

SWIWC Connections

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END OF THE YEAR NEWSLETTER 2021



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO EVERYONE FROM
SWIWC's "SMALL
BUT MIGHTY" TEAM**



This year has been another great year for SWIWC. Although COVID-19 is still ever present, SWIWC has collaborated, partnered, communicated, gathered, with all our relatives from tribal communities, state and national programs and service providers. We are fortunate to work in the movement of helping, to advocate for those in need, to give voice and sit at the table, which has been a long time in coming. **Thank You** to all those who have supported our work over the years - it is so appreciated!



SWIWC's Governing Board



SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council
and Guests



SWIWC Staff

*From our home to yours, we wish you
the safest and happiest of holidays and
bright beginnings for 2022!*

SWIWC will be closed December 27, 2021 - January 3, 2022. For urgent matters please leave a message here: [**SWIWC**](#) Please refer to SWIWC's website for all resources or visit: [**Resources**](#)

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council

Earlier this year, SWIWC was awarded startup funding from the NoVo Foundation to form the first ever national Native LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit organization to address violence and inequities; and promote resiliency, visibility, and inclusion. The national organization will provide training and technical assistance to community programs, grassroots organizers, tribal coalitions, and Tribal Nations that seek to enhance violence intervention and prevention policy and programming/services to support Native LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) relative.

SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council will lead the task of separating from SWIWC and transitioning into the national organization. The need for this organization is urgent as the Native LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit youth, adults, and community is often an underserved and invisible population. Too often, there is a lack of enforceable laws and policies that specifically include and create safer spaces for this community. As such, the new initiative will also serve as a national advocacy organization to ensure that Native LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit voice and experiences are actively involved in policy and decision-making strategies.



From left (Standing): Hannabah Blue, Karla General, Josie Raphaelito, Eric Stegman, Mattee Jim, Elton Naswood, Silas Hoffer, Honor Fisher, Lenny Hayes. (Sitting): Marlon Fixico, Misty Sandoval, Beverly Littlethunder

In September 2021, the Advisory Council members and invited guests met in Albuquerque, NM for a strategic planning session for the organization.

On this day the team wore Orange to recognize the National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools.

Advisory Council:

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



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

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

Leanne Guy Recipient of the Saguaro Award



In October, Leanne Guy, was awarded the Saguaro Award during the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence's (ACESDV) 11th Annual Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner. The Saguaro Award is in honor of a lifetime dedicated to ending sexual and domestic violence.

The bold saguaro cactus is a breathtaking marker on the Arizona horizon. Its 150 year lifespan sets it apart from other plants, and its fruit can contain 2,000 seeds. Like this majestic plant, the Saguaro Award recognizes a person's lifetime dedication to ending sexual and/or domestic violence. A history of advocacy, organizing, and tireless service has allowed this person to plant the seeds of significant change in the lives of survivors, as well as change the landscape of sexual and/or domestic violence response in Arizona.

ACESDV Thrive Gala:

For 41 years, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) has been working to eliminate violence in Arizona communities. ACESDV fulfills their mission by providing coordination, training and expert consultation to more than 40 sexual and domestic violence programs, as well as advocating for victim safety and offender accountability throughout the state.

The only one of its kind in Arizona, the Thrive Gala is designed to **honor and celebrate sexual and domestic violence survivors, advocates, and allies.**

Thank you to ACESDV and Congratulations Leanne!



The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence was formed in 1980 so that concerned citizens and professionals could unite in a statewide organization to end domestic violence. In 2013, the coalition became the designated dual coalition to address both sexual and domestic violence thus becoming the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV).

Like SWIWC, ACESDV is a statewide coalition serving providers of direct services to victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence. SWIWC is the statewide Tribal domestic and sexual violence coalition and ACESDV is the non-Tribal domestic and sexual violence coalition. For more information visit: [ACESDV](https://www.acesdv.org/)

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

Working to Keep Our Communities Safe!



SWIWC received 500 COVID Prevention Kits from the Arizona Department of Health (ADHS). Each kit contained a mask and hand sanitizing liquid and wipes. SWIWC delivered the kits to the following AZ tribal advocates to distribute to the victims/survivors they serve.

- Colorado River Indian Tribe Victim Advocate Program
- Cocopah Tribe Dept of Social Services
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Domestic Violence Program
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Domestic Violence Program
- Gila River Indian Community Victim Services program
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe both in Guadalupe and Tucson
- San Carlos Apache Tribe Social Services



Additionally, SWIWC received the Allstate Foundation and the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) grant to help culturally specific domestic violence organizations impacted by COVID-19. Earlier in the year SWIWC delivered care packages to the following:

- Colorado River Indian Tribe Victim Advocate Program
- Native Connections
- Native Health Domestic Violence Program
- San Carlos Apache Tribe Victim Advocate
- Tohono O'odham Domestic Violence Program



These kits contained a Walmart gift card, tea, sage/cedar, and throw blanket, wipes, spray, masks for adult and children, and water. These packages were distributed to each programs clients, and/or victims/survivors.



