An Alaska Native Women's Resource Center Development Committee of Native village-based advocates will work closely with NIWRC to develop a curriculum addressing violence against Alaska Native women, and conduct pilot trainings in up to four villages in regions across the state. Technical assistance will include the development of region-specific plans focused on tribal members identifying legal and policy reforms necessary to increase Native women's safety. The Resource Center will also include the development of an online center to serve as the Center's virtual office, as well as online center for the curriculum and additional resources.



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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 is well versed in understanding the kinds of issues, practices and activities that may compromise victim safety and has a depth of experience working with Tribes to address victim/survivor safety and confidentiality.

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 women as well as offering national technical assistance and training.

### **Shelter and Transitional Housing Development and Implementation**

Red Wind provides support to OVW Tribal grantees engaged in developing and implementing tribal shelter and/or transitional housing program(s). The target audience for the technical assistance is the Tribal Advocates and Tribal Program Coordinators developing and/or implementing shelters, safe homes, and 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 shelter programs, safe-homes and transitional housing. Red Wind works with grantees to develop their operating policies and procedures, develop and revise program practices, and ensure victim safety and confidentiality is protected within the program's activities.

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- Provide onsite and web-based training to grantees on how to develop victim-centered and culturally appropriate tribally-operated domestic violence shelters, safe homes, and transitional housing programs.
  - Conduct on-site work sessions to assist with intensive on-site long-term planning that will help grantees move their policy and procedure development work forward within the context of their local indigenous identity.

### **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.

### **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.

Most recently Red Wind has worked 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.

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## 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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## SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR LAW AND POLICY

The Southwest Center for Law and Policy (SWCLAP) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that has four main projects:

### **Sexual Assault Forensic Exams. Services, Training, Access, and Resources (SAFESTAR)**

SAFESTAR ([www.safestar.org](http://www.safestar.org)) was developed to address the lack of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) in Indian Country and to respond to the epidemic of adverse health consequences related to sexual violence. Lay women from a local community are trained in a 40-hour course on the collection and preservation of sexual assault forensic evidence, triage for injuries requiring emergency medical services, sexual assault healthcare exams, emergency First Aid, referrals to follow-up healthcare services, referrals to traditional ceremonies and medicine, and community education.



SAFESTARs can respond to both historical and recent sexual violence. The intensive, hands-on 40-hour course is an adapted form of the actual Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training. Federal, state, and tribal justice, healthcare, and service allies are then cross-trained with the newly certified SAFESTARs in a 16-hour course to develop and implement culturally appropriate, victim-centered, comprehensive responses to sexual violence across disciplines and jurisdictions.

The SAFESTAR project focuses on holistic, grassroots sexual violence services for American Indian/Alaska Native victims and integrates justice, social services, ceremonial/spiritual, and healthcare responses. The project is decentralized, culture and community based, and draws upon the wisdom and resilience of indigenous women to effectively address the long-term, adverse health consequences of sexual violence. The focus on traditional values, indigenous healing modalities, and inter-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary collaboration promotes healing for the victim and community, accountability for perpetrators, and effective education and prevention strategies.

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

NICCSA ([www.niccsa.org](http://www.niccsa.org)) 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, and research. NICCSA also hosts a toll-free hotline to assist legal, law enforcement, healthcare, advocacy, and other professionals in problem solving complex practice issues.

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

NTTC provides free legal training for attorneys, judges, law enforcement, victim advocates, and health care providers at Institutes held across the United States. NTTC has also developed a free,

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21-week certification course in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy (in collaboration with the University of Washington School of Law) to address the critical lack of legal services for American Indian/Alaska Native sexual assault survivors. The Certification in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy requires completion of a 20-week on-line, interactive course with an additional one week of trial advocacy skills training held in summer. The free on-line course usually begins at the beginning of every year. Information and registration for all NTTC events can be found at [swclap.org](http://swclap.org).

