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OVC News...

The Tribal Resource Tool is Available—Funded by Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) the <u>Tribal Resource Tool</u> is working to turn over every stone to find victim services so we all can connect Al/AN victims of crime and abuse with the services and resources they need. The Tool also available to help service providers find resources for those Al/AN victims they assist. Included in the online Tool is a searchable map of service providers with the



option to filter by types of crime, genders and ages served, and services provided. The Tool will include services for all ages of Al/AN victims and survivors; all victimization types; all locations (on/off reservations, in areas that are remote, rural, urban, or suburban); and all needs of victims; including justice, safety, healing, and support.

Application Deadline Extended – Great News from Office for Victims of Crime: Apply for the FY 2019 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program. The Application Deadline has been extended until 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on **Friday, August 16, 2019**.

Tribal Consultation on Current and Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding – The United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) invites you to participate in a Tribal Consultation regarding how current and potential future tribal set-aside funding from the Federal Crime Victims Fund should be programmed. An informational framing paper is forthcoming and will provide relevant background questions for you to consider in advance of the consultation.

The Tribal Consultation on Current and Potential Future Tribal Set-Aside Funding will be held on **Tuesday, August 20, 2019** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT** with a break for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. The OVC Tribal Consultation will be held the same week as the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Annual Tribal Consultation at the Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Michigan, co-hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Details are provided here on this website.

FY 2019 Specialized Housing and Services for Victims of Human Trafficking – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), in conjunction with the U.S Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Victim Crimes (OVC), will make a \$13,500,000 available for grants to eligible organizations to implement and provide housing and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to victims of human trafficking. An additional \$1,000,000 is available under this NOFA to fund a cooperative agreement with an eligible organization that has experience providing technical assistance to current federally-funded human trafficking programs to assist customers as defined in Section I.A.4.b of this NOFA to implement the program activities to be funded available under this NOFA.

Through the funds available under this NOFA, SNAPS and OVC are promoting collaboration between Continuums of Care (CoCs) funded by HUD and organizations funded by DOJ to address the housing and service needs of victims of human trafficking. This NOFA promotes trauma-informed, victim-centered services, including in tribal areas. Organizations awarded funds through this NOFA are expected to work with other organizations within the CoC's geographic area to train service providers on how to identify victims of human trafficking and connect these victims to appropriate housing. SNAPS and OVC plan to identify best practices for addressing this population that may assist in framing future funding opportunities for victims of human trafficking. Due Date for Human Trafficking Program Applications: October 30, 2019 by 11:59:59 PM EDT. Click here for more details.



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CVR Virtual Institute: Using Trauma Research to Inform Victim Services – The Center for Victim Research is hosting its first virtual institute during the week of <u>August 5-9, 2019</u>. This free online event is designed for victim service providers and victim researchers and is focused on the theme "Using Trauma Research to Inform Victim Services. <u>Register here</u> for the free virtual institute.

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx.

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Resources...

Human Trafficking Task Force E-Guide is now available from Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center. Learn more about human trafficking, how to create your own task force, and make it sustainable in your community.



OVW 2019 Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical

Assistance Request for Concept Papers – This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(11). The VAWA full faith and credit provision (18 U.S.C. 2265) provides that states, tribes, and territories (the receiving jurisdiction) must enforce a qualifying protection order from outside the receiving jurisdiction as if the protection order had been issued by the receiving jurisdiction. The receiving jurisdiction cannot require notice or registration of the order as a prerequisite to enforcement. During OVW's Annual Tribal Consultation, many tribes, including Alaska tribes expressed concern about a lack of state enforcement of tribal protection orders. There are over 220 federally recognized tribes in Alaska. The purpose of this initiative is to assist these tribes and state and local law enforcement and courts to improve enforcement of tribal protection orders in Alaska. Current Closing Date for Applications: September 02, 2019.

Request for Applications for technical assistance to improve access to victim services and justice options for survivors of sexual violence with disabilities – With support from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Vera Institute of Justice's Center on Victimization and Safety (Vera), a national non-profit organization working to end abuse of people with disabilities, is soliciting letters of interest from local communities to participate in a pilot project to improve access to healing services and justice options for survivors of sexual violence who have disabilities. The deadline to apply is August 23, 2019.



Connecting Kids to Coverage (CKC) HEALTHY KIDS Al/AN – These grants will support innovative outreach strategies aimed at increasing the enrollment and retention of eligible Al/AN children in Medicaid and CHIP, emphasizing activities tailored to communities where Al/AN children and families reside, and enlisting tribal and other community leaders and tribal health and social services programs that serve eligible Al/AN children and families. Closing date for applications: September 16, 2019.

Tribal Courts and Child Welfare: Building Relationships with State Counterparts – When Tribal families are involved in State- or county-based child welfare services or family courts, Tribal social services and judicial systems often have roles to play. Navigating the jurisdictions and services can lead to confusion and miscommunication between agencies, placing stress on their professional relationships. Actions to break barriers and strengthen communication can be difficult to implement but offer the potential to improve outcomes for Tribal families and create more positive working environments.

This <u>episode</u>, 'Building Relationships With State Counterparts', is part of a series featuring the work of Tribal Court Improvement Program grantees. The episode features successful examples from the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribes, told by Tribal social service and court leadership.

Training & Events...

Tribal Oriented Policing Strategies (TOPS) – Explore strategies to enhance collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the



community to reduce crime and improve community quality of life. Practice working in organized problem solving teams to develop an action plan using community policing principles to address specific public safety threats in your community. Click here for more information on this free training.

National Conference of PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN (POMC), Inc. — For families and friends of those who have died by violence. 2019 Theme: "TOGETHER WE CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN TO THE PEAK OF HOPE." This supportive weekend is our Parents Of Murdered Children National Conference. There are touching programs and informative and supportive workshops. It is put together by a loving, small group of National Staff and committed volunteers who give of their time and talents in memory of their murdered loved one(s). Attending your first

conference may not be easy, but by the end of the weekend you will be able to face another day with new hope and encouragement. Click here for more information on this annual summit.

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National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking – The NCJFCJ is pleased to share the dates and location for the next National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking (NJIDCST): <u>September 9-11, 2019</u> in Scottsdale, Arizona. The NJIDCST is an interactive workshop that seeks to increase the judiciary's understanding of child sex trafficking in the U.S. and improve the justice system's response to victims and those at risk for sex trafficking. The program begins on Monday at 8 a.m. and concludes on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Register here.

What Really is the Best Mental Health Approach to Victims of Mass Violence? – The negative psychological effects of surviving a mass violence incident are second only to injury and death, and these types of incidents usually have a slower recovery trajectory. Everyone who is exposed is in some way touched by what happened and may not understand their reactions. The good news is that most distress reactions are quite common and dissipate over time with good social supports and coping skills. This webinar will provide psychoeducational information to assist victims and survivors in understanding their reactions and how to best cope with them. It will also help providers to understand how powerful this information is in decreasing anxiety and fear of the development of mental illness. Register now for this expert Q&A happening September 18, 2019; 2:00–3:15 p.m. EST.

