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Hello, all. We had to combine the May and June issues of the newsletter this month – Dan and I are traveling this season, visiting many of you in person. All of the programs listed on Page Two are receiving on-site training as requested!! If your program is not on this list, and you would like to set up a training workshop, contact us so we can schedule it for the fall. We have enjoyed our training visits to tribes in Alaska, Montana, Oklahoma, and Arizona so far this year.

You can select a workshop from the list of Training Topics located on Page 3. Fill out an on-line training request form at www.generatingsolutions.org, give a call tollfree at 1-877-438-4400, or send an e-mail to Gina@GeneratingSolutions.org or Dan@GeneratingSolutions.org. Once we get your request, we'll contact you to design a training specific to the needs of your community and program.

Our resource pool of consultants is growing, so if you have a favorite trainer you would like to work with, let us know. We can invite them to train for you.

There are also many excellent resources offered by other organizations and, as we do in each newsletter, we have highlighted some of these opportunities for you. You can also check the TVA Community Training Calendar at www.generatingsolutions.org to find local, regional, and national training opportunities for tribal advocates and law enforcement.

We'll see you soon. As always, it is our pleasure to work with you.

Gina and Dan

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New Web Site on Dating Violence

By Susan Herman, Executive Director,
National Center for Victims of Crime

Approximately 1 in 5 high school girls reports being abused by a boyfriend^[1]. On college campuses, 32% of students report dating violence by a previous partner.^[2] To help communities, programs, agencies and individuals address dating violence, the National Center for Victims of Crime has launched the Dating Violence Resource Center's web page, www.ncvc.org/dvrc. This exciting new web page—part of the National Center's extensive web resources—provides significant new information for the field.

New online resources include:

- Teen Dating Violence and Campus Dating Violence fact sheets (downloadable pdf);
- Teen Tip Sheets on dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other related topics (downloadable pdf);
- Outreach materials, including palm cards, posters, and the new dating violence brochure (downloadable pdf);
- Dating violence related research; and
- Resource Reviews of books, films, and other materials available for education and outreach efforts.

The Dating Violence Resource Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, has two goals. (1) Create national awareness about incidence and impact of dating violence, and (2) Support communities (OVW grantees) addressing the issue.

This is only the start! Visit www.ncvc.org/dvrc now and keep checking back as we continue to expand our resources. Please let us know if there are other ways we can help you help victims of dating violence.

[1] Silverman et al., "Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Risk Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," JAMA, (2001).

[2] C. Sellers and M. Bromley, "Violent Behavior in College Student Dating Relationships," Journal of Contemporary Justice, (1996).

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Unified Solutions On-Site Training Visits

May 4 & 5, 2004
San Carlos Apache Tribe

May 20 & 21, 2004
Oglala Sioux Tribe

June 15, 2004
Nevada Urban Indians

June 21, 2004
Ft. Peck Assiniboine and Sioux

June 29, 2004
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

July 6, 2004
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

July 26, 2004
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

July 27, 2004
United Keetoowah Bank of Cherokee

August 16, 2004
Oglala Sioux Tribe

August 17 & 18, 2004
Lovelock Paiute Tribe

August 31 & September 1, 2004
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

October 5 & 6, 2004
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

TRAINING WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE FROM UNIFIED SOLUTIONS

For Tribal Advocates & Law Enforcement

Topics:

Elder Abuse
Child Abuse
Sexual Assault
Stalking Crimes
Domestic Abuse
Homicide
Law Enforcement Investigations
Advocacy Skills

Victim Assistance Essentials (*reviews victim rights, relevant laws, tribal, state, and federal resources for victims, an overview of types of crimes, essential skills for advocates, including accompaniment for death notifications*)

On-Scene Crisis Response Skills (*educates about the physical and emotional experience for the victim, how to understand on-scene behaviors from perpetrator & victim, offers specific interviewing techniques to maximize productivity of investigations and services*)

Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue & Burnout (*for advocates AND law enforcement professionals*)

Crimes Affecting Adolescents (*includes Dating Violence, Bullying in Schools, Sexual Assault, and Gang-related Activity*)

Program Management topics include:

Community Change Strategies
Grant Writing & Program Sustainability
Data Collection & Program Evaluation
Recruiting and Managing Volunteers

Also check out our weekly Leadership Development tele-classes for TVA Program Managers. Any of these classes can be turned into an on-site workshop for your program.

Coming soon... a 6-week teleclass series on Elder Abuse in Indian Country

To make a Training Request, call us toll-free at 877-438-4400, send an e-mail to gina@generatingsolutions.org, send the online training request form (www.generatingsolutions.org), or fax your request to us at 520-622-7558.

Apology to Indians advocated

By Andrew Mollison
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WASHINGTON - An official apology for the way the United States and its citizens have mistreated American Indians and the country's other indigenous people is starting to move through Congress.

"I know there's potential for this being controversial," said the apology's author, Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan. He recalled the barrage of vitriolic phone calls a few years ago that blocked a similar attempt by former Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, to obtain an official apology to the descendants of former slaves.

"But the circumstances are different," he said. "With the maturity of the sovereign tribes being acknowledged, the opening this fall (on Washington's Mall) of the museum recognizing the contribution of Native Americans, this is a moment that could be used, not to heal all old wounds, but to start building a new relationship."

The Senate this month passed, 92-0, a resolution saying it "joins with the president in expressing apology for the humiliation suffered by the prisoners in Iraq and their families."

But with that exception, Congress hasn't approved an official apology since 1993. That year, the House voted overwhelmingly and the Senate voted 65-34 to apologize to native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii 100 years previously.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is expected to advance Brownback's bill to the Senate calendar in June. The co-sponsors include the panel's chairman, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe who is the only American Indian in Congress, and its vice chairman, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

The apology bill says the United States "acknowledges years of official depredations, ill-conceived policies, and the breaking of covenants by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes."

It also "apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States."

To show that the measure isn't a back-door attempt to settle ongoing legal disputes, it also says, "Nothing in this Joint Resolution authorizes any claim against the United States or serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States."

And the president is urged to join Congress in its apology.

"Canada has done it, but the United States has never formally apologized for all the atrocities and double-dealing," said Tex Hall, president of the 250-tribe National Congress of American Indians.

Hall, who is also chairman of the Mendan, Hidasa and Arikara Nation in Fort Berthold, N.D., said, "It's only one small step, but without an apology you can't do the healing, and without the healing, we can't come together as one country."

Others endorsing the resolution's broad thrust include leaders and tribal councils from more than three dozen Indian tribes and Alaskan Native communities, as well as the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The apology "will not right the wrongs of the past but may correct misdirected policies of the present," wrote Anthony D. Johnson of Lapwai, Idaho, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe.

