

# SWIWC Connections

*Sacred We Are*

END OF THE YEAR NEWSLETTER 2022



**From our SWIWC Sacred We Are family to yours, we wish you the safest and happiest of holidays and bright beginnings for 2023!**

This has been another great year for SWIWC. SWIWC is growing and continues to collaborate, partner, communicate, and gather with all our relatives from tribal communities, service providers and with state and national programs. We are fortunate to work in the movement of helping others and advocating for those in need. **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our work over the years - it is so appreciated!



SWIWC Staff and Governing Board



SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council. Back row L-R Misty Sandoval, Mattee Jim, Elton Naswood, Josie Raphaelito, Rebecca Nagle. Front row, L-R: Lenny Hayes and the late Marlon Fixico



This year SWIWC loss Marlon "Marty" Fixico, a cherished elder member of it's Two-Spirit & Native LGBTQ+ Advisory Council. Marty is truly missed and we send his family loving wishes for the holiday season.

Happy  
holidays

SWIWC will be closed December 26, 2022 - January 2, 2022. For urgent matters please leave a message here: [SWIWC](#) Please refer to SWIWC's website for all resources or visit: [Resources](#)

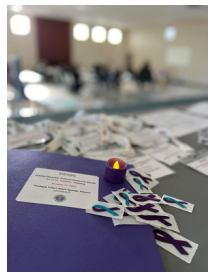
# SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

## We're back! Tribal Site Visits and Training

Since April 2020, SWIWC paused all in person site visits and trainings due to the pandemic and since May of this year, we are back in our tribal communities! It feels great to be in communities again providing training and visiting tribal council, service providers, and the general community. In October and November, SWIWC completed two technical assistance requests to the Hualapai Tribe and the Colorado River Indian Tribe.

### Hualapai Tribe's "All of Us, Together" October Domestic Violence Awareness Month Training

With the assistance of victim advocate, Deborah Saganitso and SWIWC Board member, Carrie Imus, SWIWC provided two days of training for service providers and the community that focused on domestic violence, sexual violence, victim blaming, missing and murdered indigenous relatives, elder abuse, and cultural and traditional healing for victims. SWIWC also met with Hualapai Tribal Council and provided training to the Hualapai Detention Staff.



### Colorado River Indian Tribe's "Working Together and Staying Connected" Awareness and Prevention Training

With the assistance of victim advocate, Janice Patch, SWIWC provided two days of training for service providers and the community that focused on domestic violence, sexual violence, missing and murdered indigenous relatives, stalking, elder abuse, tech safety, coordinated community response, and engaging men and boys in the movement. SWIWC also met with Tribal Council.



Each tribe also received COVID prevention and survivor safety kits to be distributed to survivors. Also, advocates received safety kits to have handy while they serve survivors.

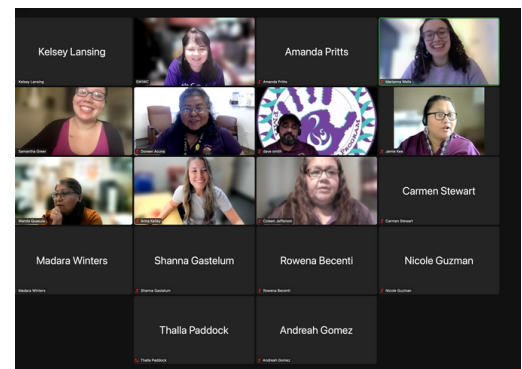
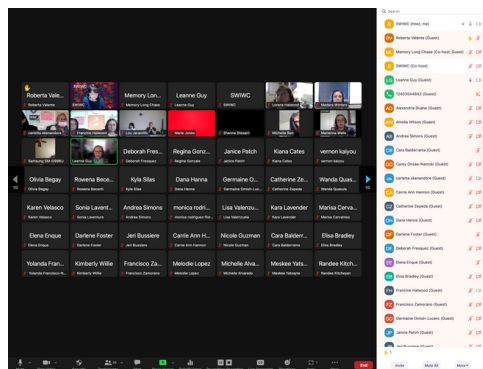
**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED!**

# SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

## TRAINING TOPICS & ATTENDANCE FOR 2022!

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**TOTAL INDIVIDUALS TRAINED: 902**



**SWIWC is available to travel to your community and/or provide information to your respective Tribal Leaders.** Ask SWIWC for more information and/or to request training/technical assistance please contact [SWIWC](#).

# SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

## SWIWC's AZ Department of Housing ARPA Events



SWIWC has received ARPA funding through the Arizona Department of Housing to address the economic disparity and health and educational hardship the COVID-19 pandemic has had on domestic and sexual violence survivors within Tribal and Urban Indian communities.

Since August 2022, SWIWC distributed a total of **280** Survivor Safety, COVID Prevention, and Advocate Safety Kits to **12** tribal communities. We did this through the creation of a task force comprised of advocates from Arizona's Tribal Communities.

We continue our vision for Safe Communities. In 2023 SWIWC will be implementing a financial assistance program to support survivors with housing and utility assistance, transportation, and educational needs. As well as providing COVID-specific awareness, training, and community healing initiatives. Click [here](#) for more information on our website.

For more information or to be involved, please contact **Memory**.

### PPE for Programs

This funding will support Tribal DV/SA programs in obtaining personal protective equipment available for staff and shelter residents/program participants

### Financial Assistance

In effort to address the economic hardships, SWIWC obtained funding to help with housing needs of survivors of DV/SA

### Educational Disparities

Recognizing the educational disparities of Tribal Communities SWIWC has funding available for survivors with children to support their educational requirements

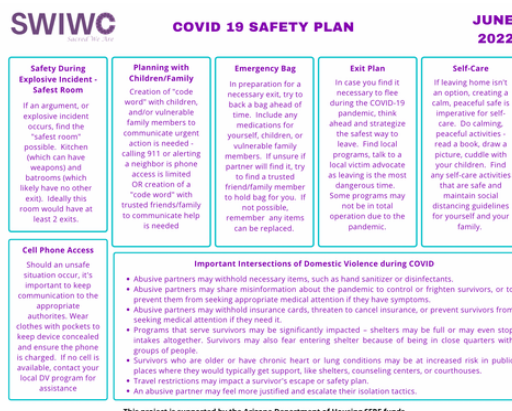
### Community Healing Initiatives

For those families affected by the Pandemic we will support families by creating Circles of Support

Coming in 2023



## ARPA MATERIALS



# SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

## Delivery of Survivor, Advocate Safety and COVID Prevention Kits



# 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 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.

SWIWC held its last talking session for this year and will resume in January 2023. It has been a great year of reconnecting, brainstorming, networking and providing safe space for our advocates. If you are an advocate and interested in attending SWIWC's talking sessions, please feel free to join us!

**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](https://www.swiwc.org).

**After two years of virtual sessions, SWIWC enjoyed seeing a few of Arizona's tribal advocates in person at the Indian Nations Conference!**



# SWIWC HAPPENINGS

## 3rd Annual Virtual October Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Although, SWIWC conducted a few in-person outreach events, we were excited to provide the opportunity to virtually gather for resource sharing during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. This format seems to work best at the moment, so expect more of the same for 2023!

Every week in October, SWIWC provided a Virtual Resource Day which included 13 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!

- [Alice Place](#)
- [Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiate \(ACASI\), ASU Family Violence Center](#)
- [A New Leaf](#)
- [Arizona Youth Partnership](#)
- [Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's Domestic Violence Program](#)
- [Gila River Health Care - SANE Program](#)
- [Northern Arizona Care and Services After Assault Native Health](#)
- [Phoenix Family Advocacy Center](#)
- [Sexual Assault Services in Northwest New Mexico](#)
- [Sexual Assault Services Organizations](#)
- [Tribal Resource Tool](#)
- [Victim Witness Services for Northern Arizona](#)

If you would like to sign up for SWIWC's 2023 April Sexual Assault Awareness Month Virtual Resource Event, contact [SWIWC](#).

