



SWIWC CONNECTIONS

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020

A TIME TO MASK UP!

To see our Nation in crisis is overwhelming. Be the change you want to see in your community and within your family by wearing a mask. Wearing a mask is an act of caring for others. Please do your part to protect yourself, your family, and our people. The future of our collective healing, safety, and wellness depends on it.

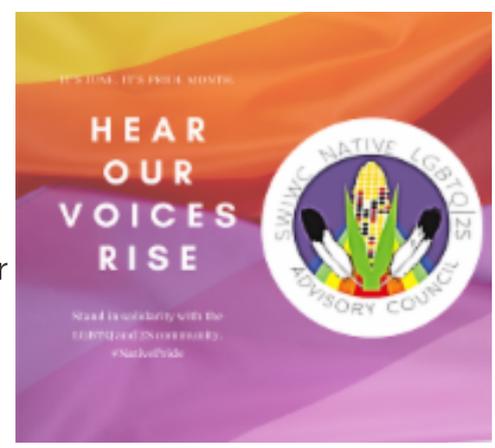


SWIWC STANDs WITH YOU

SWIWC stands in support of our Black relatives around the Nation. We join the many voices who are calling for justice and are outraged by the ongoing structural racism and violence against our communities. We continue to raise our voices and not remain silent while this oppression is killing our relatives. Silent No More!

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Throughout the month of June we celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning individuals across the country. This month we also commemorate the Stonewall Riots that took place in June 1969 in New York City. Although Pride events across the country have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus, we continue to fight for equality and racial justice.



Brochure

We at SWIWC and the Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council would like to acknowledge and honor all of our Two-Spirit, Native and Black LGBTQ relatives across the country. Today and every day we stand beside you.



Our elders are precious and it is critical to continue to protect them more so during this COVID-19 pandemic. Many tribal communities are still without running water and electricity making it difficult to follow recommended safety precautions.

Please do your part in keeping our elders safe and well.

We Salute All Front Line Workers

It is with the utmost gratitude and strongest prayers possible that we salute all health professions, first responders, victim advocates, grocery workers, and all other essential workers. Their sacrifice and hard work is to be commended and cherished. Because of them, many of our relatives have survived.

To do our part, SWIWC is currently raising funds to help tribal victim services with PPE's, food, clothing, etc. during this pandemic. Your contributions are much appreciated.

We salute all frontliners!

Thank you for your service and sacrifice during this difficult time.



YOU ARE OUR HEROS

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SWIWC HAPPENINGS

24th Annual Tribal Legislative Day

Indian Nations and Tribal Legislative Day is held every year to celebrate the rich culture and history of Arizona's Tribes and Nations and also to address issues of mutual interest.

The event was well attended by Tribal Leadership, Native Youth, and Legislatures. Workshops including Missing and Murdered of Indigenous Women and Girls were presented. Along with a day of networking, SWIWC met with tribal leaders and service providers. Learn more: [Office of Tribal Relations](#)

Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country and Alaska

A conference sponsored by U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Mending the Sacred Hoop, Men as Peacemakers, and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, the conference provided an opportunity to strengthen alliances by bringing together Tribal Leadership, Federal partners, experts in the field, and tribal communities to better address the safety of our children, women, and men.

Workshops included assisting programs and agencies with information regarding sex trafficking in Indian Country, implementations, and highlighting key issues to improve the responses to Americana Indian/Alaska Native Survivors of sex trafficking.

More information visit: [MIWSAC](#)



ASU School of Social Work

SWIWC presented to ASU students on "Violence within Arizona Tribal Communities", during the Spring semester. The event was organized by Karin Wachter, Professor for "Global Perspective on Violence against Women". Discussion included information on intimate partner violence within Native communities, resources, and guidance in working with Indigenous victims/survivors. It was a good exchange of information especially to college students going into the field of serving others.

Victim Centered Advocacy with Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya

Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya, an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe, provided a webinar to increase understanding of the key elements of victim-centered advocacy ensuring the compassionate and culturally sensitive delivery of services in a manner that is empowering, nonjudgemental, and aims to hold offenders accountable.