SWIWC is thankful and grateful for ADHS and Allstate/NNEDV for their contributions to Arizona tribal service programs to help in preventing COVID-19. For more information about ADHS and NNEDV please visit their sites: [ADHS](#) and [NNEDV](#).



Thank You!

In Remembrance

Shirley Moses



The domestic and sexual violence advocacy community lost a one of a kind advocate, mentor, and sister, Shirley Moses. Shirley was an Inupiaq Eskimo, born in Nome, Alaska, and raised in the interior Native Village of Tanana, Alaska.

Shirley was the Director of the Healing Native Hearts Coalition located in Fairbanks, Alaska and was a founding board member of the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center. She was a fierce advocate with a strong voice for victim's rights, safety, justice, and healing across the state of Alaska and nationally.

As a sister tribal coalition, SWIWC will deeply miss Shirley's presence - her quiet sense of humor and love for adventure. We will always remember and honor Shirley's commitment to her community, her family, and her dedication to ending violence against women and children.

Rest in power and peace Shirley. ♡

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

Virtual Tribal Domestic and Sexual Assault Advocates Talking Sessions

Since April 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SWIWC has provided virtual space for advocates, Advocate Talking Sessions, to gather as a means to provide support, information, and a safe way 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, supported, 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 and for more information on resources visit [SWIWC](#).

Thank You to our collaborative partners who took time to provide important information during the Advocate Talking Sessions.

- How Are You Doing? The Importance of Self Care | Presenter Lenny Hayes
- Forms and Documents: What is Effective and Non-Effective | Presenter: Memory Long Chase
- OVW Grant Program Specialist, All About Funding | Presenter: Regina D. Madison
- Safety Planning Amid COVID-19 | Presenter: Memory Long Chase
- Arizona Victim Compensation Program | Presenter: Heather Bohnet and Dorinda John
- Navajo Naiton Family Harmony Program | Presenter: Trudy Tsosie
- Gila River Health Care SANE/SART Program | Presenter: Joy Martin
- Arizona United States Attorney Victim Assistance Specialist | Presenter Haley Barba
- Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS) | Presenter: Elizabeth Haggerty
- Banner Health SANE Forensic Program | Presenter: Jennifer DeMasi
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, United States Attorney's Office of Arizona | Presenter: Anthony Garcia
- Assistant U.S. Attorney/Tribal Liaison, District of Arizona | Presenter: Kiyoko Patterson
- Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative (ACASI), Family Violence Center, ASU | Presenter: Francisco Garcia and Steve Browning

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

Virtual October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Although, SWIWC misses conducting in-person outreach events, we were excited to provide the opportunity for virtual resource sharing during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. This seems to be our new norm as we prepare for another virtual event in April 2022!



Every week in October, SWIWC provided a Virtual Resource Day which included 18 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!

- [Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiate \(ACASI\), ASU Family Violence Center](#)
- [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
- [A New Leaf](#)
- [Banner University Health Plans, SANE Program](#)
- [Bloom365](#)
- [Catholic Charities - Pathways Program](#)
- [Eve's Place](#)
- [Honor Health - Forensic Nurse Examiner Program](#)
- [Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse](#)
- [Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona](#)
- [National Center for Victims of Crime](#)
- [Native American Fatherhood & Families Association](#)
- [Native Search Solutions](#)
- [Navajo Nation Family Harmony Program](#)
- [Ready for a Miracle](#)
- [Sojourner Center](#)
- [Strengthening Nations](#)
- [United States Attorney District, Tribal Victim Assistance Program](#)

Most virtual events were LIVE on Facebook. You can view them here: [SWIWC](#)



Our first virtual event, April 2020, can be found on our website along with LIVE viewings on SWIWC's Facebook page. SWIWC will link all resources to our website soon.



Stay connected to SWIWC and keep updated on all events, social media posts, trainings, and resources, by visiting, following, and liking us on the following platforms:



SWIWC HAPPENINGS

Funding Opportunities for Tribal Victim Services Program Webinar | November 2021

In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, SWIWC requested assistance from state and federal grant administrators to present specifically on addressing funding for tribal victim services programs.

There is specific set-asides funding for tribes at a state and federal level to provide victim services within tribal communities, so the importance of learning about eligibility requirements, allowable and unallowable costs, the parameters of funding, matching requirements, and how to access these grants is imperative to tribal service programs.

