

Reflecting and Reconnecting

Healing through reconnecting with ourselves is important. How have you reconnected amid the COVID-19 pandemic? It's essential to reconnect with yourself, your feelings, your family, and with your community. Take the time you need to reflect and reconnect to YOU, to those important to you, and those who bring goodness to you.



Ways to Reconnect:

- Focus on your well-being first
- Wonder about the present
- Develop a Hobby
- Sit in silence
- Listen to the sounds of nature
- Allow time to ask yourself how you feel
- Talk to other people about how you feel
- Love yourself
- Have your own back
- Listen to your body
- Say what you need to say
- Do what you love!

*Take care of
yourself*

Strengthen your Connections



Ideas to strengthen your connections with you, your family, and your community:

- Take time to smudge, pray, and be in ceremony
- Painting, drawing, crafting
- Journaling, writing
- Talking to your elders
- Listening to music
- Dancing, moving your body
- Talking to youth, pass on teachings
- Provide time for your co-workers
- Make healthy connections



Self Reflection Reminders:

- Be yourself
- You do You!
- Your voice counts
- Walk at your own pace
- Today is your day
- It will be ok!
- Breathe in, breathe out!
- To laugh at yourself is to love yourself
- Don't just fly, SOAR!

To view SWIWC's "**How Are You Doing: The Importance of Self-Care**" webinar, presented by Lenny Hayes, visit [SWIWC](https://www.swiwc.org)

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

WE ARE NOW



REFLECTING AND RECONNECTING

Since 2006 we have been known as the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, but a few years ago we made the decision to expand our reach to include not only women but all our relatives in the work we do. It was important to us to acknowledge the LGBTQ and Two Spirit community within our service area. However, at our core and the reason for starting our coalition is and will always be women. Through the process of rebranding, we also decided that instead of coming up with a new name for ourselves we would transition to

using our acronym "SWIWC" as our official name. We loved our old logo as it represents our birth, but we felt we needed to change in order to be more inclusive and to be a better relative. So it is bitter sweet that we retire our beloved logo and institute a new one. Our new logo represents our growth and our desire to be a good relative to all our relations. Sacred we are!



Revamping WWW.SWIWC.ORG

With our name change came the revamping of our website. Check us out at

www.swiwc.org.

We hope you enjoy **SWIWC**!

SMALL BUT MIGHTY



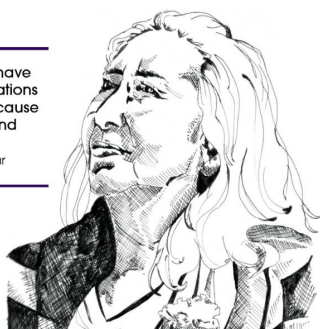
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2021 Women Are Sacred Tillie Black Bear Memorial Award

The National Indigenous Women Resource Center honors the legacy of Wa Wokiya Win (Tillie Black Bear), Sicangu Lakota, through an award presented during the Women Are Sacred Conference to recognize outstanding grassroots advocates and direct service providers that exemplify the teachings and dedication Tillie instilled in restoring safety for Native women. This year's award was presented virtually during the WAS Conference to two recipients: **Sandra Pilgrim Lewis (Lakota) and Leanne Guy (Diné).** **Congratulations to the 2021 Tillie Black Bear Awardees!**

Tillie Black Bear, known as the Grandmother of the Movement to End Violence Against Women, played a major leadership role in the work to restore safety for Native women. She believed in the teaching White Buffalo Calf Woman had brought to the Lakota people that even in thought, women are to be respected. Tillie's steadfast leadership was rooted in the clarity of her beliefs and dedication to Native peoples and women. Her work spanned almost four decades until her passing in 2014. Tillie's understanding of social change, organizing, movement building, served her well as a leader, an inspiration, a teacher, and a sister-mother-friend-icon. -NIWRC-

"Native women have survived, Indian nations have survived, because of our beliefs and teachings."
—Tillie Black Bear



We are blessed, honored, grateful and thankful to have Leanne as our Fearless Leader, Warrior and Tireless Advocate, working beside us for our Arizona tribal communities as well as advocating at a State and National level.