This is a great way to expand your resources and network with other organizations doing the same work.

Download SWIWC's 31 Days of Facts for DVAM and visit our Social Media platforms for more DVAM posts!

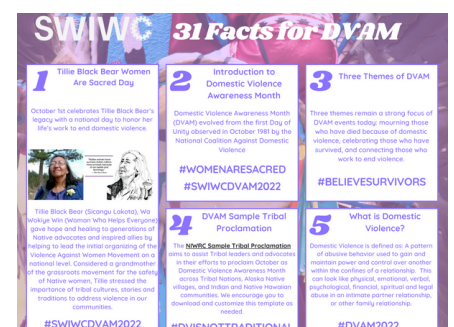


Most virtual events were LIVE on Facebook. You can view them here: [SWIWC](#)

Most of SWIWC's virtual events can be found on our website along with LIVE viewings on SWIWC's Facebook page.



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

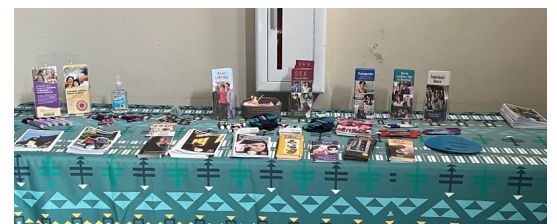
## EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND PREVENTION EVENTS:

We love to be out in community as it provides us the opportunity to connect to people that might not otherwise have access to our services and information.

### SWIWC attended and tabled at several events:

- SWIWC's 7th Gathering for Healthy Relations Statewide Hybrid Conference
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls State Capitol Event
- San Carlos Apache Tribe PRIDE Event
- 29th Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference
- 2022 Hopi-Tewa Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Training Conference
- 17th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation
- Justice for Victims of Crime 17th National Indian Nations Conference
- Mesa Domestic Violence Awareness Night Event
- Native Health Trunk or Treat

**SWIWC**Connected with over 1000 people in 2022!

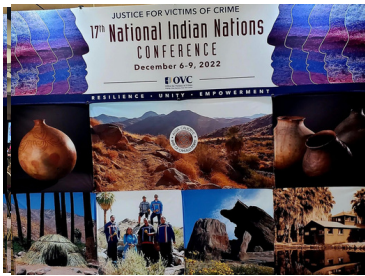


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## Justice for Victims of Crime 17th National Indian Nations Conference (INC)

After nearly four years since the last Indian Nations Conference, it was great to be in the home lands of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Since 1988, OVC has sponsored 16 Indian Nations: Justice for Victims of Crime Conferences (Indian Nations Conferences). The purpose of the conference is to include the prevention and intervention of crimes against vulnerable populations and the upholding of rights of, and improve services to, crime victims. It was healing to gather with relatives once again, to learn, network, and hug! SWIWC tabled at the conference in collaboration with SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council.

### A few highlights from the conference:



### SWIWC's Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council Represented at INC



Lenny Hayes, Native LGBTQ2S Advisory Council Co-Chair, provided two workshops at the INC conference, "Creating Healing Spaces for Native Male Survivors" and "Native Victims of Sex Trafficking Working with LGBTQ2S and Special Needs Populations". Both were excellent!

To learn more about our Advisory Council please visit the following: [SWIWCAC](https://www.swiwc.org/cac)

# SWIWC HAPPENINGS



## NOVEMBER IS Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month

Every Day is Indigenous Day!

November is Native American Heritage Month, which is a perfect time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. The month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a 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 Nov. 2012-

As part of this month, SWIWC created space for non-Native partners to learn more about specific Native Culture/Traditions as it relates to "Advocating for Native Survivors" and "Addressing and Responding to Violence in Native Communities".