Thank You to the following state and federal grant administrators who took time to present:

- Kate Lyon, Program Administrator, VOCA Unit | AZDPS
- Laura Guild, Domestic Violence Program Manager | Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Diana Lee, Domestic Violence Prevention Program Manager | Family Violence Services Prevention Act (FVPSA) State Administrator - State FVPSA Funds
- Rebekah Jones, Grants Programs Specialist | Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women

To view the webinar please contact: [SWIWC](#)



SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council Training Requests



SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council provided specific training for two organizations, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) and Arizona Center for After-school Excellence (AZCASE).

The topics addressed were specifically on Native LGBTQ+/2S which were; "Elevating LGBTQ+ Voices: Increasing Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention" and "Two-Spirit (Re) Emergence in Contemporary Times".

We thank presenters Lenny Hayes and Josie Ralphaelito both from the advisory council and Souksavanh T. Keovorabouth a representative from the advisory council.

To learn more about our Advisory Council and for information on both ACESDV and AZCASE please visit the following: [SWIWCAC](#), [ACESDV](#), [AZCASE](#)

We are Indigenous Every Day!



November is Native American Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges. #NCAI

WE ARE LIVING, BREATHING, PRIDEFUL, STRONG, AND RESOLUTE PEOPLE WITH BEAUTIFUL CULTURES, UNIQUE LANGUAGES, AND UNBREAKABLE CONNECTIONS TO LAND AND FAMILY. I love being Indigenous!! ~Leanne Guy~

Over the years and through the Arizona Coalitions to End Sexual and Domestic Violence 40 Hour Sexual Violence Core Advocacy Training and The Sharing Experience, SWIWC continues to provide a presentation on "Addressing and Responding to Violence in Native Communities" which includes information on Arizona tribes, resources, working at a state and national level in addressing and responding to domestic and sexual violence. If you are seeking information on native specific training and/or would like more information on SWIWC, please contact [SWIWC](#).

SWIWC TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SWIWC Training

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 within the context of domestic and sexual violence. 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's 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.

To view some of SWIWC's trainings/webinars please visit the following: [Recordings](#)

- Best Practices in Mobile Advocacy
- Confidentiality in the Time of COVID-19
- Historical & Intergenerational Trauma and the Impact on the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ Community
- The Impact of Sexual Violence on Men and Boys
- Non-Fatal Strangulation: What Everyone Needs to Know
- Supporting Children in the Aftermath of Domestic Violence Part 1 and 2
- Understanding Violence Among the Transgender Community: Experiences & Recommendations
- Victim Center Advocacy

SWIWC Technical Assistance

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

We are honored to have worked and continue to work with some of Arizona Tribal Victim Services Programs. SWIWC is available to assist in grant writing and/or suggestions for implementing victim services.

To request for training and/or technical assistance visit [SWIWC](#)

Currently, all training and technical assistance are provided virtually.



Sexual Assault Campaign



SWIWC is currently conducting a Roundtable Series on Sexual Assault. 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](#).

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 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](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Thank You to Our Collaborative Relatives!

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.



We thank the following collaborative relatives:

- [Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence](#)
- [National Indigenous Women's 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](#)
- [Trauma Informed Working Group - ADES](#)
- [Navajo Nation Victim/Survivor Services](#)
- [Native Search Solutions](#)
- [The Bridge Initiative](#)
- [Banner United Health Plan - introduction to SANE/SART Program](#)
- [Sojourner Center](#)
- [Arizona State Agencies Coordinating Team](#)
- [Arizona Governors Office on Youth, Faith and Family Working Groups](#)
- [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
- [Arizona Tribal Victim Advocates and Tribal Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- [White House's Trilateral Violence Against Indigenous Women Working Group](#)
- [Tribal Justice Exchange Focus Group](#)
- [Statewide Coalition Implementation Plan Engagement](#)
- [Coconino County Victim Witness Services](#)
- [ASU Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative \(ACASI\)](#)

Strong Hearts to the Front!

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:

Administering tribal funds and programs;

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

The 2021 Update on the Status of Tribal Consultation Recommendations is now available!

[View 2021 Report](#)

The 15th Annual Government to Government Violence Against Women 2020 Tribal Consultation Annual Report is now available!

[View 2020 Annual Report](#)

[View Summary Report](#)

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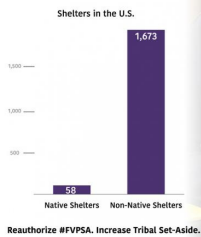
For more information please visit www.ovwconsultation.org

For General Questions, Contact: TribalConsultationSupport@chickasaw.com

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

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program (FVPSA) Government to Government Consultation | September 2021

There are **only 58** Native domestic violence shelters nationwide for 574 federally recognized Indian Tribes.