Leanne Guy, Diné from Navajo, New Mexico has over 20 years' experience in tribal community engagement, public health, prevention, awareness, and safety initiatives. Since the early 2000s, Leanne began advocacy

work for the safety, healing, and justice of violence against Native women. Over the years, her advocacy expanded to our elders, youth/children, men, missing and murdered, and the LGBTQ/2S community. Leanne strongly believes that in order to make a difference in our Indigenous communities we must confront oppression such as racism and the injustices we face every day. She advocates strongly in keeping traditions and culture at the forefront of everything, as it helps to bring healing,

wellness, and sacredness to our tribal communities. Leanne often speaks of Tillie Black Bear, the work Tillie started and how she hopes she continues Tillie's work. Tillie is one of her SHERos. Congratulations Leanne, it is well deserved.

To view NIWRC's Women Are Sacred Virtual Conference please visit [NIWRC](https://www.niwrc.org/virtual-conference).



SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 5, 2021

HONORING OUR RELATIVES

NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND
MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS



SWIWC along with many tribal communities across Indian Country recognize, support and provide education and awareness during May 5th National Day of Awareness For Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Please visit the following sites for webinars, publications and program events that recognize MMIWG.

MMIWG Resources:

- [NIWRC MMIWG Toolkit for Families and Communities](#)
- [No More Stolen Sisters Poster](#)
- [Justice for MMIWG](#) and [No More Stolen Sisters](#) Stickers
- [MMIWG National Day of Action: Uplifting the Voices of MMIW Families Webinar](#)
- [MMIWG - NICCSA](#)
- [Help declare May 5th as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Women and Girls](#)
- [MMIWG: We Demand More Report](#)
- [Our Bodies, Our Stories](#)
- [SWIWC MMIWG Event 2019](#)
- [Arizona Missing and Murdered Study Committee](#)

June PRIDE Month

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.

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.

For more information and to contact our Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council visit: [SWIWC](#)



SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council

SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council through expertise, skills, and lived experience brings 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.

Please visit www.swiwc.org to view recorded webinars by the advisory council. View their brochure for a list of workshops they provide.

Advisory Council:

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

For more information about SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council visit: [Council](#)



Become a SWIWCoalition Member

SWIWC membership is for those who are currently or are interested in supporting and participating in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence in Arizona's tribal communities. By becoming a member, you will receive up-to-date information, access to trainings and conferences, the opportunity to request onsite training and/or technical assistance; and access to national initiatives working to create justice, safety, and healing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, stalking, and teen relationship violence (teen dating violence).

Current Members

Current membership represents individuals, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, allies, and sister organizations. SWIWC appreciates and values its members and looks forward to sharing information, receiving feedback, and designing services to meet membership needs. Be A Relative: [Membership Form](#)



SWIWC HAPPENINGS

Virtual Tribal Domestic and Sexual Assault Advocates Talking Sessions

Since April 2020, SWIWC, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, organized virtual Advocate Talking Sessions as a way to provide support, information, and a safe space to listen, share and stay connected. SWIWC felt it imperative that as essential and critical workers, advocates receive the support they need to feel valued, safe, and appreciated.

This year we started our Advocate Talking Sessions with "How Are You Doing? The Importance of Self Care" presented by Lenny Hayes, Tate Topa Consulting. Although, the talking sessions are still primarily a space to share, it also has evolved into a time to increase knowledge and skills as well as provide feedback to SWIWC on training and technical assistance needs. Additionally, SWIWC has included various service providers to present on topics that assist advocates in their work.

SWIWC sends love and light to all our tribal advocates. They are some of the hardest working people who often sacrifice their own family time to help another family. The work they do is from the heart and is life saving.