Floyd Leonard, chief of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, said the resolution could help "tribal citizens as they struggle with overcoming the more than 500 years of mistreatment and disrespect that has resulted from the European invasion."

The official apology was described as "long overdue" by John Yellow Bird Steele, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, S.D.

Ron Walters, a University of Maryland political scientist who has tracked efforts to obtain reparations for descendants of slaves, said some blacks were bound to ask why they didn't get an apology as well.

"When President (Bill) Clinton went over to Africa and came close to an apology, Republicans took to the floor the next day and excoriated him," Walters recalled.

However, President Bush and his Democratic challenger, John Kerry, who both oppose reparations, might offer election-year support for apologies, Walters said.

Pew Commission Reports Native American Children Overrepresented in Foster Care

The Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care has been established to develop recommendations to improve outcomes for children in the foster care system.

The commission has released a new report entitled *Demographics of Children in Foster Care*. The report indicates that Native American children are overrepresented in foster care proportionate to other groups. It says that, although Native Americans represent less than 1% of the total population, Native American children make up 2% of the children in foster care.

To see the full report, as well as other relevant research by the Pew Commission, go to <http://pewfostercare.org/>.

A New Booklet on Compassion Fatigue from Unified Solutions

A booklet entitled *Addressing Vicarious Traumatization for Emotionally Demanding Occupations among Reservation-based Programs* is available online in the TVA Community Resource Library: www.generatingsolutions.org/tva/.

Alice Moore, MSW, is the principal author of the booklet, with contributions from Lessert Moore, Sun Dance Chief; and Gina Gavaris, MC, CPC. Alice is an Arapaho from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. She has her masters from the University of Berkeley in social welfare. Her thesis in graduate school was on domestic violence within a Native American community.

The 30-page booklet teaches about compassion fatigue, burnout, and secondary stress as they relate to Native American advocates and first responders. The booklet addresses personal and organizational factors contributing to vicarious traumatization, and identifies professional and organizational strategies to reduce stressors. Effective self-care techniques are identified and examined. Many resources and a bibliography are provided to help professionals in their trauma work.

Please call Unified Solutions toll-free at 1-877-438-4400 if you would prefer to have a hard copy of the booklet mailed to your TVA program at no cost.

Books about loss and trauma....



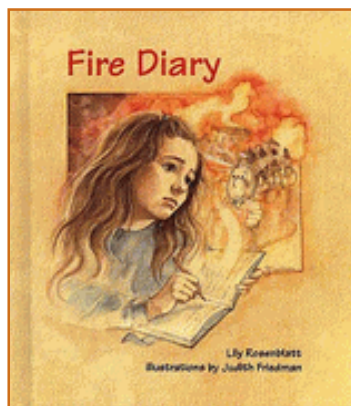
The Renew Center for Personal Discovery (<http://www.renew.net>) offers books about loss and trauma. Check out their website for a catalogue of resource books for elementary and middle-aged children, as well as adults who are survivors of trauma. Featured this month:

HELP ME SAY GOODBYE

Activities for helping kids cope when a special person dies. An art therapy and activity book for children coping with the death of someone they love. Sensitive exercises address the questions and fears that kids may have during an emotional and troubling event. \$9.95



to order, go to: <http://store.yahoo.com/renewcenter/helmesaygood.html>



FIRE DIARY

Nine-year-old April begins a diary as a means of accepting the changes in her life after a fire destroys the home she shared with her mother and grandmother. Guidelines for dealing with home fires are included. \$14.95

to order, go to: <http://store.yahoo.com/renewcenter/fire diary.html>

Two Eagles fly overhead as Prayer Walk participants enter sacred site.

Eagle Butte, SD ~ by Carla Marshall, SDCADSA Media/Pub. Ed.
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On Saturday, April 24, 2004, people from all over the state and various Tribal Reservations, and some as far away as New York, California, Canada, and Japan completed a 19-mile trek from Eagle Butte to Green Grass either on foot, horseback, bikes, and one skateboard, to bring awareness of ending sexual violence in our communities.

Over 300 people, men, women, and children, ranging from ages 1 to 84, came together for the Reclaiming the Sacredness of Women and Children Prayer Walk/Ride to the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe and to attend a traditional Lakota prayer ceremony by Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe.

After eight hours on the road, participants entered the sacred site of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe's home in Green Grass where the main prayer ceremony was held. There, upon arriving, two Eagles flew overhead and circled several times, as in greeting the people, making this long journey fulfilling and powerful.

Organizers planned four prayer stops before arriving at Green Grass.

"The Prayer Walk/Ride was a success. We started out very strong with many walkers, including many children. The keeper of the pipe came too, and helped us to pray at the four prayer stops. All four stops were dedicated to the generations of women. At the first stop, Arvol Looking Horse (keeper of the sacred white buffalo calf pipe) prayed for the elders; elder Alice Four Horns from the Rosebud prayed at the second stop for women and Arvol talked about womanhood. Cecilia Looking Horse (Arvol's mother) prayed for the youth and children at the third stop, and the final stop before reaching Green Grass was dedicated to infants and those not yet born. The prayers that went to the pipe house (where the sacred white buffalo pipe is kept) were very strong" said Tillie Black Bear, director of the White Buffalo Calf Woman Society located in Mission, SD.

The day-long event, sponsored by the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault started with people gathering at the Cultural Center in Eagle Butte at 8:00 AM.

Donna Haukaas of the Sicangu Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence gave the welcome and explained the Road Rules for the walk.

"I'd like to thank everyone for coming today; it takes a lot of courage to be publicly vocal about ending sexual violence in our lives and in our communities, and every time we take this action it's a step closer to realizing that, so we appreciate your participation and appreciate your commitment to ending violence." Haukaas said.



Black Bear began the walk with a traditional Lakota prayer and song, followed by Lester Kills The Enemy singing a traditional Lakota song as well.

The walk proceeded east on Highway 212 with many participants carrying banners, flags, and traditional Lakota staffs. A traditional drum group rode in the back of a truck and sang songs of encouragement throughout the day, which helped many of the walkers to keep going.

The first prayer stop was at the four mile junction on Highway 63. "I want us to remember those (four) generations of women and the sacredness of those women and that our women see a safer lifestyle and a healthier lifestyle," said Black Bear.

Chief Arvol Looking Horse also addressed the walkers at each of the four prayer stops. "Today we are going to that sacred place because we still have the canupa (White Buffalo Calf Pipe) and a lot of relatives, Nations, and Tribes recognize us as the people of the Pipe."