The webinar was well attended. If you missed the webinar please visit www.swiwc.org for the recording. Thank you to Valaura who is a remarkable member of SWIWC's faculty and whom has her own consulting business, Honwungsi Consulting Services. To contact Valaura please visit [Honwungsi Consulting Services](#).

Native Statewide Sexual Assault Task Force

SWIWC's Native American Statewide Sexual Assault Task Force is in motion but due to COVID-19 meetings and progress have been delayed. Members include advocates working together to address and respond to sexual violence in tribal communities.

The task force continues to set its purpose and infrastructure development. For the remaining year we plan to host meetings, accomplish set goals and continue the ground work of the Taskforce. To learn more about the NSSATF please email [SWIWC](#)

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWCs Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council Hear Our Voices Rise!

Meet SWIWCs Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council. The Advisory Council brings lived experiences, training, education, support and empowerment to Native communities to increase the awareness, safety, justice, and healing for the LGBTQ2S community.

Mission Statement: To educate, support, and empower Native communities to increase awareness, safety, healing, justice and resources for the LGBTQ community.

Purpose: To advise and guide the staff and Governing Board on training and technical assistance (T/TA) approaches, data inclusion, resource development/funding opportunities, policy development and tribal and on-site trainings with activities that come directly from the voices and presence of the LGBTQ community.

Meet our members:

- Lenny Hayes, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Co-Chair
- Marlon Fixico, Cheyenne/Seminole
- Honor Fisher, Mojave/Chemehuevi
- Josie Raphaelito, Diné - Co-Chair
- Mattee Jim, Diné
- Elton Naswood, Diné

For more information about SWIWCS Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council visit: [Council](#)

Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered Native Americans

The important work of the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives continues. The task force, designated Operation Lady Justice, aims to review Indian Country cold cases, strengthen law enforcement protocols, and work with tribes to improve investigations, information sharing and a more seamless response to missing persons investigations.

In early March, the task force announced a series of field consultations and listening sessions to occur across the United States. In light of guidance to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, some sessions will have to be rescheduled. In spite of this disruption, the task force is committed to meaningful consultation and dialogue with American Indian and Alaska Native people and leaders as part of this process.

To get updates on the work of the task force visit [Operation Lady Justice](#).

Become a SWIWCoalition Member

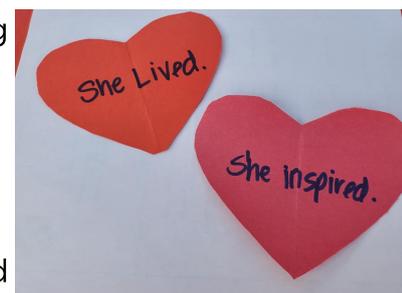
Membership is for those who wish to support and participate in the movement to end Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DV/SA) against women and children and/or who provide services to victims/survivors of DV and/or SA in Arizona's tribal communities.

With this membership you will receive up-to-date information; access to trainings and conferences; the opportunity to request onsite training/ technical assistance; and access to national initiatives working to create social change, safety and justice for victims/survivors of DV/SA. For more information, contact [SWIWC](#)

National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered of Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

To honor Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and to bring awareness to the issue, on May 5, 2020, SWIWC participated in the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center's "Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women to Guide Our Advocacy for Change" Webinar.

The webinar brought attention to the fact that during the period of 1979 through 1992, homicide was the third leading cause of death of Indian females aged 15 to 34, and 75 percent were killed by family members or acquaintances. For more information and to view the webinar visit: [NIWRC](#)



TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

OVW Special Summer Government to Government Tribal Consultation



Streamlining OVW's Tribal Grant Process and Special COVID-19 Consultation 2020 REGISTRATION

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and Tribal Affairs Division (TAD) invites you to discuss OVW's proposal to streamline the application process for OVW's Tribal-specific grant programs separate and apart from DOJ's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), including issuing a special, COVID-19/violence against women solicitation for Tribes this summer.

May 29, 2020 Letter to Tribal Leaders and Representatives

Streaming Tribal Grant Process and Enhancing COVID-19 Response Framing Paper

SESSION OVERVIEW:

TESTIMONY

Listening Sessions:

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 & July 9, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Testimony will be provided and will be held virtually between June 30, 2020 and July 9, 2020.