To find the nearest tribal domestic/sexual violence advocate visit [SWIWC.](#)

Virtual April Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In light of the success of SWIWC's 2020 October Domestic Violence Awareness Month Virtual Resource Day, SWIWC did the same for April Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Every week in April, SWIWC provided a Virtual Resource Day which included 15 organizations in total that presented on their domestic/sexual violence related services. Much appreciation to all those who joined the weekly virtual resource days and to the following service providers. It was a huge success!



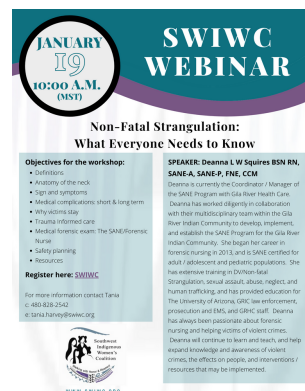
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- Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services
- ASU Intimate Partner Homicide Research Study
- Bloom365
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's Domestic Violence Program
- Native Health
- National Center for Victim of Crime
- NAUHZCASA
- New Life Center
- San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation
- Sojourner Center
- StrongHearts Native Helpline
- The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
- Time Out Shelter

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

Non-Fatal Strangulation: What Everyone Needs to Know Webinar | January 2021

The webinar provided definitions, anatomy of the neck, signs and symptoms, medical complications, why victim stay, trauma informed care, medical forensic exam, safety planning and resources. To learn more about strangulation visit our website for handouts and to view the webinar. Many thanks to Deanne Squires, Coordinator/Manager of the SANE Program with Gila River Indian Health Care!

View the webinar here: [SWIWC](#)

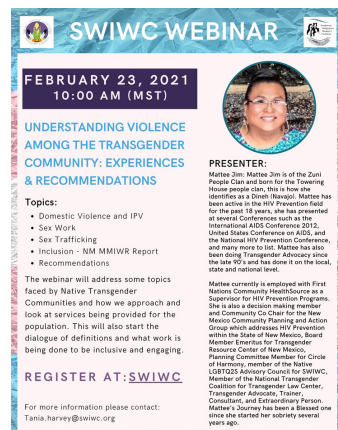


Tribal Justice Exchange: Native Child Witness Materials

SWIWC participated in a pilot project provided by Center for Court Innovations (CCI), a non-profit that collaborates with state and tribal justice systems to strengthen their response to violence and victimization issues, including crimes against children, domestic violence, and child welfare. Currently CCI is creating a package of informational materials for Native child victim and witnesses that can support and empower them during their involvement in tribal, state and federal justice systems.

To learn more about CCI and the work they provide visit [CCI](#)

Understanding Violence Among the Transgender Community: Experiences and Recommendations Webinar | February 2021



The webinar addressed some topics faced by Native Transgender Communities and how they approach and look at services being provided for the population. The webinar also addressed the work being done to be inclusive and engaging, domestic violence and intimate partner violence sex work, sex trafficking, inclusion referencing the New Mexico MMIWR Report and recommendations for inclusion and engaging the Transgender population.

Thank you Mattee Jim, Diné, Supervisor for HIV Prevention

Programs with First Nations Community HealthSource. Mattee is also a member of SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council.

To view the webinar please visit [SWIWC](#)

How Are You Doing?: The Importance of Self Care Webinar | February 2021

This webinar focuses on self care and asking yourself, How are you doing? How many times do we ask ourselves that question? Presenter, Lenny Hayes, addresses topics on stress, types of stress, the effects of stress, self isolation, types of self care, and daily questions to ask yourself. It's important to take care of you, especially to continue the work you provide for others. Ask yourself, "How are you doing today?"