Lakota people believe that one of the first teachings of Pte San Win (White Buffalo Calf Woman) was that women and children are to be respected, even in thought. However, Sexual Violence in our communities has reached epidemic proportions.

From 1992–1996, the U.S. Department of Justice reported that Native women were raped at a rate more than double that of rapes reported by all races on an annual average or 2 per 1000 for all races and 7 per 1000 for Native people.

Looking Horse asked the people that as they travel to Green Grass to remember that there is a lot of sickness going on within our people and on Mother Earth. "That's why we are traveling in our homeland, to bring attention to what's happening in our environment," he said.

Karen Artichoker, Management Team Director for Cangleska, Inc./Sacred Circle National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, commented that the White Buffalo Calf Pipe Woman came to our people

when we were in chaos and starving and that she brought us rituals and teachings so that we could live. “We are again in chaos and starving (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually). This time we went to her” she said.

It was observed that one older man walked most of the way, refusing rides time and time again, and that one little boy walked and walked, refusing rides until he was too far behind and his mother had to make him get into the car in order to catch up to the rest of the walkers.

During the second stop, Alice Four Horns, an 84-year-old elder from Rosebud, said “I pray for my family and all of you.” Four Horns spoke mostly in Lakota and also sang a traditional Lakota song. Also during this stop, prayer buttons made by the Alaska Native Women’s Coalition were handed out and made this join also. We appreciate their solidarity and show of support.

It was a very positive and powerful day. Not only being greeted by the two Eagles flying above that affirmed the people’s prayers were heard, but after the main prayer ceremony a light rain fell very briefly, which was surely a blessing to each participant for their strength and commitment they showed in taking a public stand to ending violence against all women and children.

“We know that she (White Buffalo Calf Woman) is with us and helping us. With no human justice system seeming to be able to help us, all we have is prayer. We have called upon the forces of the universe for help. We have all been strengthened and our people will survive. A great healing has begun!” said Artichoker.

After the prayer ceremony in Green Grass, participants returned to the Cultural Center for a traditional feed and to visit about what they had experience during the day.

“Your presence today shall be forever remembered as we continue our journey to reclaim the sacredness of all women and children,” said Pearl Gulbranson, Outreach Specialist for SDCADVSA, at the closing ceremony.

Our most sincere thank you and respect goes out to the Looking Horse family for their gracious hospitality and participation.

We’d like to send a special thanks to all the men, women, and children who participated and helped to make this event a huge success, and we would like to recognize the Bear Soldier District youth group from Standing Rock and the Lakota YMCA’s youth group who joined us and walked for those who could not. It was your strength and dedication that moved us forward in bringing awareness to ending sexual and domestic violence in our communities.

We would also like to thank Sacred Heart Women’s Shelter, their staff and families for helping with the organizing and the donation of t-shirts, the Cheyenne River Police Department for escorting and keeping all the participants safe while on the road, the CRST Tribal Buffalo Program for the buffalo meat donation, and the cooks who prepared the wonderful traditional meal.

This was truly a day to remember for all who participated. It was a strong and powerful alliance of people coming together for one major cause, to end sexual and domestic violence in our communities, and will be cherished memories.

For more information on how to help end Domestic and Sexual violence, please contact the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at 964-7104 or 945-0869, or call your local women’s shelter program.

“I wanted to tell you that the walk was wonderful! Over 300 people, men, women, and children walked and rode horseback to our sacred pipe. The pipekeeper, Arvol Looking Horse, told the men they are to protect women, even if it means giving up their lives. He also allowed us to pray with the bundle. It was an incredible experience. Many of us took our children and grandchildren for it was truly the kind of experience that they will relate to their children and grandchildren. The Alaska Native Women’s Coalition sent down prayer buttons and made this prayer journey with us. We appreciate this solidarity and show of support. The White Buffalo Calf Pipe Woman came to our people when we were in chaos and starving. She brought us rituals and teachings so that we could live. We are again in chaos and starving (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually). This time we went to her. I wondered what motivated many of the people to be there. One older man who was all by himself walked most of the way, refusing rides time and time again. One chubby little boy walked and walked, refusing rides until he was too far behind and we were close to Green Grass, home of the sacred pipe. Then, his mother made him get in the car.

We know that she is with us and helping us. With no human justice system seeming to be able to help us, all we have is prayer. We have called upon the forces of the universe for help. We have all been strengthened and our people will survive.

A great healing has begun! “

Karen Artichoker, Management Team Director
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Tillie Black Bear and Chief Arvol Looking Horse (keeper of the Canupa or Sacred Pipe)

The Origin of Mother's Day

Mother's Day was celebrated this year on May 9. Did you know Mother's Day was the invention of a woman activist and leader? In 1870, in the wake of the Civil War, American poet and women's leader, **Julia Ward Howe**, rallied women in a movement to establish a holiday called Mothers Day to protest war and honor women.

While Mother's Day has evolved as a way to thank women for their caring and hard work, it might also be a good time for mothers and women everywhere to remember the collective power of women to bring about change and peace.

This is the original **Mother's Day Proclamation** written in Boston by Julia Ward Howe in 1870:

*Arise, then, women of this day!
Arise all women who have hearts,
Whether your baptism be that of water or of tears
Say firmly:*

*"We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands shall not come to us reeking of carnage,
For caresses and applause.*

*Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.*

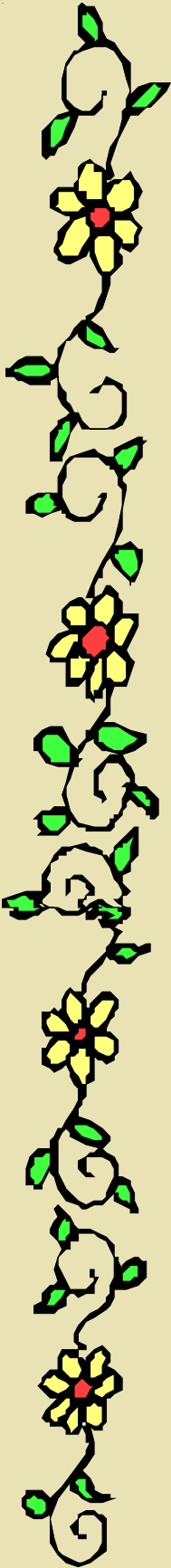
*We women of one country
Will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.
From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with
Our own. It says, "Disarm, Disarm!"*

*The sword of murder is not the balance of justice!
Blood does not wipe out dishonor
Nor violence indicate possession.*

*As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war.
Let women now leave all that may be left of home
For a great and earnest day of counsel.*

*Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.
Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means
Whereby the great human family can live in peace,
Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar,
But of God.*

*In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality
May be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient
And at the earliest period consistent with its objects
To promote the alliance of the different nationalities,
The amicable settlement of international questions.
The great and general interests of peace.*



Journey to graduation a long one

By SHEENA DOOLEY, Bismarck Tribune

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Robyn Pepion came to United Tribes Technical College with nothing but a baby in her arms. She had left her home in Browning, Mont., and an abusive relationship, to start over.