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

SWCLAP provides on-site legal training for federally recognized Tribes; drafts legal codes, policies, and procedures; promotes multi-disciplinary, inter-jurisdictional collaboration for effective prevention and response to violent crime victimization in Indian Country; and assists states, Territories, and federal agencies in developing and implementing inter-jurisdictional collaboration. More information on the training and services SWCLAP provides can be found at [www.swclap.org](http://www.swclap.org).



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White, Arlene O'Brien, Lourdes  
Lopez, Karen Velasquez, and  
Felicia Antone*

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# TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) is a 100% Native American operated nonprofit corporation established in 1996 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. We seek to facilitate the sharing of resources so that Native nations and tribal justice systems have access to cost effective resources which can be adapted to meet the individual needs of their communities. TLPI's mission is to enhance and strengthen tribal sovereignty and justice while honoring community values, protecting rights, and promoting well-being. TLPI's 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.



## **Tribal Coalitions Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking Technical Assistance Project**

Currently, TLPI provides training and technical assistance for OVW Tribal Coalition Grantees through our Tribal Coalitions Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking Technical Assistance Project. The project resources are disseminated through [www.TribalCoalitions.org](http://www.TribalCoalitions.org) and include a Victim Services Directory, resources and articles related to the legal and policy issues of sex trafficking in Indian country. In addition, the project blog, Sex Trafficking In Indian Country Update can also be found at the website, and is designed so Tribal Coalitions can easily find the latest project updates, funding opportunities, training events, and archived media specific to sex trafficking in Indian country. Finally, this project is also developing a train-the-trainer curriculum on the topic of sex trafficking in Indian Country.

Training and Technical assistance under this OVW project includes, but is not limited to:

- Historical trauma and root causes of sex trafficking in Indian country
- What we know about sex trafficking in Indian country – contemporary influences
- Identifiers and red flags of sex trafficking
- Unique needs of trafficked Native youth
- Responding to the needs of victims of sex trafficking in Indian country
- Victim centered and culturally appropriate, interviewing.
- Creating a multi-disciplinary response to sex trafficking in Indian country.

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**TLPI's OVW-Funded Violence Against Native Women Publications** - [www.Home.TLPI.org](http://www.Home.TLPI.org):

Violence Against Native Women – Generally:

- 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)
- Trainer's Guide for Sharing Our Stories of Survival (2013)

Sexual Assault – Specifically:

- Sexual Assault and Stalking Laws: Guide for Drafting or Revising Victim-Centered Tribal Laws (Updated 2012)
- 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)

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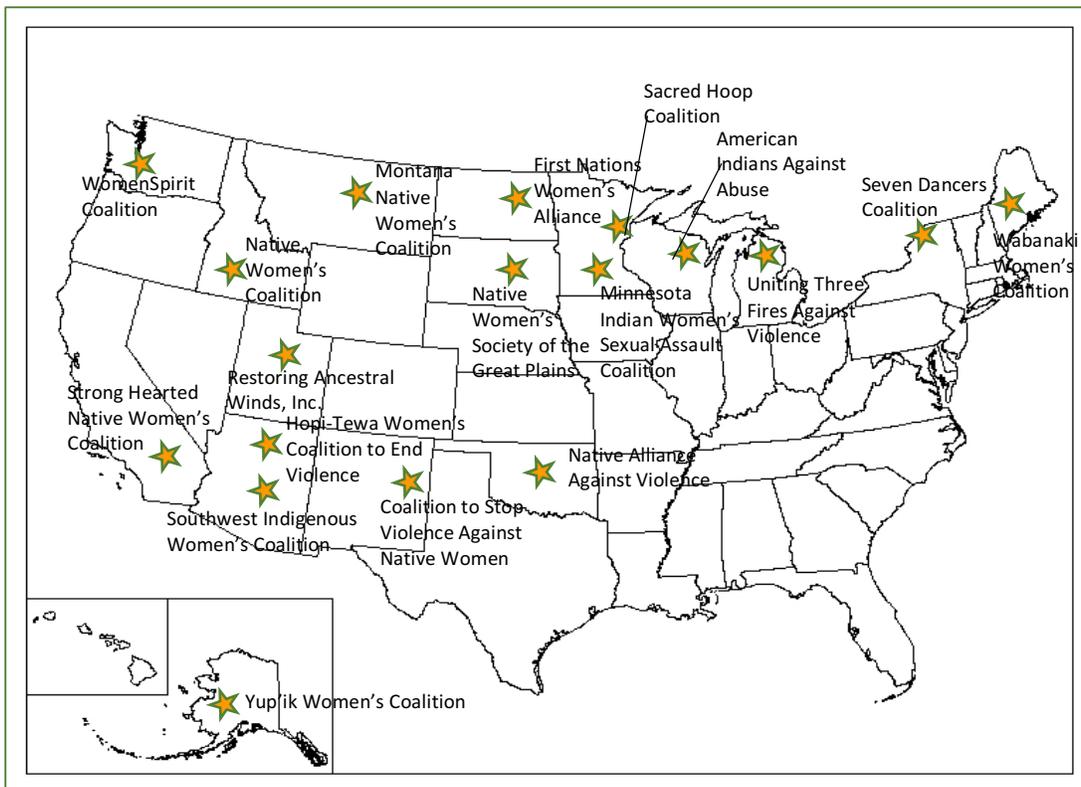
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## TRIBAL COALITIONS