Thank you Lenny Hayes, Tate Topa Consulting. To contact Lenny visit [TTC](#) and to view the webinar visit [SWIWC](#)

SOAR (Services, Outcomes, Analysis, Resources) How a Database Can inform Your Work and Tell Your Program and Communities Stories | February 2021

Free SWIWC Webinar
MARCH 24, 2021
10:00 A.M. (MST - Phoenix Time)

S.O.A.R. (Services, Outcomes, Analysis, Resources)
-- How a Database Can Inform Your Work and Tell Your Program and Communities Stories

Tired of trying to keep track of multiple data sources for your grant funded projects? Gray O.A.K. LLC has developed two comprehensive database platforms, a web-based and desktop accessible programs. The databases were developed specifically with the needs of tribal programs at the forefront.

By attending this presentation, programs will understand the importance of accurately collecting data not only to meet funding requirements by delivering accurate progress reports to funders but also how to collect and analyze data to evaluate overall program effectiveness at the client, program, and community levels, how to utilize the data for grant writing, policy development, and to inform leadership.

The S.O.A.R. Database has been piloted with over 24 tribal domestic violence and sexual assault programs across eight states.

About the SPEAKER, DIANE GOUT: Dr. Diane Gout, a public speaker, researcher, evaluator, coach, mentor, and soon to be author, is the principle and co-owner of Gray O.A.K. LLC, a Maine-based, Native-owned research and evaluation company. She has over 20 years of professional and personal experience in the field of violence against women, with an emphasis on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women for the past 19 years. Her organization works primarily with tribes and tribal programs throughout the United States and Alaska. In her work, she has provided training and technical assistance to over 200 tribal non-profit programs developing respectful relationships and strong connections.

Dr. Gout has also recently finalized a web-based victim services database that will assist tribal programs in collecting and reporting data required for their federal reporting requirements including QVW, OVC, and PWSA. This project has been in process for four years and was piloted with over two dozen tribal domestic violence and sexual assault programs across the country.

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Thank you Diane Gout, researcher, evaluator, coach, mentor and soon to be author, who is the principle and co-owner of Gray O.A.K, LLC. To learn more about Gray O.A.K, LLC visit [SOAR](#) and to view the webinar visit [SWIWC](#)

Demystifying the Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination - for the Victim and Advocate | May 2021

The webinar provided discussions on the importance of medical forensic examination on the health, welfare, and healing of the victim of sexual assault. It also addressed the components of the medical forensic exam to promote an accurate understanding of the process for advocates, and outlined the commonly held beliefs of the exam. The webinar explains the realities about the findings from the medical forensic exam, and illustrates the technical assistance supplemental materials available for guidance explaining the medical forensic exam to the victim.

SWIWC WEBINAR
MAY 12, 2021
10:00 AM (MST)

Demystifying the Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination - for the Victim and Advocate
(The medical response to sexual assault)

Presenter: Kim Day, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P

Kim Day RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, Grants Project Director with the IAHS has 22 years of nursing experience with a focus on sexual assault training and forensic investigation. She has been a SANE program development and coordination expert. She has participated in development of the Indian Health Service Adult Forensic Sexual Assault Examiner Training, and the SANE training curriculum. Kim has also provided education nationally on a range of topics focused on the clinical care and response to patients who have experienced sexual violence. She has provided training and technical assistance with the IAHS since 2005 on the National Adult Forensic SANE Protocols and the National Training Standards. In this role, she participated in the revision of the first National SANE Protocols, the development of the National Forensic Training Standards, and the recent edition of the Atlas of Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault Investigation, Diagnosis and the Medical Forensic Exam. She is a co-author of SANE-A and SANE-P Exams and co-author of SANE's Clinical Management of Children and Adolescents with Sexual Assault. She is a co-author of SANE's Forensic Examination, Technical Assistance and Consultation for PWSA programs.

Objectives:

- Discuss the importance of a medical forensic examination can have for the health, welfare and healing of the victim of sexual assault.
- Describe the components of the medical forensic examination to promote an accurate understanding of the process for advocates.
- Outline some of the commonly held beliefs- and explain the realities about the findings from the medical forensic exam to the victim.
- Illustrate the technical assistance supplemental materials available for guidance in explaining the medical forensic exam to the victim.