Three years later, the 24-year-old will graduate with 88 classmates Friday with a degree from the injury prevention program. The last educational degree Pepion earned was from Head Start.

"I didn't graduate from high school," she said. "This feels so good. I'm doing it on my own. It's hard, but I'm doing it."

But the journey has been a long one, she said.

Before Pepion came to Bismarck, she had everything she needed. She lived in the mountains with her boyfriend, whose parents had money. His parents were buying them a new Tahoe. Every material thing she needed, she had. Things looked good on the outside. But within the walls of their home, things weren't so good.

Pepion was hooked in an abusive relationship. She wasn't allowed to leave the house, and she ended up in the hospital multiple times because of the beatings, she said. The breaking point came when her boyfriend hit her infant son while she was burping him.

She reconnected with relatives, who were from North Dakota. They brought her back with them, and she enrolled at UTTC. The college put her in a single dorm, and she found monetary support for college from her tribe. She started in the nursing program and played on the basketball team.

"I felt free," she said. "Before that I wasn't free. I was so controlled. You get so dependent on that person. Both people are addicted. I felt the adjustment."

She never fully made the adjustment. Instead, she jumped into another relationship. And once again, she was abused, she said. The relationship lasted almost two years.

Meanwhile, she fell out of the nursing program and decided to focus on general course work her second year. By the end of the year, her relationship with her boyfriend was falling apart. Both were kicked out of school. With nowhere to go, Pepion took her son back to Montana. She tried to get into a school but couldn't. With two years of college under her belt, she moved back to UTTC to get her degree.

"There were many people who believed in me," she said. "People who supported me, supported me 100 percent."

The college's injury prevention program seemed like the perfect fit. Through the program, Pepion learned why car accidents, suicide, alcohol abuse and domestic violence happen more frequently on reservations. And she learned ways to break the cycle.

She speaks to groups about domestic violence. She shares some of her story but focuses mostly on statistics. Pepion said it's still too hard to talk in-depth about what she has gone through. But some day she hopes to be able to share her entire story and help others.

"I want to go back and help my people," she said. "It's just putting yourself out there — they want to hear it, and it gives them a lot of hope."

In the fall, Pepion plans to enroll in the nursing program at the University of Mary. She isn't sure how she will integrate the two degrees after college, but she knows somehow, she will help other abuse victims.

"There is something a lot bigger out there that I can do for my people and not just my tribe," she said.



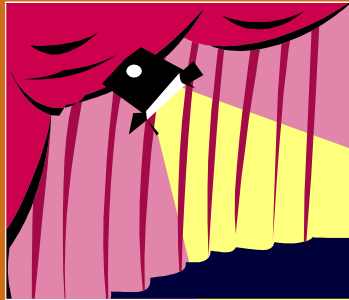
Native American Circle, Ltd. offers free 800-page handbook on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Native American Circle, Ltd. (NAC) is a nonprofit, federally tax exempt victim advocacy organization. NAC's programs are available to tribes operating batterer intervention and victim services programs to aid survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crimes, as well as to non-Indian programs desiring to offer culturally competent victim services.

NAC provides on-site, peer-to-peer consultations and telephone conference consultations to tribal communities desiring to design programs, protocol, and policy specific to a particular community's needs. They also work with Native American communities to help develop culturally appropriate responses to domestic and sexual violence from a grassroots level, both in urban and rural areas.

Native American Circle, Ltd.'s handbook, *Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking: Prevention and Intervention Programs in Native American Communities*, is available as a free download, either as an entire handbook or section-by-section. The 800-page comprehensive handbook has been approved by the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, for distribution to OVW-funded grantees.

Visit the NAC website at:
<http://www.nativeamericancircle.org/default.asp>



THE PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON:

The Native Village of Barrow Crime Victim Assistance Program

Outreach through the Airwaves

by Dan Hally

The Native Village of Barrow Crime Victim Assistance Program recently began a new form of outreach to provide information and assistance to the citizens they serve. Blanche Criss, Victim Assistance Program Manager; and Dorcus Stein, Director of Social Services, took the message of abusive behavior to the radio airwaves during an hour-long live radio call-in show that was broadcast on the local radio station KBRW AM & FM.

I was fortunate to be invited as a guest for the show. Blanche Criss, moonlighting as a radio announcer, interviewed me, asking questions about abusive behavior, how to recognize if someone is being hurt by abuse, and what to do about it. The entire show was translated into the native language of the area, Inupiat Eskimo. Then the call lines were opened. There was such a strong response from the community that there were more questions than could be addressed in the time slot allowed for the show. The radio station generously extended time for the show, but even at that, callers were ringing in who did not get to ask their questions on the air. It was promised that another radio show on this topic will happen again soon.



The Native Village of Barrow Crime Victim Assistance Program is constantly seeking new and innovative methods for accomplishing community outreach to the people they serve. The program provides services to an area that is larger than all but 10 states located in the lower 48 states and includes the communities of Barrow, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk, Wainwright, Point Lay, Point Hope and the oil industrial complex at Prudhoe Bay. The population of the region is about 12,600 people over an area of 88,281 square miles. Many of the communities can only be reached by air or by boat. This presents a tremendous challenge in serving victims of crime where a response from law enforcement and service providers may be determined by the weather and the availability of aircraft.

Blanche Criss is working with other programs in the community to improve and expand the services being offered, including the North Slope Borough Police Department and the Artic Women's Crisis Center, which includes a shelter.

Radio communication is an effective way to provide information to members of these communities that are not easily reached. The radio show not only provides educational services to the members of the communities, it also raises the awareness of the community members to the types of abuse and crimes that are occurring, and provides an awareness of the resources available.

Thanks to Blanche and her team, Unified Solutions will receive a CD recording of the radio broadcast, which will be available for audio listening on our website in the near future.

If you have innovative ways of providing education and services to victims of crime, please give us a call toll-free at 1-877-438-4400 so we can publish your story to share with other programs.