The purpose of the OVW Tribal Coalitions Program is to increase awareness of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking against American Indian and Alaska Native women, and to enhance the response to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women at the Tribal, Federal, and State levels. Tribal Coalitions also provide technical assistance to coalition members and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services for American Indian and Alaska Native women victimized by sexual and domestic violence.

The following pages contain the list of Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions that are supported by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

### National Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition Network



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## AMERICAN INDIANS AGAINST ABUSE

American Indians Against Abuse Inc. is located in Hayward, Wisconsin, and serves eleven tribes geographically encompassing the entire state of Wisconsin, including the Bad River, Red Cliff, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac de Flambeau, Sokaogon and St. Croix Chippewa, Ho-Chunk Nation, Menominee Nation, Oneida Nation, Forest County Potawatomi and Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nations.



### **American Indians Against Abuse**

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## COALITION TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE WOMEN

The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW) is a member driven organization where its network of membership is engaged, every day, as a united force across New Mexico... all of whom are working cohesively towards stopping violence against Native Women and children in our tribal communities.

As a Resource Center to tribal domestic violence and sexual assault programs, shelters and first responders, CSVANW focuses on four areas of service: support, technical assistance, training and policy advocacy.



### **Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women**

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Albuquerque, NM 87104-2302

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**Fax: (505) 243-9966**  
**www.csvanw.org**

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## FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

It is the mission of the First Nations Women's Alliance to strengthen Tribal communities by creating a forum for leaders to come together to address the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Alliance is committed to ending all forms of violence by providing culturally relevant services and resources and facilitating the provision of those services by others in their communities.



### **First Nations Women's Alliance**

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Devils Lake, ND. 58301

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**Fnwa08@gmail.com**

**[www.nativewoman.org](http://www.nativewoman.org)**

## HOPI-TEWA WOMEN'S COALITION TO END ABUSE

Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse, located in First Mesa, Arizona the Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse is a leading voice to end sexual assault and domestic violence on the Hopi Reservation. The Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse is committed to advocating for a coordinated and effective response system that creates a safety net towards building healthy communities, while embracing the strength of our cultural values and traditions.



### **Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse**

PO Box 239  
Second Mesa, AZ 86043

**Tel: (928) 737-9000**

**<http://htwcea.org>**

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## MINNESOTA INDIAN WOMEN'S SEXUAL ASSAULT COALITION

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) has a primary purpose is to address and work towards ending sexual violence against Native women and children. MIWSAC has a strong sisterhood within the coalition and strives to empower and support one another in the work to end sexual violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and children. Our tribal coalition program strives to create awareness and build resources in our communities statewide to influence social change and reclaim our traditional values as Native women by providing Community Outreach, Culturally Specific 40-hour Sexual Assault Advocacy Trainings, Teleconferences, Community Forums, Membership List Serve, Quarterly Coalition Meetings, and an Annual Conference.



### Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

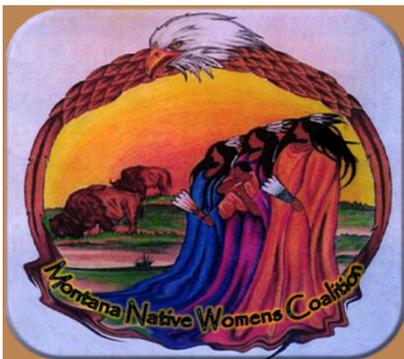
Tel: (651) 646-4800

Fax: (651) 646-4798

[www.miwsac.org](http://www.miwsac.org)

## MONTANA NATIVE WOMEN'S COALITION

Montana Native Women's Coalition (MNWC) aims to improve urban, rural, and Native American community responses to victims of Sexual and Domestic Violence, provide culturally based training/technical assistance to tribal advocacy, programs and communities. MNWC seeks to improve collaboration between Native women leaders and State/Federal representatives who manage funding for sexual and domestic violence programming in Montana and create social changes through the elimination of institutional, cultural and societal violence against Native women and children.



### Montana Native Women's Coalition

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Glasgow, MT. 59230

Tel: (406) 228-2238

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## NATIVE ALLIANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE

Founded in 2009, the Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV) is Oklahoma’s only tribal domestic and sexual violence coalition. The NAAV serves the federally recognized Tribes and their tribal domestic and sexual violence programs in Oklahoma providing training, technical assistance and support.

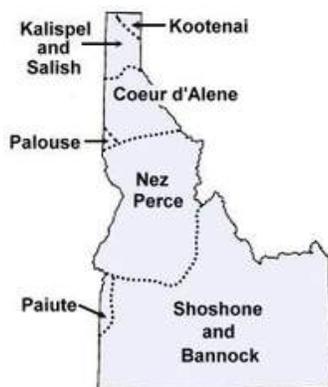


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**[www.oklahomanaav.org](http://www.oklahomanaav.org)**

## NATIVE WOMEN’S COALITION

Founded in 2008, the Native Women’s Coalition (NWC) serves all Native women residing in the service area of southern Idaho. The NWC has an office in Boise and a field office in Blackfoot which borders the Ft. Hall Indian reservation. Their mission is to provide safety to all Native women in rural, urban off-reservation and reservation communities. The Coalition provides education and training to Native and non-Native service providers so that they can better assure that Native-women victims and their dependents receive the culturally appropriate services that they need to heal.



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**<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Native-WomensCoalition/1577724322476249>**

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## NATIVE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF THE GREAT PLAINS

Native Women's Society of the Great Plains offers a vision that ends domestic and sexual violence against Native women. The Society works to support and strengthen sisterhood and local advocacy and program development efforts through culturally specific education, technical assistance training and resource implementation and collaborate to strengthen strategies and responses to violence in their respective tribal communities. The geographical area that constitutes the service area of the Society includes tribes of southern Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, northern Nebraska, and Iowa.



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of the Great Plains**  
*"Reclaiming Our Sacredness"*

**Native Women's Society of the Great Plains**

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**<http://nativewomenssociety.org>**

## RESTORING ANCESTRAL WINDS

Restoring Ancestral Winds supports indigenous communities addressing domestic, dating, family, sexual violence, and sexual assault in the Great Basin region of Utah. The mission of Restoring Ancestral Winds is to support healing in Indigenous communities. They advocate for healthy relationships; educates communities on issues surrounding stalking, domestic, sexual, dating and family violence; collaborate with Great Basin Region community members and stakeholders; and honors and strengthens traditional values with all our relations.



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## SACRED HOOP COALITION

The Sacred Hoop Coalition is a statewide Tribal Domestic Violence Coalition serving all 11 tribal communities as well as urban programs in the state of Minnesota. The purpose of the coalition is to build the capacity of survivors, advocates, Native women's organizations and victim service providers to end violence against Native women.