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Thank you Kim Day, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, International Association of Forensic Nurses. To learn more, visit [IAFN](#) and to view the webinar visit: [SWIWC](#)

The purpose of the roundtable series is to help create a Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign for tribal communities. Discussions have included sexual health and sexual violence in our communities, the need for sexual assault awareness, cultural considerations, challenges in addressing sexual violence, using social media platforms, identifying sexual assault resources, and the creation of awareness material.

SWIWC's next meeting will focus on the LGBTQ2S community. If you are interested in participating in this campaign please reach out to [SWIWC](#).

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 and others working together to address and respond to sexual violence in tribal communities.



The task force will reconvene in the near future. To learn more about the NSSATF please email [SWIWC](mailto:SWIWC@nssatf.org)

SWIWC provides training and technical assistance. Training services include a wide range of topics relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking, teen relationship violence (dating violence) and the missing and murdering of our Indigenous relatives. The length of training varies from a minimum of 4 hours to 1-3 days depending on the level of need and are provided with the assistance of partners and/or subject matter experts who serve as SWIWC faculty.

Trainings are interactive, culturally competent, and based on best practices available. They are offered statewide, regionally or on-site and may involve a fee which includes the expenses related to the time and travel of staff and faculty in developing and providing the training.

Technical assistance (TA) services are tailored specifically to meet the needs of those requesting the service. TA sessions are held onsite from 1-2.5 days and are designed to be hands-on, practical and aimed at increasing the capacity to address and response to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking and teen relationship violence (dating violence). TA sessions are provided with the assistance of partners and/or experts who serve as faculty and may involve a fee for the time and travel expenses of staff and faculty to develop and conduct the TA session.

To request for training and/or technical assistance visit [SWIWC](#). Currently all T/TA are provided virtually.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Thank You to Our Collaborative Partners!

At the root of SWIWC is the desire to collaborate and communicate with organizations/individuals in addressing and responding to violence in our tribal communities. We find it imperative to work together to address the violence we see. Collectively, we create stronger responses and provide increased safety, healing, and justice to victims, survivors, and their families. SWIWC is thankful for the continued requests for collaboration from organizations and individuals wanting to make a change and to better understand who we are as Indigenous peoples.



We thank our collaborative partners:

- [Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence](#)
- [National Indigenous Resource Center](#)
- [National Congress of American Indians Violence Against Women Task Force](#)
- [Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered Native Americans](#)
- [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#)
- [Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Working Group](#)
- [Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona](#)
- [Arizona State Agencies Coordinating Team](#)
- [Arizona Governors Office on Youth, Faith and Family Working Groups](#)
- [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
- [Arizonas Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Study Committee](#)
- [Arizona Tribal Victim Advocates and Tribal Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs](#)



Minnesota Indian Women's
Sexual Assault Coalition

Native Focused 40 Hour Sexual Assault Advocacy Training

The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) provides a 40 hour Sexual Assault Advocacy Curriculum, created by Native women experts in the field. It is specifically designed for tribal communities and non-Native service providers working with and for Native people who have been impacted by sexual violence.

MIWSAC's Native focused curriculum is to provide new and seasoned advocates with knowledge and skills they need to provide response, survivor-centered advocacy for victim/survivors of sexual violence.

Some topics include: fundamentals of sexual assault advocacy, social change advocacy, law enforcement response, mental health, elder abuse, sexual harassment, and more.

MIWSAC opens this advocacy training to all advocates including those in other states other than Minnesota. For more information on their training visit [MIWSAC](#).

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT



**16TH ANNUAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT
TRIBAL CONSULTATION**
August 17-20, 2021 | Virtual

The 16th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation

The Office on Violence Against Women is a grant-making agency in the U.S. Department of Justice. Under §903 of Title IX of the United States Department of Justice Reauthorization and Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), OVW is responsible for conducting annual government-to-government consultations with the leaders of all Federally recognized Indian tribal governments on behalf of the United States Attorney General.

