



SWIWConnections

Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition

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WINTER 2016



NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS!

Greetings from the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition; we hope you had an awesome holiday season and the beginning of a happy new year!

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) has kept busy during this holiday season. SWIWC held an annual Christmas gathering with our Council of Women, with year-end discussion of accomplishments and future goals and objectives for the coming year. In December SWIWC's LGBTQ Advisory Council facilitated a day long pre-conference institute entitled, "Victimization Issues Within the Native Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Two-Spirit Community" at the 15th National Indian Nations Conference in Agua Caliente Reservation, CA.

As we continue to address safety, healing and justice for our Native women, we also have new goals, to address the missing and murdered, continue awareness of LGBTQ community and sex trafficking and many more. We encourage you all to continue the fight for our tribes, our land, and our people and join the movement to end violence.

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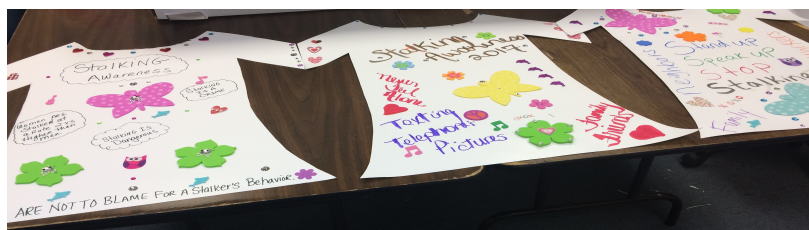
The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Domestic Violence Program (FMITDVP) was created with the first STOP Violence Against Native Women Grant in 1996; two tribal community women initiated the application for funding.

FMITDVP has two offices: Direct Victim Service Office and the Men's Re-Education Office, and staff of six, but normally operate with a staff of eight. In addition, there are three community on-call advocates to assist in providing weekend crisis coverage.

The service area of the FMITDVP is the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Reservation located in the tri-state area of San Bernardino County, California, Mohave County, Arizona and Clark County, Nevada; and the surrounding town locations adjacent to the reservation. Services for courts, probation, law enforcement, resources and referrals, are covered by four jurisdictions: Fort Mojave Tribe reservation, California, Arizona and Nevada.

FMITDVP provides the following services:

- 24/7 coverage for crisis intervention through their Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence.



HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM:

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Domestic Violence Program



Teen Dating presentation

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FMITDVP does an awesome job in coordinating awareness events for their community. In the past they have sponsored many walks, presentations, youth events, and assists other programs within Arizona.

They are a great ally in awareness, prevention, accountability and victim safety, all for safety of Native women and children.

In July 2017 the FMITDVP will be hosting the 3rd Annual Young Women Are Sacred Conference. Look out for details in coming months.

Future Goals:

1. Provide transitional housing
2. Provide a Shelter
3. Obtain a Multi-office Complex
4. Provide more prevention programs for children and youth exposed to violence.

All future goals to be within Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. Due to jurisdiction, many services span across California, Arizona and Nevada.



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- Advocacy: Emergency advocacy, legal advocacy and empowerment to victims of violence.
- Transportation: to shelter, hospital, courts,
- Referrals to variety of services including;
 - Vocational Rehabilitation,
 - Behavioral Health,
 - Education,
 - Social Services,
 - WIA/One Stop,
 - DES Social Security Administration.
- Community Education and Awareness Events:
 - Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
 - LGBTQ
 - Bullying
 - Stalking
 - Teen Dating
- Support groups
- Women On The Roof monthly newsletter.
- Batterers Re-Education Program for court-ordered men (24 & 52 week programs).
- Transitional Housing and relocation assistance.



Upcoming Events:

- January – Stalking Awareness Clothes Line
- February – Clients Valentines Luncheon
- Safe Zone LGBTQ Presentation for community
- Teen Dating Presentation for youth/schools
- July – Young Women Are Sacred Conference III

SWIWC's LGBTQ ADVISORY COUNCIL

SWIWC's LGBTQ Advisory Council Members Present at the 15th National Indian Nations Conference



On December 7, 2016 at the 15th National Indian Nations: Justice for Victims of Crime Conference held in Palm Springs, California the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition's (SWIWC) LGBTQ Advisory Council facilitated a Pre-Conference Institute entitled, "Victimization Issues within the Native Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Two-Spirit Community". This was the only session focused solely on LGBTQ2S community. The Institute attracted a large crowd of attendees, which included enthused advocates gaining valuable knowledge addressing LGBTQ2S victim violence, policy development, best practices, and most importantly LGBTQ2S victim resources.

One of the group activities that stood out among others included brainstorming derogatory names targeted towards LGBTQ2S community members. While each attendee had the opportunity to share "slang" terms, as well as hurtful words, this group activity was a "wake up" call to service providers that are new in providing services to LGBTQ2S community; it was also a time to learn from one another.



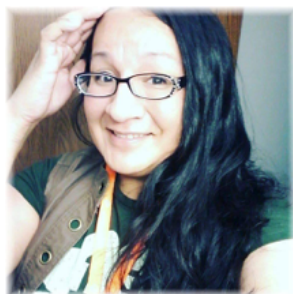
(l to r) Lenny, Honor, Trudie, Kurt, Vanessa, and Elton

The session became powerful when SWIWC's LGBTQ Advisory Council shared their personal stories, which included stories of violence inflicted against them as well as stories of acceptance. While tears were shed, it was also an opportunity to bring closure and comfort.

Various topics were covered through out the day including; "Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys: The Impact", mental health issues, historical trauma relating to LGBTQ2S, LGBTQ 101, policy development, and ways to continue the importance of providing services to LGBTQ in tribal communities.