Consultation:

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

In addition to the Tribal Consultations and Listening Sessions, written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. EDT on July 22, 2020. Find more info regarding testimony [here](#).

15th Annual OVW Government to Government Tribal Consultation is going virtual

SAVE THE DATE | OCTOBER 2020
WWW.OVWCONSULTATION.ORG



Tribal Domestic and Sexual Assault Talking Sessions amid COVID-19.

It is critical that we continue to deem our domestic and sexual violence advocates as essential workers during COVID-19 pandemic. SWIWC conducts a talking session to listen and hear our advocates during these challenging times. Our tribal advocates find it supportive and helpful. Remember to reach out to your advocates for any information regarding domestic and sexual violence. For a list of advocates visit:

[**Advocates**](#)

National Congress of American Indians Task Force Meeting

Several tribal coalitions, including SWIWC participated in the virtual National Congress of American Indian's Violence Against Women Task Force Meeting. NCAI's Task Force on Violence Against Women serves as a unified tribal voice working to end violence against Native women. The two day virtual meeting the task force covered the impact of COVID-19 on victims and advocates in Indian Country, policy updates, and the upcoming consultation on Department of Justice tribal grants and programs.

For more information on the task force visit [NCAI](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ITCA Social Services Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

SWIWC continues to participate in ITCA's Tribal Social Service Working Group. The Tribal Social Service working Group consists of representatives from the 22 Tribal Social Services Departments, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, ASU School of Social Work as well as other interested human services programs. The working group provides tribal and state staff the opportunity to discuss, develop, and present a tribal perspective on social services issues, concerns, and needs.

For more information visit: [ITCA](#)

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family Outreach and Awareness and Victim Services Subcommittee

SWIWC continues to participate in the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Outreach and Awareness and Victim Service Subcommittees.

The Outreach and Awareness Committee increases awareness about sexual and domestic violence throughout Arizona. The Victim Services Committee develops and/or improves statewide policies for providing trauma informed, victim-centered services in cases of sexual and domestic violence. SWIWC is excited to be a part of the subcommittees and also bring awareness of tribal communities at a statewide level.

For more information visit: [GOYFF](#)

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

SWIWC continues to collaborate with the Arizona Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (ACESDV) as a presenter for their 40 hour Sexual Assault Core Advocacy Training and their 40 hour "The Sharing Experience: From Violence in Our Lives to Peace in Our Communities" training. SWIWC is also a member of their Community Partnership to Address Sexual Violence Committee.

ACESDV provides direct services to victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence. More more information and resources, please visit [ACESDV](#).

COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 WEBINARS AND RESOURCES

SWIWC is providing and sharing with you links to resources that may assist you, your family, your community and victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, during COVID-19 Pandemic. As you know this is a worldwide crisis, and we appreciate all organizations providing resources and services to everyone.

SWIWC encourages you to practice the Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 guidelines for your safety and well-being. Please share with your family and others. Also please contact your Tribal Council/Government and/or local community for any updates, services, and guidelines regarding COVID-19. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime and if you are experiencing an emergency or in an unsafe situation please call 911 or your local tribal advocate for help.

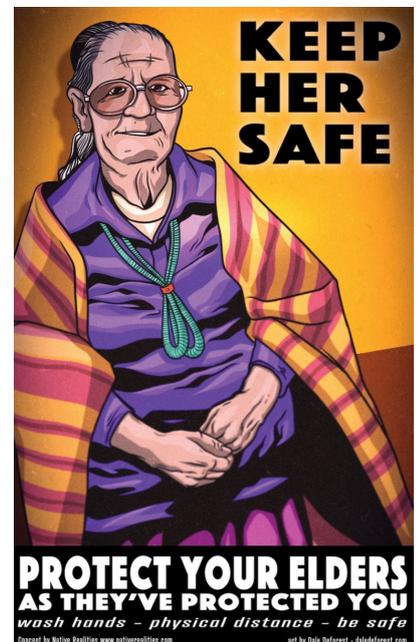
You can also visit our website for resources and webinars relating to COVID-19 and in relation to domestic and sexual violence programs. Visit [SWIWC](#)

In light of the 2020 pandemic, SWIWC is focusing its attention on supporting service providers with resources such as personal protective equipment (PPE), food, transportation, clothing, and other essential items. If you would like to donate please visit [MMIWGFUND](#).