The purpose of each consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal government leaders on the following topics:

1. Administering tribal funds and programs;
2. Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking;
3. Strengthening the federal response to such crimes; and,
4. Improving access to local, regional, State, and Federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems.

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Tribal Leaders & Authorized Designees (must be from a federally recognized tribe) **Deadline for Written Testimony is September 20, 2021**

For more information please visit www.ovwconsultation.org

For General Questions, Contact: TribalConsultationSupport@chickasaw.com

You may also contact the nearest [Tribal Coalition](#) for any assistance

NIWRC WEBINAR | Preparation for the VAWA Tribal Consultation

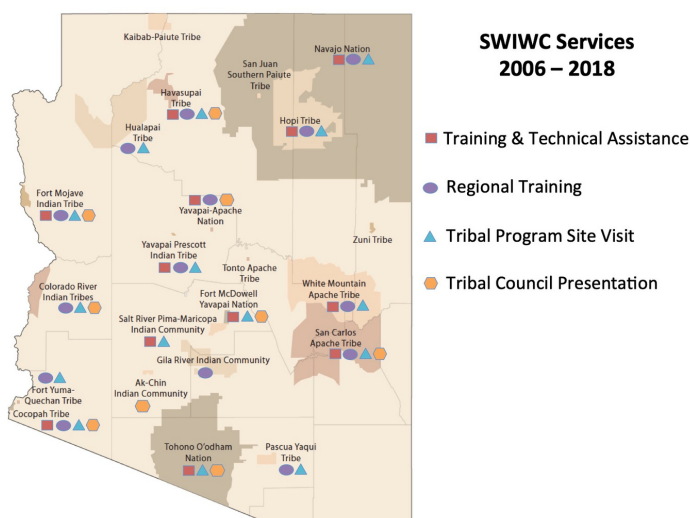
July 21, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. MDT | [REGISTER](#)

VAWA 2005 requires the DOJ, HHS, and DOI to engage in formal consultation with Indian tribes on an annual basis to address concerns that impact the safety of Indian women at the broadest level. Participation in this nation-to-nation consultation is critically important for tribal leaders to dialogue with government officials about solutions and strategies to address issues related to violence against Native women.

Please join NIWRC's webinar to review outstanding or emerging issues to address the most serious roadblocks to the safety of Native women and how you can voice your concerns and provide recommendations to increase accountability and enhance the safety for Native women.

Presenters:

- Juana Majel Dixon, Traditional Legislative Councilwoman Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians and NCAI Violence Against Women Task Force Co-Chair (invited)
- President Shannon Holsey, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians and NCAI Violence Against Women Task Force Co-Chair (invited)
- Kelbie Kennedy, Policy Counsel, NCAI
- Debra O'Gara, Policy Specialist, AKNWRC
- Kerri Colfer, Senior Native Affairs Advisor, NIWRC
- Facilitated by Amy Sparck, Policy Specialist, NIWRC



Tribal Council Engagement and Tribal Domestic and Sexual Violence Program Site Visits

During this time of virtual existence, staying relevant and meaningful is a challenge. However, SWIWC has tried to stay connected to Arizona tribal leaders, service providers and their communities via virtual site visits. Addressing domestic and sexual

violence among other topics remains a priority, especially with the increase of violence that many communities have seen during this pandemic.

Over the years, SWIWC has conducted several site visits with Arizona Tribes. Through these visits, SWIWC is able to provide training and technical assistance specific to their needs. For more information and/or to request training/technical assistance please contact [SWIWC](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OVW OPEN SOLICITATIONS:

- **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 National Service Line for Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Abuse Solicitation: [Due Date September 1st](#)**
- **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 State and Territory Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program Solicitation: [Due Date July 20th](#)**
- **OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Invitation to Apply: [Due Date July 22nd](#)**

OVC OPEN SOLICITATIONS:

OVC FY 2021 Advancing Hospital-Based Victim Services | [Closing Date: July 12, 2021](#)

OVC is seeking applications for funding to improve linkages between the victim services field and hospitals and other medical facilities that increase support for victims of crime, improve outcomes, and reduce chances of future victimization.

