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WALKING WITH HONOR AND RESPECT



Greetings from the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) had the awesome opportunity of providing training on the beautiful Hualapai Nation in Peach Springs, Arizona. While there we were taken on a cultural journey learning about the Walapai (their spelling of their name) history, land, people, and plants, which led us to the Hualapai Skywalk at the spectacular Grand Canyon. It is this kind of experience that unites and rejuvenates us as Native Peoples and more specifically as sisters in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence in our communities. We are grateful to the Walapai Nation for hosting us. Please join us in the coming months as we continue this path of learning, sharing, laughing, and growing! Hope to see you at one of our events!

Save the Date!

SWIWC'S
Statewide
Conference

April 26 – 28,
2016

Gila River
Regional
Training

June 2016

Havasupai
Regional
Training

July 2016

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Statewide Conference**





**Recipient of the 1st Annual
Department of the Interior
Individual Customer Service Award**

HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM

**Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Programs,
Victim Assistance Program
District III – Phoenix, AZ
Valaura Imus, Victim Specialist – Hopi Tribe**

The primary purpose of the Victim Assistance Program (VAP):

- ❖ To ensure that crime victims in Indian country and their communities are appropriately and adequately responded to when a crime occurs.
- ❖ Assist tribal and felony crime victims to help reduce trauma to victims, assist with immediate needs, assess safety issues and provide crisis intervention services
- ❖ Liaison for victims and witnesses between agencies within the criminal justice system and other types of agencies, which provide a continuum of services for victims.

Working with tribal communities requires rapport and trust building. Although, we are a Federal program, we are native people and will work to respect and honor the Tribe we work with. We are also technical assistance providers where we provide training and assistance to improve tribal programs.

Valaura serves mostly all crimes from assault, elder abuse, human trafficking, kidnapping and arson, etc. She provides services from crisis intervention, assistance with restitution, court accompaniment, referrals, and advocacy, etc. Her primary areas of service are the White Mountain Apache Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe and Colorado River Indian Tribe.

Lynette Greybull of Not Our Native Daughters first introduced Valaura to trafficking of Native girls. Lynette provided information on areas lacking support and resources for native population. Jessica Knight of *F.I.R.E.* then provided technique and skills of outreach and exit recovery of trafficking women. The two influential women together laid the foundation of discussing services provided by BIA OJS. Matthew Pryor, BIA OJS, Deputy Assistance Director supported and encouraged me to learn and provide assistance to native trafficking victims. The leadership of Pryor extended to the Special Agent in Charge with full support of extending services to trafficking victims by providing outreach and advocacy to victims during Superbowl 2015. In collaboration with Lynette and Jessica, we engaged with 360 trafficking victims and recovered 12 females.



The amount of work dedicated is tiresome. Balancing work, family and commitment to assisting trafficking initiative took teamwork. Advocacy is not only a passion but the highlight of trafficking victims among Native population became equally passionate. The need to expand knowledge and experience was a blessing to receive professional training from Pastor Kevin Brown, Lives Worth Saving-Human Trafficking on proper Exit and Recovery of Trafficking Victims.

The expertise brought to the council and other trafficking tasks force from volunteerism to law enforcement was the insight of serving Native victims and communities. Education and awareness events were conducted in the reservations communities and casinos surrounding the City of Phoenix.

Valaura continues to educate to tribal programs, schools, and judicial components. Trafficking awareness and education provided to AZ Casinos, outreach to strip club, streets, online dating sites, and BackPage.

Valaura is the mother to three beautiful children, Percella, Malcolm and Brady. Honors her mother, Carol James along with her three brothers. She is currently working on Masters Program in Criminal Justice.

For more contact: 602-379-6958 Ext. 1823 or valaura.imus@bia.gov



“Humanizing Our Response to Violence in Our Communities: Being Inclusive, Coordinated, and Accountable”

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) traveled to the northwest region of Arizona to provide training to the Hualapai Tribe in Peach Springs and the Colorado River Indian Tribe in Parker. SWIWC collaborated with the Hualapai Domestic Violence Program and Colorado River Regional Crisis Services to make both trainings a success.

The Fix the Hurt Program and the Interagency Council each provided a skit for the training in Parker. Fix the Hurt told a personal story of a family who lost their daughter to domestic violence and the struggles of finding justice, healing, and continuing the awareness of domestic violence. Interagency Council's skit was about teen dating violence awareness. Interagency Council performs the skits to area

high schools and has seen teens talk about teen dating violence and the effects.

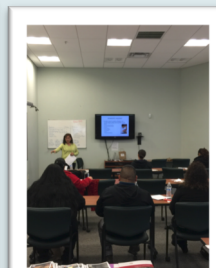
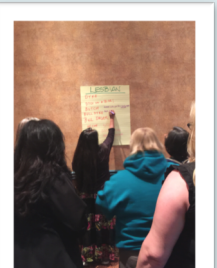
Other topics discussed were sex trafficking, historical trauma, coordinated community response, and law enforcement and advocacy. The two full days provided networking, new information, and most importantly tools to service providers to continue to seek justice, safety, and healing to victims/survivors of teen dating violence, sex trafficking, domestic and sexual violence.