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Victims' rights and Blackfeet values discussed at BCC's Crime Victims' Week event

By John McGill For the Glacier Reporter

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The Painted Beaver Lodge at Blackfeet Community College was the site earlier this week for a conference sponsored by the Blackfeet Tribe's Child Protection Services. Honoring National Crime Victims' Week, the conference theme was "Victims' Rights - Blackfeet Values" and featured two full days of speakers, songs, prayers and information about the problems of crime, and addressing them within and by means of traditional Blackfeet culture.

Davis Bull Bear and Titus Upham were the spiritual advisors for the conference, and Blackfeet elder Al Potts was on hand each day for the invocation. Several members of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council spoke at the gathering, including Chairman Jay St. Goddard, HESS Chairman Fred Guardipee and keynote speaker Earl Old Person.

Each day program tables featured public awareness brochures and information, as well as a child safety restraint course from the Indian Health Service's Environmental Health department. Information was provided on such topics as strengthening Indian families and the effects of historical trauma as discussed by the Blackfeet Elder Forum. Tuesday's subjects included issues of respect for elders and violent crimes in Indian country as seen by an FBI special agent. Youth leadership and preventing domestic violence rounded out Tuesday's activities, and on Wednesday the focus moved to the Blackfeet Federal Building where the effects of traumatic brain damage were discussed.

The week's events culminated May 7-8 with a powwow in Starr School.

For more information, contact Patti Young Running Crane or Vic Rivera at 338-5181.

Abused women more likely to smoke:

New research finds that women who were physically or sexually abused as children are more likely to become smokers, ABC News reported April 15. A study on serious depression and menopause by researchers at Harvard University involved 722 women between the ages of 36 and 45. One in four of the women had been abused as a child. The researchers found that these women were 40 percent more likely to be smokers than women who had not been abused. "Our study clearly shows that women who are abused as children are at increased risk for initiation of an addictive and lethal habit," the report said.

The researchers said that smoking may be used as a coping mechanism to deal with the abuse. Furthermore, nicotine has been shown to enhance mood, reduce pain, and curb anxiety. The report is published in the April 2004 issue of the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

This article is online at:

<http://www.jointogether.org/y/0,2521,570548,00.html>

What does a brother do to protect his sister?

"Shush" U.S., 2003, a 10-minute film directed by Larry Blackhorse Lowe (Navajo), deals with domestic violence within Native American families.

Sundance Selection 2004.

Larry Blackhorse Lowe is a 25-year-old Navajo filmmaker originally from Nenahnezhad, New Mexico. Currently he lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and has finished his film studies program at Scottsdale Community College. Since 1998, Lowe has completed 10 short films, most containing Navajo cultural themes. Shush won awards for the Best in Show and best director at the SCC student film awards. Lowe is now beginning preproduction on his Navajo love story, The 5th World. His other films include Happy Boy, Thousand, Celebration, and Cold Feet.

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SACRED CIRCLE TRAINING EVENTS

ESTABLISHING NATIVE NONPROFIT SHELTER & ADVOCACY PROGRAMS - A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP **MAY 26-27, Rapid City, SD** **REGISTRATION FEE: \$175**

HOLIDAY INN RUSHMORE PLAZA - Reservations: 605-348-4000
A block of rooms has been reserved at conference rates for a limited time under SACRED CIRCLE. Please make room reservations 30 days prior to conference date to ensure room availability.

FACILITATORS: Brenda Hill, Education Coordinator - Sacred Circle, and Karen Artichoker, Management Team Director - Cangleska, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will walk you through the steps to setting up a nonprofit shelter and/or advocacy program. Participants will leave with all paperwork needed for establishing a nonprofit.

Topics:

- Mission statement
- Filing requirements
- By-law development
- Pros and Cons of Non-Profits
- Board of Directors
- Administration
- Funding and grant management

PROSECUTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY **June 9-11 Minneapolis, MN** **REGISTRATION FEE: \$175**

FACILITATOR: BJ Jones, Judge - Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will assist prosecutors in understanding the dynamics of domestic violence, the role of law enforcement in aiding prosecution and successful domestic violence prosecution with or without victim testimony. Although designed for tribal prosecutors, this workshop will benefit advocates and others working with women who are battered.

Topics:

- Role of federal and tribal governments in ending violence against Native women
- Evidentiary issues in tribal court
- Jury trials
- Full Faith and Credit
- Ethical obligations in working with advocates and victims

NATIVE WOMEN WHO USE VIOLENCE

June 10-11 Minneapolis, MN
REGISTRATION FEE: \$175

FACILITATOR: Ellen Pence, Director - Praxis International

DESCRIPTION: Controversy exists concerning women who use violence and the appropriate advocacy. This interactive workshop is designed to increase an advocate's awareness and consciousness regarding women's use of violence and to increase advocates' interviewing skills.

Topics:

- Different types of violence women use against their partners and how they use it
- Self-defense versus retaliation, battering, mental illness, etc.
- Individual advocacy issues and systems' advocacy issues
- Civil and criminal justice system interventions that may or may not be helpful in stopping violence

TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISORY CHALLENGE: OFFICER INVOLVED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND LIABILITY ISSUES **June 9-11 Minneapolis, MN - REGISTRATION FEE: \$175**

FACILITATOR: Alex Graves, Law Enforcement Training Specialist Cangleska, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Officers who batter present an extreme threat to their partners, the credibility and viability of their department and community members. Officers who batter create a heightened challenge to their supervisors on multiple levels. This workshop specifically addresses that challenge, clarifying the difference between supervision and leadership. Ethics, legal and financial liability issues, federal law, pre-hire screenings, background checks and administrative interventions will be discussed. A key component of the model comprehensive policy presented is to ensure women can safely get assistance and legitimate intervention from her batterer's department. This workshop is designed specifically for law enforcement supervisory personnel. Advocates and others are encouraged to attend.

ADVOCACY FOR NATIVE WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN RAPED **June 9-11 Minneapolis, MN** **REGISTRATION FEE: \$175**

FACILITATORS: Tammy Young, Co-Director - Alaska Native Women's Coalition, Carol Maicki, - Sacred Circle

DESCRIPTION: Women Are Sacred. That's what we say as Native people, yet today one of every three Native women has been raped. This workshop will explore this issue from a historical, cultural and legal perspective. What are the jurisdictional issues in the investigation and prosecution of rape in Indian Country? How can we respond more effectively as sisters, relatives, and communities? These questions and other topics such as crisis intervention, advocacy for women and their families, rape exams and establishing sexual assault teams in urban and rural areas will be addressed.

ADVOCACY: SOCIAL WORK OR SOCIAL CHANGE?