The FVPSA (Family Violence Prevention and Services Act) Government-to-Government Consultation is a two-day virtual meeting to build meaningful relationships with federally recognized tribes receiving FVPSA funding by engaging in open, continuous, and meaningful consultation. The FVPSA Program invited Tribal leaders to provide verbal and written testimony on the allocation of FVPSA grant awards for Tribes. The FVPSA Program also invited Tribal leaders to give verbal and written testimony on establishing

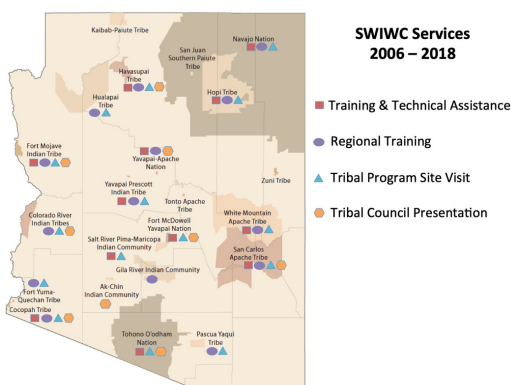
a minimum grant award of \$55,000 for each Tribe that applies for FVPSA funding. Establishing a higher minimum base award for each Tribe that applies for FVPSA funding is needed to help smaller Tribes meet the needs of 40,000 women, men, and children, at minimum, seeking their services each year.

During Tribal Consultation, it was heard to continue the urgent need to increase funding for shelter and services. To read further on the Family Violence and Prevention Services Act 2021 Reauthorization please visit [NIWRC](#)

Call for Action: Visit [NIWRC](#) for more information

- Call to support FVPSA Reauthorization (H.R. 2119, S. 1275)
- Call to Support Tribal Nations Population Data Preference
- Call for Annual Consultation on Implementation and Administration of FVPSA
- Call for Additional Information Concerning Proposed Minimum Grant
- Call for Increased Funding for Tribal Domestic Violence Shelters

LESS THAN HALF OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES RECIEVE FVPSA FUNDING



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 continues 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:

- Targeted Support for the Muscogee Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Seminole Nations in Oklahoma Special Initiative Invitation to Apply - **Due January 4, 2022**

OVC OPEN SOLICITATIONS:

- U.S. Department of Justice Funding
- **FY 2022 U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.**
Closing Date: March 15, 2022.
- This solicitation provides comprehensive funding to federally recognized tribes, tribal consortia, and tribal designees to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues. Applicants can submit a single application and select from any or all of the purpose areas, including one administered by OVC (Purpose Area 6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities).

ARIZONA STATE GOVERNORS OFFICE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund - State Fiscal Year 2022
 - **Application start date: 11/18/2021**
 - **Application end date: 12/30/2021**

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](#)
 - [Learn about FVPSA](#)

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.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS/AWARENESS

AWARENESS MONTHS

- JANUARY: Stalking Awareness Month | Visit: www.stalkingawareness.org and National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- FEBRUARY: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month | Visit: www.loveisrespect.org
- Victim Rights Week: April 24-30, 2022 | Visit: [NCVRW-OVC](#)
- April Sexual Assault Awareness Month | Visit: [NSVRC](#)
- May 5th National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls ([MMIWG](#)).

Visit SWIWC on our social media platforms and our website for upcoming awareness posts

Upcoming Trainings, Webinars, Conferences

SWIWC's 40-Hour Virtual Victim Advocacy Training

SWIWC is excited to offer a 40-hour training for victim advocates who are new to victim advocacy and/or those who wish to refresh or expand their knowledge. This 40-hour training will provide information on the following topic areas:

- Victim Advocacy
- Who are the victims/survivors of domestic/sexual violence
- LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit Community Victims/Survivors
- Addressing and Responding to Sexual Violence
- Coordinated, Collaborative, and Communicative Responses
- Taking Care of YOU - Spiritually, Mentally, Emotionally

More information coming soon.



SWIWC's April Sexual Assault Awareness Month Virtual Resource Day(s) | April 2022

SWIWC's 7th Annual Gathering for Healthy Relations Statewide Conference | May 2022

More information coming soon.



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SWIWC MEMBERSHIP

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](#)

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES

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

During this time of great uncertainty, there is one thing that is certain - we are survivors and we will continue to be. Please continue to mask up, keep distance, and stay in place when possible.

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's 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 Service Vaccine Locations

Maricopa.Gov Vaccine Locations

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

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!

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

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 [#GivingTuesday](#). Your support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed. GivingTuesday returns November 29, 2022!



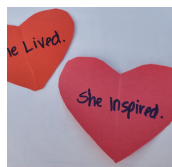
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