SWIWC provided training to the following non-Native Partners:

- ACASI | "Addressing and Responding to Violence in Native Communities"
- Homeless Youth Connections | "Addressing and Responding to Violence in Native Communities"
- Sojourner | "Jurisdictional Issues in Arizona"

Follow us on our social media platforms or visit [www.swiwc.org](http://www.swiwc.org) to stay informed on **Native American Heritage** and to stay **SWIWConnected!**



SWIWC was invited to join NIWRC's STTARS National Workgroup on Safe Housing for AI/AN Survivors of Gender Based Violence as well as their Speakers' Bureau.

### About the STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center

**STTARS: Safety, Training, Technical Assistance and Resources Support**

The mission of the STTARS Indigenous Safe Housing Center (STTARS) is to advocate for safe housing for all our relatives. We do this work through centering Indigeneity, acknowledging our relationship to Earth Mother, building on each other's gifts, resisting oppression and erasure, and acting upon the prayers of our ancestors to honor diversity and create belonging for us all.

Our Vision: Safe House for All Our Relatives

To learn more about STTARS visit: [NIWRC](http://NIWRC)

# 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.



We thank the following collaborative partners:

- [Arizona Tribal Victim Advocates and Tribal Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs](#)
- [Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence](#)
- [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#)
- [National Congress of American Indians Violence Against Women Task Force](#)
- [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#)
- [Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Working Group](#)
- [Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona](#)
- [Navajo Nation Victim/Survivor Services](#)
- [Navajo Nation Housing Technical Assistance](#)
- [Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee of NAABIk'lytai'](#)
- [Native Health](#)
- [Arizona State Agencies Coordinating Team](#)
- [Arizona Governors Office on Youth, Faith and Family Working Groups](#)
- [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- [ASU Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative \(ACASI\)](#)
- [Pinal County SART](#)
- [Sojourner Center](#)

## New Resource: Many Voices, Many Traditions Toolkit



Many Voices  
Many Traditions  
A FVPSA TOOLKIT FOR WORKING  
WITH INDIGENOUS PARTNERS

**A FVPSA Toolkit for working with Indigenous Partners.**

This toolkit is designed to support the work of FVPSA state administrators and domestic violence coalitions. As recipients of the designated domestic violence federal

funds, states and coalitions are expected to outreach, engage, fund and support underserved communities, including Indigenous Nations.

For more information or to contact visit: [Many Voices Many Traditions](#)

## New Resource: Condensed Guide for Drafting Tribal Victim's Rights Codes published by Tribal Law and Policy Institute

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Tribal Judicial Institute and the National Criminal Justice Training Center, is pleased to announce a new publication, Condensed Guide for Drafting Tribal Victim's Rights Codes (Condensed Guide). This Condensed Guide is designed to assist tribal governments with the development of victim right's codes. Download here: [TLPI](#)

# TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT



## 17TH ANNUAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRIBAL CONSULTATION

September 21-23, 2022 | Anchorage, Alaska

### The 17th 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](#)

[View 2020 Annual Report](#)

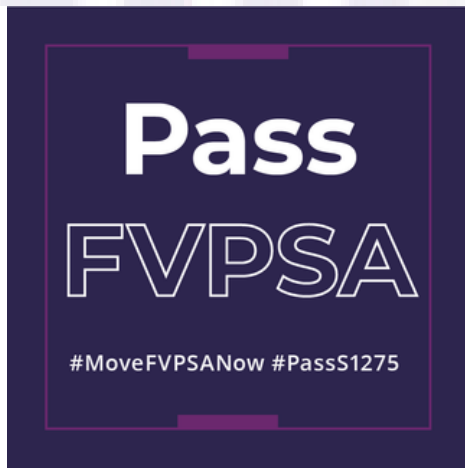
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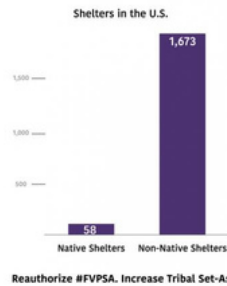
For more information please visit [www.ovwconsultation.org](http://www.ovwconsultation.org)

For General Questions, Contact: [TribalConsultationSupport@chickasaw.com](mailto:TribalConsultationSupport@chickasaw.com)

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



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



FVPSA has already passed the House and it is time for the Senate to take action.