June 30 Rapid City, SD

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100

FACILITATORS: Brenda Hill, Education Coordinator - Sacred Circle, Val Kalkuna, Assoc. Professor - U of Hawaii

DESCRIPTION: The institutionalization of advocacy impacts the role and perspective of advocates working with women who have been battered. This transformation is not always positive. A critical comparison of the model of social services and the grassroots/radical social change forms the foundation of this session. Focus questions for open discussion center around how a woman-centered, culturally-biased (Native) analysis and approach translates into social change.

Questions include:

- Are advocates social workers delivering services to clients, or are we the biased supporters of women victimized by violent crime working to reclaim the traditional status of women as sacred?
- What is our relationship with the women we work with? With the criminal justice system? Law Enforcement? Social Services? Child Protection? Our communities?
- What does history, herstory, culture and politics have to do with it?
- How do advocates carry out social change work while overwhelmed by individual crisis?

Contact Us for Registration Forms:

SACRED CIRCLE
722 St. Joseph Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
1-877-RED-ROAD
FAX: (605) 341-2472

Call for Discussion Papers: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 11th National Conference - Radical Organizing for Change

July 11-14, 2004 - Denver, Colorado

NCADV's conference features a wide variety of workshops and discussion papers that reflect the diversity of the movement to end violence against women. All discussion papers must reflect the theme of this year's conference – Radical Organizing for Change. Past conference evaluations and our recent online conference survey indicate a need for more advanced workshops that appeal to advocates, activists, and administrators who have been in the movement 5+ years.

The discussion papers will be selected based on relevance to the conference theme, current importance to the movement, and innovation and national focus or widespread implication of the topic. The theme of this year's conference, Radical Organizing for Change, will bring new energy and a critical analysis to the work we do to end domestic violence. We will be honored to have you as a part of this conference and the future of the movement.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit your typed discussion paper on 8 ½ x 11 white paper, double spaced, using 1-inch margins and fonts no smaller than 12 pts. Workshop proposals are limited to 4 pages and discussion papers are limited to 20 pages. You may submit your discussion paper via email to nbashir@ncadv.org in Microsoft Word format, or regular mail to:

NCADV
Conference Workshop/Discussion Paper Selection Committee
PO Box 18749
Denver, CO 80218

Faxed workshop proposals or discussion papers will not be considered. Workshop proposals must also include the signed workshop proposal agreement.

Any questions, please contact Nora at (303) 839-1852 ext: 107 or via email at nbashir@ncadv.org.

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Low-Income Native American Women Suffer High Rates of Domestic Abuse

Low-income Native American women are at least twice as likely to suffer physical or sexual assault at the hand of their partner than the average American woman, according to an article published this week in *BMC Medicine*. This risk is greatly increased if the women live in very poor socio-economic conditions.

Researchers from the University of New Mexico and University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center found that more than half of the women questioned reported having been assaulted by a partner during their lifetime; one in eight women had been raped by a partner during their lifetime.

Thirty percent of the women that were currently in a relationship had been abused by their partner during the last year, and over half of these women had sustained injuries.

"These rates are far higher than population-based national and state estimates for reproductive age US women," write the researchers. Around a quarter of US women are physically and/or sexually assaulted by a partner during their lifetime, and each year between 1% and 17% of US women are assaulted by their partner, according to estimates.

In the study, 312 Native Americans who were visiting a clinic for low-income pregnant and childbearing women in Southwestern Oklahoma were asked to fill in a questionnaire about their experiences of assault by a partner and about their socioeconomic circumstances. These women were enrolled in one of 29 different tribes and some 59 percent of the women had non-Native American partners.

Thirty-nine percent of the women questioned had been severely assaulted by a partner at some point in their life. This included being kicked, bitten, or hit with a fist, being choked, or being hit with an object. One in five of the women reported that they had been 'beaten up' and more than one in ten had been threatened with a knife or a gun.

Nearly 75% of the women questioned lived at or below the federal poverty level and 30% lived in severe poverty (on income less than half of the officially-designated poverty level). However, living on low income did not, by itself, put women at higher risk of assault by their partner. Women were four times more likely to have been assaulted by their partner if they experienced additional severe socioeconomic conditions, as indicated by living in severe poverty, receiving public assistance, or having a partner who had not graduated from high school.

"The severely depressed socioeconomic conditions under which a disproportionate percentage of Native American families live may explain their higher rates of 'intimate partner violence'," write the researchers. Lorraine Halinka Malcoe, the lead author on the study, said: "Primary prevention of domestic abuse of Native American women will likely require fundamental redress of social inequities that negatively impact Native American families. The study findings also underscore the need for programs and services designed to address the needs of abused Native American women."

This press release is based on the following article:

Socioeconomic disparities in intimate partner violence against Native American women: a cross-sectional study.
Lorraine Halinka Malcoe, Bonnie M Duran, and Juliann M Montgomery
BMC Medicine 2004, 2:20

For Additional Information, see:

abstract: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1741-7015/2/20/abstract>

full report: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1741-7015-2-20.pdf>

The full report is also posted online in the TVA Community Resource Library: www.generatingsolutions.org/tva/

“Reviving our Sacred Legacy - Lighting the Path to our Future”

9th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime in Indian Country

December 9-11, 2004

Agua Caliente Reservation - Palm Springs, California

Conducted by: Tribal Law and Policy Institute

**Funded by: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
U. S. Department of Justice**

**For more information, call: 323-650-5467, or
e-mail: conference@tribal-institute.org**

Registration packets will be available later this year.

Call for Workshop Presentations:

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute extends an invitation for your participation as a workshop presenter. Workshop presentations for this conference should demonstrate methods and strategies to improve safety, as well as promote justice and healing for victims through cooperation and collaboration between Tribal, Federal, State, and private entities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

SUBMIT WORKSHOP PROPOSALS ONLINE at: <http://www.tribal-institute.org/ovc/index.htm>

Proposals Sought for 2005 Soros Justice Fellowships

The Soros Justice Fellowships support outstanding individuals who will advance the criminal justice priorities of Open Society Institute's U.S. Justice Fund. These priorities include reducing the nation's overreliance on policies of punishment and incarceration, eliminating race and class disparities in the U.S. criminal justice system and restoring judicial discretion, and encouraging the successful resettlement of people returning from prison.

Through three programs — Soros Justice Advocacy, Senior, and Media — the Soros Justice Fellowships seed innovation in criminal justice activism, lawyering, policy analysis, research, scholarship, and media coverage.

Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowships: Two-year fellowships to fund individuals working in law, organizing, public health, public policy, and other disciplines to initiate innovative projects that will have a measurable impact on issues underlying the U.S. Justice Fund's criminal justice priorities.