If your program is seeking training/technical assistance in your area, please contact the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition via email at tania.harvey@swiwc.org.

Thank you!

Hualapai Domestic Violence Program and Colorado River Regional Crisis Services

For providing outstanding coordination in bringing both trainings to Peach Springs and Parker. Thank you to each of your staff for their assistance through out.



Caroline F. Antone, Kurt Begaye, Lorena T. Halwood, Gwen Attakai, Agent L. Pooley, Valaura Imus, Agent Kaulkaty, Interagency Council, Linda and John King

For providing outstanding information in your presentations!

Thank you to all who attended and made both trainings successful!

LGBT Community

Destiny:

For many years SWIWC had wanted to do a better job in including and responding to the LGBT community and it was destiny that in January 2014 and July 2014 we crossed paths with Lenny Hayes and Kurt Begaye respectfully! Their remarkable energy, guidance, and generosity have resulted in the beginning of SWIWC's growth, rich roundtable discussions, outstanding information in our trainings, and incredible LGBT Advisory Council to help SWIWC improve its services.



Partnership:

How many tribal programs include services for LGBT community? Not many. During SWIWC's onsite visits many tribal service providers wanted to know how they could increase their capacity to serve the LGBT community as they knew of victims/survivors from this community who were not seeking services. In response to this, SWIWC with leadership provided by Lenny Hayes, Kurt Begaye, and Nicholas Metcalf, held its first LGBT training in October 2014. This was a two-day training with an incredible agenda that provided a great learning experience not only for the participants, but for SWIWC as well.

Because tribal service providers expressed a need to be more inclusive of the LGBT community, SWIWC has included LGBT topics in Regional Trainings since September 2015. Each regional agenda includes a four-hour LGBT introduction presented by Kurt Begaye, which is now a permanent part of what we do. Also we are excited that this year marks the first year that an LGBT track is included in our statewide conference.

LGBT Advisory Council:

In 2015, with the help of participants from our LGBT roundtable, SWIWC implemented a LGBT Advisory Council that will help lead and develop SWIWC's inclusion and response to the LGBT community. We are excited about the possibilities and the future that this Council will shape for the SWIWC in their response to the LGBT community.



April 26 – 28, 2016

A Statewide Conference for Service Providers



The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition presents:
**Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations:
Striving for and Achieving Safety,
Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations**

Phoenix Mesa Marriott * Mesa, AZ * www.swiwc.org



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Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition Statewide Conference * April 26 – 28, 2016

Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations: Striving for and Achieving Safety, Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; our primary goal is to bring together Native service providers as well as non-Native partners working with tribal communities to create safety, healing, and justice for victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Tracks Include:

Violence Against Women

Elder

Youth

Sexual Violence

Engaging Men

LGBT Community

Registration: \$75

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2016

Checks payable to: Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition

PO BOX 42276

Mesa, AZ 85274

Eleanor E. Roehrig Advocate Award

In honor of the late Eleanor E. Roehrig, SWIWC will be presenting the Eleanor E. Roehrig Advocate Award to 5 individuals from Arizona's tribal communities who demonstrate commitment, compassion, and respect in responding to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations:
Striving for and Achieving Safety, Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
ELEANOR E. ROEHRIG ADVOCATE AWARD



In Memoriam

Eleanor E. Roehrig, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, niece and auntie. She was also one of the original members of a core group of Native women who came together to address the domestic and sexual violence occurring in Arizona's tribal communities. She was the first President of the Council of Women for the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition. As a survivor of domestic violence and strong Native woman, Eleanor exemplified true advocacy at the grass roots level. On a state and national level she worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the domestic and sexual violence as well as child abuse issues impacting tribal communities. Eleanor dedicated her work to one of her sisters tragically killed as a result of domestic violence and to her beloved children and grandchildren whom she wanted to live violence free lives. Eleanor was a gentle but fierce woman warrior who left this world on January 08, 2010. Although she is physically gone, her spirit, compassion, commitment, and grace live on.

In honor of Eleanor we will be presenting the Eleanor E. Roehrig Advocate award to five (5) individuals from Arizona's tribal communities who demonstrate commitment, compassion, and respect in responding to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Individuals should have a sound understanding of the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence, respecting autonomy, providing safety and promoting empowerment and offender accountability.

The awards will be presented at the Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations: Striving for and Achieving Safety, Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations statewide conference April 26-28, 2016 in Mesa, Arizona.

Vendor Registration:

Educational and vendor booths available.

Space is limited.

Please submit forms by April 8, 2016.

Online Application available.

Register Online
Or complete
Registration Form

All information
can be found
online at
www.swiwc.org

Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations: Striving for Safety, Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations
Phoenix State Marriott – Mesa, Arizona
April 26-28, 2016

Arizona Statewide Conference for All Service Providers
Registration Form

Name: _____
Title/Position: _____
Organization: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____

LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Tribal Scholarship:
There are a limited number of tribal scholarships available, which will cover your lodging, meals and a flat mileage reimbursement of \$100 for those traveling more than 100 miles to the meeting. If awarded, please mark the boxes and fill in separate short answer questions on the back of this form and how you will use what you've learned. Limit your response to 200 words or less.
☐ I need assistance with my travel expenses and I have attached my explanation.