#PassFVPSA

FVPSA is the only source of federal funding dedicated to supporting domestic violence programs and shelters, providing core funding to more than 1,500 domestic violence shelters and programs, supporting over 240 tribes and tribal organizations to address and prevent domestic violence, and creating a network of state coalitions and national technical assistance providers – all working to ensure vital crisis services are available to individuals experiencing domestic or dating violence as well as their children. FVPSA also provides funding for National Domestic Violence Hotline, dedicated to providing 24/7 assistance to survivors of family, domestic, and dating violence or those trying to assist them and StrongHearts Native Helpline, a Native specific helpline to assist Native American survivors.

S.1275/H.R. 2119 reauthorizes and strengthens FVPSA to make it responsive to the needs of all survivors. It passed the House and unanimously by voice vote out of the Senate HELP Committee more than a year ago, and it's time for final passage before the end of the year.

- 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**

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

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

### OVW FY 2023 OPEN SOLICITATIONS:

- [Justice For Families Program Solicitation](#)

**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](#)
- [Search for Grants at Grants.Gov](#)
  - [Learn about FVPSA](#)



# UPCOMING EVENTS/AWARENESS

## AWARENESS MONTHS

- JANUARY: Stalking Awareness Month | Visit: [www.stalkingawareness.org](http://www.stalkingawareness.org) and National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- FEBRUARY: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month | Visit: [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)
- Victim Rights Week: April 23-29, 2023 | Visit: [NCVRW-OVC](http://NCVRW-OVC)
- APRIL: Sexual Assault Awareness Month | Visit: [NSVRC](http://NSVRC)
- MAY: May 5th National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls ([MMIWG](http://MMIWG))

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

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## SWIWC Upcoming Events

- Advocate Talking Session | **January 18, 2023**
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives GrassRoots Gathering | **February, 2023**
- Native Statewide Sexual Assault Justice & Healing Response Committee | **February, 2023**
  - Formerly known as SWIWC's Native Statewide Sexual Assault Task Force
- SWIWC Regional Training Focus: Youth | **February 22-23, 2023**
- SWIWC Membership Gathering - **In Person** | **March 1, 2023**
- SWIWC Advocate Retreat | **March 9-11, 2023 (tentative)**
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives National Circle of Support Monthly Planning Meetings | **January - October 2023**
- SWIWC's **April** SAAM Virtual Resource Month
- SWIWC Victim Advocate 40 hour Training - **In Person** | **April 2023**
- SWIWC Regional Training Focus: Native 2SLGBTQ+ | **June 2023**



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# SWIWC MEMBERSHIP



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.

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## SWIWC MEMBERSHIP

ADVOCACY \* OUTREACH \* TRAINING \* TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE \*  
TRIBAL, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



### 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](#)

## Continue to Protect Our Tribal Communities

Part of our commitment to being Good Relatives, is to continue to provide safety elements, information, trainings and practical tools regarding COVID Mitigation/Prevention. Please continue to mask up, keep distance, and stay in place when possible.

SWIWC has created a safety plan at the intersection of DV and COVID, and Infographics on tips on how to stay safe and mitigate the spread of COVID. To download a copy of the safety plan, click [here](#).

### 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!



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 28, 2023!



## AMAZONSMILE | DONATE WHILE CHRISTMAS 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!

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK | [Donate Today](#)

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## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS, SENDING YOU MANY BLESSINGS  
FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**SWIWC**  
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**SWIWC** IS  
*Sacred We Are*  
**HIRING**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

- Finance Manager  
Salary range: \$50,000 - \$55,000
- Program Assistant  
Salary range: \$40,000 - \$45,000
- Two-Spirit & LGBTQ+ Outreach Coordinator  
Salary range: \$40,000 - \$45,000

If interested please email Leanne Guy, Executive Director at [leanne.guy@swiwc.org](mailto:leanne.guy@swiwc.org) for a position description and/or to submit a letter of interest and resume.

# WHO WE ARE



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## STAY CONNECTED