Soros Justice Senior Fellowships: One-year fellowships to enable experienced individuals including academics, activists, lawyers, and community leaders, to raise the level of national discussion and scholarship on issues that are key to the U.S. Justice Fund's criminal justice priorities.

Soros Justice Media Fellowships: One-year fellowships to support journalists and documentarians in print, radio, photography, and film and video to improve the quality of media coverage of issues at the core of the U.S. Justice Fund's criminal justice priorities.

Detailed guidelines and application forms are also available on the U.S. Justice Fund Web site.
http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/justice_fellows/guidelines

SPIRITS OF HOPE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

May 1, Del City:

SPIRITS OF HOPE COALITION WORKS TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND CHILD VICTIMIZATION WITHIN OKLAHOMA TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

What is Spirits of Hope?

Spirits of Hope began in December 1999 when members of the Oklahoma STOP Violence Against Indian Women grantees initiated a meeting with representatives from the Office on Violence Against Women to establish an organization that would unite all Oklahoma tribal communities to address the unique jurisdictional issues faced by the Oklahoma tribes. This coalition was created on the premise of educating, uniting, and empowering tribal communities in Oklahoma to assure the safety of women and children within their jurisdictions.

In July 2000, the Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition, Inc., was certified as a Not for Profit Incorporation by the State of Oklahoma (ONADVC) and, in October 2004, the group changed the name of the organization to Spirits of Hope: A Coalition Addressing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking in Oklahoma Indian Country.

Since incorporation, the three statewide conferences have been held. Since October 2000, monthly board meetings began, and in March 2001, the first official membership meeting was held at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Complex. The membership meetings have been held annually until August 2003 when the membership voted to change from yearly membership meetings to quarterly meetings. In November 2003, the first quarterly membership meeting was held at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center, hosted by the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe and, in February 2004, the second quarterly membership meeting was held at the Apache Tribal Complex in Anadarko.

Membership, both organizational and individual, continues to grow at a steady pace. The coalition has established strong working relationships with other nonprofit organizations, as well as, tribal, state, and federal agencies. The Spirits of Hope Coalition encourages and welcomes all tribal communities to participate in our efforts to EDUCATE Oklahoma tribal communities on issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; to EMPOWER the individuals that have endured and survived domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking; to PROTECT our Indian families from domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; to STRENGTHEN individuals, families, and communities by utilizing traditional values; and to ADVOCATE a

united approach toward prevention and intervention of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

What is the Community Outreach Program?

The Spirits of Hope Coalition, through a grant provided by the Office on Violence Against Women, is now providing a Community Outreach Program. The goal of this program is to establish community based education and prevention program strategies directed toward the elimination of domestic violence, dating violence, and child abuse within the thirty-nine tribal communities throughout the State of Oklahoma and enhance current advocacy services for rural victims.

In compliance with the statutory scope of the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program to work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward promoting cultural change and a strong coordinated community response to domestic violence, dating violence, and child victimization, the Spirits of Hope Community Outreach Department will serve victims of domestic violence and child victimization living within Oklahoma tribal communities. The Community Outreach Coordinator and Consultant will assist each tribal community in curriculum development and community team formation using the Freirian method. Additionally, technical assistance and data collection will be provided for all tribal communities who wish to participate to improve the capacity of grantees and other entities to offer advocacy services to rural victims of domestic violence and child victimization.

The purpose of using the Freirian method to develop a curriculum and increase participation from the Indian community is to listen to the people who have experiences with domestic violence in Oklahoma Indian Country and to allow each community to decide what the problems, issues, and solutions are in culturally sensitive ways. It is an empowerment model because, by soliciting involvement and expertise from the people who have experienced domestic violence, individuals begin to feel more empowered because they are helping to contribute to solutions. Community members begin to feel that their ideas and help are valued. By talking about the issues in groups (i.e., culture circles) in the community, people begin to see that there are not only individual issues, but social issues (cultural, tribal, economic, judicial, etc.) that have contributed to the problems and must be addressed in order to solve the complex problems related to domestic violence and child victimization.

To learn more about Spirits of Hope, call 405-619-9707, e-mail the organization at onadvc@sbcglobal.com, or visit the website at www.onadvc.com.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Overview Information; Safe Schools/Healthy Students; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.184L.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 9, 2004.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 9, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: Local educational agencies (LEAs) or consortia of LEAs that have not received funds or services under the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) initiative during any previous fiscal year.

Estimated Available Funds: \$42,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$1,000,000 per year for LEAs or consortia in rural areas and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) schools; up to \$2,000,000 per year for LEAs or consortia in suburban areas; and up to \$3,000,000 per year for LEAs or consortia in urban areas.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$2,000,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: 36 months.

Full Text of Announcement:

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: This program provides Federal financial assistance to LEAs to implement an integrated, comprehensive community-wide plan designed to create safe and drug-free schools and promote prosocial skills and healthy childhood development in youth.

Priority: This priority is from the notice of final priority, selection criteria, requirements, and definitions, published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

Absolute Priority: For FY 2004 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c) (3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is: The implementation of an integrated, comprehensive community-wide plan designed to create safe and drug-free schools and promote prosocial skills and healthy childhood development in youth. Plans must focus activities, curricula, programs, and services in a manner that responds to all of the following six elements:

Element One—Safe school environment—Note: No more than 10 percent of the total budget for each year may be used to support costs associated with (1) security equipment and personnel, and (2) minor remodeling of school facilities to improve school safety;

Element Two—Alcohol and other drugs and violence prevention and early intervention programs;

Element Three—School and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention services;

Element Four—Early childhood psychosocial and emotional development programs;

Element Five—Supporting and connecting schools and communities; and

Element Six—Safe school policies.

Program Authority: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (20 U.S.C. 7131); Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa); and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 5614(b) (4) (e) and 5781 et seq.).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 98, 99, and 299. (b) The notice of final priority, selection criteria, requirements, and definitions, published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: \$42,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$1,000,000 per year for LEAs or consortia in rural areas and BIA schools; up to \$2,000,000 per year for LEAs or consortia in suburban areas; and up to \$3,000,000 per year for LEAs or consortia in urban areas.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$2,000,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: LEAs or consortia of LEAs that have not received funds or services under the SS/HS initiative during any previous fiscal year.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not involve cost sharing or matching.