OVC FY 2021 Law Enforcement Human Trafficking Fellowship Program

[Closing Date: July 12, 2021](#)

The Fellow will work to improve and expand the ability of law enforcement, prosecutors, and OJP-funded human trafficking task forces nationwide to conduct and implement victim-centered and trauma-informed investigations and prosecutions.

OVC FY 2021 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects (2022) | [Closing Date: July 12, 2021](#)

This cooperative agreement will enable an organization to provide financial and technical assistance to approximately 50 communities nationwide to conduct public awareness activities on crime victims' rights and services in their jurisdictions during the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

OVC FY 2021 Fostering Resilience and Hope: Bridging the Gap Between Law Enforcement and the Community | [Closing Date: July 19, 2021](#)

This program will support the development, implementation, and dissemination of a train-the-trainer trauma-informed, hope-centered framework to assist law enforcement officers with addressing trauma and adversity in order to repair and rebuild relationships within the community.

OVC FY 2021 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant | [Closing Date: July 19, 2021](#)

OVC will award each eligible state and territory victim assistance program an annual grant to support eligible crime victim assistance programs in that state or territory. Eligible crime victim assistance programs are those that are "operated by a public agency or nonprofit organization, or a combination of such agencies or organizations or of both such agencies and organizations, and provide services to victims of crime," and that meet the other requirements set out in 34 U.S.C. § 20103(b)(1).

OVC FY 2021 VOCA Victim Compensation Fellow | [Closing Date: July 19, 2021](#)

The individual awarded funding under this program will work collaboratively with OVC and the crime victim services field to improve support and resources for state victim compensation programs.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OVC FY 2021 VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant | [Closing Date July 19, 2021](#)

OVC will award each eligible state victim compensation program an annual grant equal to 60 percent of the amount the program awarded in state-funded victim compensation payments during the fiscal year 2 years prior to the present fiscal year, other than amounts awarded for property damage. Applicants must be State victim compensation programs that are eligible to administer VOCA Victim Compensation grants.

OVC FY 2021 National Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services

[Closing Date: July 26, 2021](#)

The program provides for the development, operation, and management of OVC's National Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services. The Center will facilitate the delivery of national-scale, high quality training and technical assistance to increase access to victim services and victim compensation for victims of crime in areas that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, including communities of color.

Administration for Children and Families = FVPSA

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Competitive Grants

Closing date: 07/15/2021

Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program | Closing date: 07/15/2021

Modified: Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education | Due Date: 7/15/21

Modified: Family Violence Prevention and Services - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Institute on Intimate Partner Violence

Closing date: 07/19/2021

Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: National Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors

[Closing date: 07/19/2021](#)

Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors in Tribal Communities (Tribal Safe Housing Center) | [Closing date: 07/26/2021](#)

Personal Responsibility Education Program Innovative Strategies (PREIS)

[Closing date: 07/26/2021](#)

Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program for Teen Pregnancy Prevention

[Closing date: 7/26/21](#)

To view open solicitations please visit the following:

[Office on Violence Against Women Open Solicitations](#)

[Office for Victim of Crimes Current Funding](#)

[Arizona Funding Opportunities](#)

[FVPSA funding opportunities can be found online at FVPSA](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Family Violence Prevention and Services Grants to Tribes

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and tribal organizations are formula grants funded through a 10% set aside in the FVPSA appropriation. The purpose of these grants is to assist Tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and to provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents.

Funding is available to all Native American Tribes and tribal organizations that meet the definition of "Indian Tribe" or "tribal organization" at 25 U.S.C. 450b and are able to demonstrate their capacity to carry out domestic violence prevention and services programs.

For more information, please see the [FVPSA Tribal Domestic Violence Services Fact Sheet](#).