The Sacred Hoop Coalition provides training, technical assistance, and resources to tribal communities in Minnesota organizing to address domestic violence. It is our goal to build community-based responses that address violence against Indian women; keeping their voices at the forefront of our work.



### **Sacred Hoop Coalition**

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**Tel: (218) 623-4667**

[www.mshoop.org/sacred-hoop-coalition/](http://www.mshoop.org/sacred-hoop-coalition/)

## SEVEN DANCERS COALITION

A Coalition of Native American professionals working to end violence against Native Women in all Native American communities within New York State. Topics include Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Teen Dating Violence, Stalking and Sex Trafficking. These tribes include: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, Tonawanda and Tuscarora.



### **Seven Dancers Coalition**

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## SOUTHWEST INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S COALITION

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) is located in Mesa, Arizona and is a nonprofit domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) coalition serving the Tribes and Native DV/SA nonprofits in Arizona to increase their capacity to better address and respond to the domestic and sexual violence occurring in their communities. SWIWC promotes safety, justice victim-centered advocacy, offender accountability and healing through training, technical assistance, policy, and resource development.



### Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition

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Mesa, AZ 85274

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Phoenix Office: Tel: (480) 819-7518

<http://swiwc.org>

## STRONG HEARTED NATIVE WOMEN'S COALITION

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc. was founded in 2005 to bring awareness against Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Youth Violence, Sex Trafficking, and Stalking in North County of San Diego County. The service area is primarily the nine Native American reservations in North, San Diego County and the surrounding communities. SHNWC has expanded its scope to include all 18 reservations within San Diego County. This includes tribal cultural groups of the Kumeyaay, Lipay, Luiseno, Cahuilla, and Cupeno people.



### Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc.

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## UNITING THREE FIRES AGAINST VIOLENCE

Our mission is to support Michigan Tribes in promoting the social change necessary to address the disproportionate rates of violence impacting our communities. We provide training, technical assistance and resources to tribal programs to enhance their response to domestic and sexual violence.



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## WABANAKI WOMEN'S COALITION

The Mission of the Wabanaki Women's Coalition (WWC) is to increase the capacity of tribal communities to respond to domestic and sexual violence, and influence tribal, national and regional systems to increase awareness, safety, justice, and healing for all our relations. The WWC provides technical assistance, training, and resources to the Wabanaki Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Centers, their coordinated community response partners and Tribal Leaders.

Serving: Aroostook Band of Micmac, Houlton Band of Maliseet, Passamaquoddy at Indian Township, Passamaquoddy at Pleasant Point, and the Penobscot Indian Nation



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## WOMENSPIRIT COALITION

Our Mission and Vision: WomenSpirit Coalition envisions a Nation where Native women live safely and where WomenSpirit Coalition is the leader in ending domestic violence and sexual assault. We embrace these core values as we strive towards our vision of empowerment of survivors, restoration of spiritual & traditional practices that promote healing from trauma, grassroots organizing to end violence, human rights advocacy, local focus with global views of anti-violence work, respectful and non-violent behavior, inclusive approach, humor as a healing tool, restorative justice, cultural autonomy & cultural preservation of intellectual property, Native-centered approach, tribal sovereignty, & self-determination.



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## YUP'IK WOMEN'S COALITION

The Yup'ik Women's Coalition (YWC) strives to promote safety of women through education and advocacy. The YWC is committed to organize community efforts to end violence against women and children within Yup'ik villages through strengthening the traditional Yup'ik beliefs and teachings that have guided our people for thousands of years. The YWC is dedicated to the safety of women and believe in all the rights of all people to live without fear, threat, violence and oppression.

The Yup'ik Women's Coalition offers assistance to anyone regardless of race, culture, creed, economic status, or age. We currently serve the following villages: Emmonak, Pilot Station, St. Marys, Alakanuk, Pitkus Point, Hooper Bay Kotlik, Stebbins, Mt. Village, Nunam, Iqua, St. Michael, and Scammon Bay.



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