Conference Hotels:
Phoenix State Marriott
200 N. Central Ave
Mesa, AZ 85201
A block of rooms are reserved at \$100.00
For reservations call 480-848-8300
Reservations by April 15, 2016
Reservations for April 26-28, 2016
Reservations for April 29-May 1, 2016

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2016
Return to: info@swiwc.org OR Fax to: 480-848-8300
Registration fee: \$75 for Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition
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Mail to: PO BOX 42276 - Mesa, AZ 85274
OR call our website at www.swiwc.org
Questions: 480-848-8300

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Arizona Native Peoples Gathering for Healthy Relations:
Striving for and Achieving Safety, Healing, and Justice for All Our Relations
April 26-28, 2016 - Mesa, Arizona

Educational/Vendor Registration

Company/Organization: _____
Name of contact: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Educational Booth:
What will you display? _____

☐ Vendor:
What will you display? _____

Educational and Vendor Agreement:
Exhibitors must be present during the event at all times. No fees allowed. Electricity may be available upon request, being one extension cord.
Exhibitors are responsible for leaving space clean and undamaged at the end of the event.

Exhibitor's booth will be indoors. Only one table and two chairs per booth.
Hours of operation: 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily.
No fee however, exhibitors agree to donate an item for use as door prize during event.

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition is not responsible for any accidents, lost, damaged, or stolen items incurred by vendor.
Completing this form, you agree to the above.

SEND FORM TO OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Space is limited. **DEADLINE: April 8, 2016**
EMAIL: info@swiwc.org or 480-848-8300 MAIL TO: PO BOX 42276
www.swiwc.org or 480-848-8300 Mesa, AZ 85274
FAX: 480-848-8300

Upcoming Prevention and Awareness Months:

National Crime Victims' Rights Week



Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. They can help victims learn about their legal rights and options, cope with the impact of crime, access victim compensation, develop a safety plan, and navigate the criminal justice and social service systems.

Direct Services for Victims of Crime:

*National Domestic Violence Hotline:

800-799-7233

*National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline:

866-331-9474

*National Human Trafficking Hotline:

888-373-8888

*National Sexual Violence Resource Center:

877-739-3895

April Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

HELP FLOOD THE INTERNET WITH LOVE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

HOW: Show support for survivors during Sexual Assault Awareness Month by writing a declaration of self-love or a letter to a survivor in your life. Submit your work to survivorloveletter.tumblr.com. Consider hosting a letter-writing circle with a group on your campus or in your community.

ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Use #SurvivorLoveLetter, #30DaysOfSAAM and #SAAM when sharing letters and/or pictures from letter-writing circles.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month
APRIL 2015 • #SAAM

#SURVIVORLOVELETTER
NSVRC
NATIONAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER

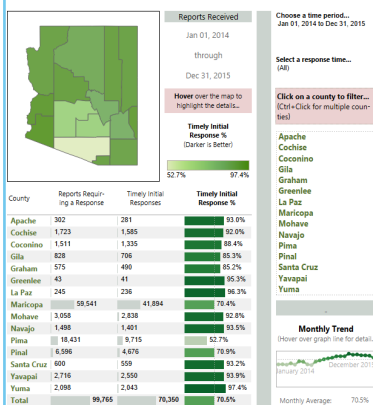
April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Dashboard - Initial Response

Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS)
All communications regarding child abuse or neglect enter through the statewide centralized child abuse hotline (1-888-505-CHILD). At the hotline, communications are assessed and triaged by the Department of Child Safety (DCS) Specialists and Supervisors.

Once a communication is determined to meet the statutory requirements of child abuse/neglect, a report is sent to local office DCS staff to initiate a response by a DCS investigator.

This measure displays whether the report was responded to in a timely fashion based on the severity of the alleged abuse/neglect. Click on the "Methodology" tab for a description of the response time categories.



Data Source: Arizona Department of Child Safety

The data was last refreshed on 1/2/2016.

October 2014 to September 2015:
51,963 child abuse reports were filed in the AZ Department of Child Safety.

Neglect accounts for the majority of child abuse reports, with figures that surpass every report type combined.

* Source: AZ Department of Child Safety

LGBT Pride Month – June 2016

Statistics

LGBT People of Color

*1.82 times as likely to experience violence as compared to white LGBT survivors and victims

*1.7 times as likely to experience discrimination as compared to white LGBT survivors and victims

Transgender:

*Transgender people experience poverty twice the national rate, while transgender people of color experience 4 times the national poverty rate

*Transgender people of color are 2.59 times likely to experience police violence compared to non-people of color

Gay Men:

*3.04 times as likely to report incidents of hate violence to the police as compared to non-gay survivors and victims

*1.56 times as likely to require medical attention as compared to non-gay male survivors and victims

*National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 2013 release edition

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The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) works to end violence against women and children by strengthening the leadership, community response, justice, and safety of indigenous women while restoring the essence of sisterhood and sacredness of being through education, training, technical assistance, and culturally sensitive supportive services.



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