Virtual FVPSA Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation Events

July 7, or 8, 2021

August 2, & August 3-5, 2021, at 1 p.m. MDT

Please join NIWRC for these virtual events being planned by [NIWRC](#) in collaboration with the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center:

[**REGISTER**](#)

- **July 7 or 8: Discussion of FVPSA Issues and Allocation Formula. Participants are welcome to join both, but please plan to join at least one of these days.**
- **August 2: Pre-consultation Tribal Leaders Caucus**
- **August 3-5: FVPSA/HHS Tribal Consultation**
- **September 8-9, 2021 FVPSA/HHS Tribal Consultation**

UPCOMING EVENTS/AWARENESS

AWARENESS MONTH

October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month | Visit: [DVAM](#)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

How is your community sharing awareness on Domestic Violence?

If you have events/activities to share please send to SWIWC and we'll be happy to include on our website and/or send to our listserv.

If you are seeking assistance with your events/activities please contact [SWIWC](#).

Visit SWIWC on our social media platforms for upcoming awareness posts



Upcoming Trainings, Webinars, Conferences

NIWRC Webinar:

- Housing/ Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) | August 11, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)
- Self Care / Decolonizing Our Emotions | September 15, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)

ITCA Sexual Assault Prevention Summit Workshop Series | June 22 - August 31, 2021 | More information please visit [ITCA Summit Series](#)

Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women:

- Rewriting Our Story: Shifting Accountability to Address Gender-Based Violence | July 22, 2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM MST Virtual Event | [REGISTER](#)
- Southwest Butterflies Retreat | July 15 & 16, 2021 Virtual Event | [REGISTER](#)

Center for Victimization and Safety: End Abuse of People with Disabilities

- Innovations at the Intersection: Supporting Survivors of Sexual Assault with a Survivor Support Packet | July 20, 2021 2 - 3:30 pm ET | [REGISTER](#)

The National Network to End Domestic Violence:

- Safety Net's Virtual Technology Summit 2020 | July 19-22, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)

Arizona Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence:

- Webinar: It's Really About Safety: Talking to Youth About Sex and Healthy Sexuality | July 9, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)
- Sexual Violence Core Advocacy Training | August 9-13, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)
- Virtual Conference: Together Forward: Reimagining Justice and Healing for Survivors | September 14-15, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)

2021 Virtual National Sexual Assault Conference | August 4-6, 2021 | [REGISTER](#)

PROTECT OUR TRADITIONS

SWIWC sends deepest condolences to those who are grieving loved ones who lost their life to COVID-19



It is heartbreaking to learn of the passing of so many of our relatives across Indian Country. To know that we have lost mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews is truly devastating.

During this time of great uncertainty, there is one thing that is certain - we are survivors and we will continue to be.

SWIWC will continue to assist those in need including cases of domestic and sexual violence and providing

PPEs to advocates. We stand with you in solidarity and prayer as we continue to do our part in helping communities to heal, stay safe, and overcome COVID-19.

Resources with COVID-19 Safety Information

- [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](#)



Indian Health Service Vaccine locations

Maricopa.Gov Vaccine Locations



Prayers for safety and wellness

SUPPORT SWIWC

Thank you for your support!

Giving makes a huge difference and we are extremely grateful for your support. With your generosity we are able to provide a much greater reach in Arizona. SWIWC appreciates your continued support and the collaborative relationships we have had with many of you over the years. You have helped us to provide successful and meaningful events that aim to increase safety, justice, and healing for all our indigenous relatives!

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.

A sincere **THANK YOU** for your donations during [#AZGIVES](#). Your support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Arizona Gives Day returns April 5-6, 2022!



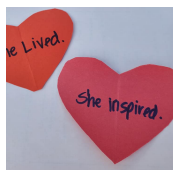
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Membership is for those who wish to support and participate in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence against all our relatives and those who provide services to victims/survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual violence in Arizona's tribal communities.

Be A Relative

STAY CONNECTED