RESOURCES relating to COVID-19:

- [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#)
- [National Indigenous Women Resource Center](#)
- [National Congress of American Indians](#)
- [National Indian Health Board - COVID-19 Tribal Resources Center](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [National Institute of Health](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)

- [Indian Health Services](#)
- [Native Health](#)
- [Protect the Sacred](#)
- [Inter-Tribal of Arizona](#)



- [Arizona Department of Health](#)
- [AZCESDV](#)
- [Arizona Tribal Victim Advocates](#)

Protect Our Traditions

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Notice: OVW is issuing revised FY 2020 Discretionary Solicitations removing the limit on the number of FY 2020 awards a single organization can receive.

CURRENT OPEN SOLICITATIONS.

OVW FY 2020 NATIONAL TRIBAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT SOLICITATION DUE JULY 23, 2020:

TO VIEW OPEN SOLICITATION PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING:
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OPEN SOLICITATIONS
OFFICE FOR VICTIM OF CRIMES CURRENT FUNDING
ARIZONA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

YWAS POSTPONED!

Due to the safety and in keeping with CDC guidelines, SWIWC postponed this year's Young Women Are Sacred Conference (YWAS). Please look out for next year's conference on our website.

YWAS is an incredible gathering created by Caroline F. Antone of Tohono O'odham, to help young girls learn about their bodies, sexuality, gender, and issues that may impact them such as sexual and teen violence. It is her dream to arm young women with education, empowerment, and encouragement to lead and live the best life possible.

The conference is open to young Native women ages 13 to 18 who live in Arizona communities. For more information about the conference and/ or to contact Caroline F. Antone visit [YWAS](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

Providing Safety for Domestic Violence Survivors in a Time of a Pandemic
July 8, 2020 at 1 PM MT | [REGISTER](#)

Best Practices in Mobile Advocacy Amid COVID-19 | July 21, 2020 | visit [SWIWC](#)

Confidentiality in the Time of COVID-19 | August 6, 2020 | visit [SWIWC](#)

Domestic Violence and Pets | August 19, 2020 at 1 PM MT | [REGISTER](#)

Domestic Violence and Disabilities | September 16, 2020 at 1 PM MT | [REGISTER](#)

Emerging Issues Webinar Housing Solutions During COVID-19
JULY 15, 2020 at 1-2:30 PM (Eastern) | [REGISTER](#)

SWIWC SUPPORT

GIFT OF GIVING | THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Giving makes a huge difference and we are extremely grateful for your support. With your generosity we are able to provide a much larger reach in Arizona and services that we cannot provide with federal funding. As the numbers show we have presented, trained and provided resources to over thousands of individuals. Please continue to support our work at SWIWC along with supporting our tribal communities. [Support](#) our work.

AMAZONSMILE | DONATE WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE

Shopping through AMAZON? You can donate directly to [SWIWC](#) when you shop online through AMAZON. Go to [Amazon.Smile](#) and select "Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition" as your charity. Happy shopping!

Please Support [Ama Doo Alchini Bighan, Inc \(ADABI\)](#)

CALL TO ACTION:

ADABI IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, COMMUNITY-BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM HEADQUARTERED IN CHINLE, AZ, ON THE NAVAJO NATION.

IT HAS BEEN 9 MONTHS SINCE THEY RECEIVED FUNDING. AFTER MANY ATTEMPTS, THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR NAVAJO DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AS WELL AS FROM PRESIDENT NEZ AND VP LIZER.

ADABI IS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. OUR LEADERS NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE NEGLIGENCE OF NOT PRIORITIZING THE FUNDING FOR ADABI TO PROVIDE TO THE VULNERABLE. THERE ARE NO EXCUSES.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



- CALL PRESIDENT JONATHAN NEZ AND VP MYRON LIZER NOW AT (928)-871-6352/6353

- LEAVE A MESSAGE; URGE THEM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ADABI!

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