The facilitators included SWIWC LGBTQ Advisory Council; Lenny Hayes, Elton Naswood, Kurt Begaye, Vanessa Losey, Honor Fisher, and Trudie Jackson. Also in attendance were the SWIWC staff, Leanne Guy, Tania Harvey, and Veronica Hunter.

SWIWC's LGBTQ Advisory Council was well represented throughout the conference, including recognition during the Shawl/Quilt Ceremony. A ceremony remembering those we've lost due to violence, included was an LGBTQ2S Quilt, which at closing was presented to Elton Naswood for his dedication and awareness for the LGBTQ2S community. Thank you Elton!



Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow, Sioux
(Jan. 20, 1980-Jan. 01, 2017)

The LGBTQ Advisory Council continues to reach new goals for 2017, including membership, obtaining grant funds for continued trainings, surveys, assessments and many more. Look out for events/activities from SWIWC's LGBTQ Advisory Council in coming months.

In Memorial: Sadly, the beginning of 2017, we lost Jamie Lee Wounded Arrow, a Two-Spirit individual from South Dakota, due to violence.

Condolences and Prayers to Jamie's family, friends, and community.





BONNIE HEAVY RUNNER VICTIM ADVOCACY AWARD 2016

Presented by

*Aislinn Heavy Runner and
Gertrude Ground Heavy Runner*



The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition along with 17 sister Tribal Sexual and Domestic Violence Coalitions; Alfred Urbina, Attorney for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; and Christina Entrekin Coad, of Ending Violence Association of BC, received the Bonnie Heavy Runner Victim Advocacy Award during the 15th National Indian Nations Conference in Agua Caliente Reservation, California.

Since 2006, the Victim Advocacy Awards have been named after Bonnie Heavy Runner. Bonnie was a member of the Blackfeet Nation from Browning, Montana. Bonnie was a judge, administrator and consultant under the tribal courts, and a strong advocate for victims and survivors of crime in Indian country until her death of cancer in November 1997.

Each year the award is presented by members of Bonnie's surviving family. This year Bonnie's daughter, Aislinn Heavy Runner and Bonnie's mother, Gertrude Ground Heavy Runner presented the awards.

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition is honored to receive this award and honored to meet Bonnie Heavy Runner's family. SWIWC is committed to advocate with strong hearts and passion for victims and survivors of violence in tribal communities.



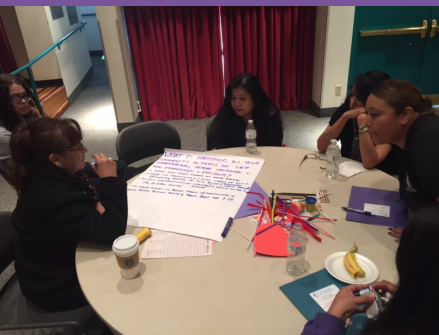
January 19, 2017 Tribal and Federal Advocates Roundtable



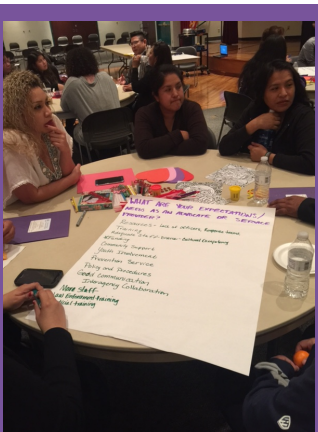
The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition hosted an Advocates Sexual Violence/Sex Trafficking Round Table facilitated by Nicole Mathews and Amanda Watson, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC).



SWIWCs' goal was to not only bring together tribal and federal advocates but also to start discussion focused on sex trafficking, sexual violence, the missing and murdered, LGBTQ community, self care and healing. In addition, to create stronger and supporting working relationships, to continue training and technical assistance needs to service providers and tribal communities, and most importantly, to continue our stance of no more violence against Native women and children.



We were honored to have 24 advocates present to begin stronger advocacy in Arizona. Thank you to all the tribal and federal advocates who took part in what we hope is the first of many roundtable discussions.



The Monument Quilt is coming to Arizona **YOU ARE INVITED!**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



SURVIVORS OF RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DESERVE SUPPORT. NOT SHAME.

The Monument Quilt, a national art project to support rather than shame and blame survivors of rape and sexual violence, will be displaying over 1500 of their personal stories in Arizona. It is a place for healing for survivors.



**Please join us as we support survivors.
Everyone is Invited**



**Date: April 21, 2017 * 8:00 AM– 5:00 PM
Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ**

*subject to change

Presented by: Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, The Monument Quilt, and in Partnership with ASU American Indian Graduate Student Association and Cocopah Indian Tribe



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UPCOMING EVENTS

*FREE REGIONAL TRAININGS
COMING SOON!*

*SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH
APRIL
AND JUNE 2017*



White Mountain Apache Tribe



Grand Canyon



Hualapai Tribe



Colorado River Indian Tribe



Gila River Indian Community



Havasupai Tribe

The Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition will be hosting three (3), two (2)-day regional trainings tentatively in Camp Verde, the Navajo Nation and in the SW region of the state. In 2016, SWIWC hosted five (5) regional trainings based on tribal site visits and input provided on training evaluations.

This year we plan to enhance training while staying focused on sexual/domestic violence, stalking, teen dating violence, sex trafficking, LGBTQ community, the missing and murdered, stalking, self-care and healing. Also included will be webinars from our past trainings and the 3rd Annual Young Women Are Sacred Conference in July.



SAVE THE DATE

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

A Regional Training for Service Providers

FREE TRAINING On Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Teen Dating Violence & Stalking

**March 22 & 23, 2017
Yavapai-Apache Nation – Camp Verde, AZ**

**Go to www.swiwc.org to register online or
download the registration form**

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