For full announcement:

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-2/052804h.html>

CONTACT PERSON

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MORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:**FY 2004 BJS Tribal Criminal History Record
Improvement Program****General Information**

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	DOJ-GRANTS-060104-001
Posted Date:	Jun 01, 2004
Original Due Date for Applications:	Jun 30, 2004
Current Due Date for Applications:	Jun 30, 2004
Archive Date:	Jul 30, 2004
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement
Category of Funding Activity:	Information and Statistics Law, Justice and Legal Services Science and Technology and other Research and Development
Expected Number of Awards:	Not Available.
Estimated Total Program Funding:	Not Available.
Award Ceiling:	none
Award Floor:	none
CFDA Number:	16.734 — Special
Data Collections and Statistical Studies	
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants

State governments
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
Private institutions of higher education

Agency Name

Department of Justice, Headquarters, Office of Justice Programs

Description

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is providing this notice to announce a criminal record improvement pilot program in Indian Country, and identify the pilot program priorities. The Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program (T-CHRI) will provide support to Federally-recognized tribes and State criminal records repositories to promote participation in and improve the interface among tribal, State, and national criminal records system.

Link to Full Announcement

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/tchrippsol.htm>

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Helpdesk, GMS, GMS Helpdesk, Phone 888-549-9901, Email helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov [Helpdesk, GMS](#)

**FY 2004 OJJDP Tribal Juvenile Accountability
Discretionary Grant Program****General Information**

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	DOJ-GRANTS-060104-002
Posted Date:	Jun 01, 2004
Original Due Date for Applications:	Jul 02, 2004
Current Due Date for Applications:	Jul 02, 2004
Archive Date:	Aug 01, 2004
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement
Category of Funding Activity:	Law, Justice and Legal Services
Expected Number of Awards:	Not Available.
Estimated Total Program Funding:	Not Available.
Award Ceiling:	none
Award Floor:	none
CFDA Number:	16.731 — Tribal Youth Program
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Agency Name

Department of Justice, Headquarters, Office of Justice Programs

Description

Congress recently enacted federal law restructuring the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP's) funding activity, introducing a number of significant changes that take effect in fiscal year 2004. Among these changes are new provisions for the funding of juvenile offender accountability programs. The Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants (JAIBG) program has been changed to the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program. Included in this change is a separate allocation to provide funds through the Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program (Tribal JADG) to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) federally recognized tribes to combat delinquency and improve the quality of life in AI/AN communities.

The Tribal JADG is a grant program authorized by the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002. Congress authorized the Attorney General to provide discretionary grants under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants program for use by federally recognized tribes to strengthen tribal juvenile justice systems by encouraging federally recognized tribes to implement accountability-based programs and

services. OJJDP, one of five program bureaus in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), has been delegated the authority to administer the Tribal JADG.

Tribal JADG is managed by Demonstration Programs Division (DPD). One of OJJDP's three organizational components, DPD provides funds to public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals to develop and support programs and replicate tested approaches to delinquency prevention, treatment, and control in areas such as mentoring, substance abuse, gangs, truancy, chronic juvenile offending, and community-based sanctions. DPD also supports and coordinates efforts with tribal governments to expand and improve tribal juvenile justice systems and develop programs and policies that address problems facing tribal youth.

The Tribal JADG Program has been allocated \$1.2 million. Of this amount, 10 percent will be used to support program-related research, evaluation, and statistics, and 2 percent will be used to provide training and technical assistance to tribal programs funded under these funds. The remaining funds will be dispersed through cooperative agreements to enhance tribal efforts and provide program support.

Link to Full Announcement

<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/solicitations/typ/contents.html>

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Nonprofit Technology Proposals Invited for SBC Exceleator Competitive Grants Program

Posted: April 29, 2004 - Deadline: August 13, 2004

The SBC Foundation, the chief philanthropic vehicle of SBC Communications, Inc., is accepting applications for its SBC Exceleator technology grants program, which this year will focus on helping nonprofits fully integrate technology into their ongoing operations and community outreach.

The SBC Exceleator program seeks to fund projects that build the technology infrastructure of nonprofits, enabling them to increase their organizational effectiveness and/or service delivery capability. Examples of qualifying projects include expanding/enhancing Internet access; data networking; online outreach; increasing staff technology capacity; and pooled technology resources.

To qualify, the major focus of the organization and its project must fall into one of the following areas: education, community development, health and human services, or arts and culture.

One-year SBC Exceleator grants range from \$2,500 to \$25,000, with the typical award totaling \$5,000. Collaborations by two or more organizations will be considered for grants of up to \$50,000. Grant funds may be used for data communications services, hardware, software, technology training, personnel, and application development.

See the SBC Web site for complete program details: <http://www.sbc.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=2560>

New Reporting Requirements for TVA Programs

Please be aware that the Performance Measures for TVA Programs have changed.

The following statistics need to be reported to OVC beginning with the June Progress Report:

- The number of services provided.
- The number of staff supported by TVA funds.
- The number of volunteer hours.
- The number of publications produced and distributed.
- The number of training workshops provided.
- The number of hours professionals trained
- The number of compensation claims submitted.

The June Progress Report covers the report period of January 1, 2004 - June 30, 2004.

Remember, the June Progress Report is due no later than July 30, 2004, and it must be submitted via GMS.

Contact Unified Solutions toll-free at 1-877-438-4400 for assistance.



Our Mission Statement

Unified Solutions is dedicated to the implementation of sustainable solutions to end violent crime and foster responsible, proactive leadership and public safety. We recognize the problem of violence in our communities and at home can be directly linked to institutional practices of dominance and privilege. Therefore, we invite individuals and agencies to examine and transform these practices and dismantle internalized oppression at all levels. We provide training and resources to build confident and responsive grassroots and workplace leadership. We work in partnership with diverse community sectors, actively seek the participation and involvement of resident community members in our work, and recognize equitable, shared power among all stakeholders involved in a project. We facilitate learning environments and promote linkages between multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary, and multi-faith communities to develop a best practices network of “unified solutions” to sustain peace in our world. We tailor our services and products to uphold the unique cultural heritage and spiritual vitality of those we serve.

About our Logo

The Unified Solutions logo was formed from a collaborative process with community members. We received great blessing from those who support the vision of USCCGI and who offered their talent and expertise to find a way to express the vision in visual art.

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The image depicts a Phoenix, the Earth, and four sets of hands coming from each direction to create something new. A light radiates out from the center between the hands, to show the sacred power of the work that comes from this kind of collaboration.

The image tells a story and sends a message:

*The fate of our world depends upon our ability to come together and create together—all people,
young and old, of all colors, from all directions.*

*When we commit our hands together in action, creating a new way with unified solutions,
the power of this light shines from within the Phoenix.*

The Phoenix burns to ashes and is re-born.

The Phoenix takes on all that is finished, all that no longer serves us

—like greed and fear and competition

—and burns it away.

All that is left is the light that guides us, and the Earth is reborn.

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