

Training & Technical Assistance Providers for the Office for Victims of Crime, Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance, and Children's Justice Act Grantees



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OVC News...

FY 2020 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) – This [solicitation](#) provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. The majority of DOJ's existing Tribal Government-specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. Each purpose area may have different eligibility requirements. For more information, please review the eligibility information under each purpose area section. 1) Federally recognized Indian tribes. 2) Consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes. 3) Tribal designees are eligible applicants only for certain activities related to the DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) programs (see eligibility information for CTAS Purpose Areas 5 and 6, respectively). Current Closing Date for Applications: February 25, 2020.

OVC FY 2020 Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Human Trafficking – The program will support the following types of housing assistance for victims of all forms of human trafficking: (1) transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of a newly developed or existing transitional housing program; (2) short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payment assistance and assistance with related expenses. Projects must also include support services designed to enable victims of human trafficking and any dependents to locate and secure permanent housing and find employment. OVC will conduct a pre-application webinar on Thursday, December 19, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. Register [here](#) for the pre-application webinar. [Apply](#) by February 03, 2020.



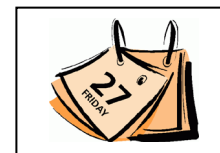
2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme Poster and Color Palette – The 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) color palette, customizable Theme Poster, and Theme Poster source art are now available online.

Theme Colors: dark blue, dark green, with an optional light green. View the [2020 NCVRW Color Palette](#).

Theme Poster: Download a customizable copy of the [2020 NCVRW Theme Poster](#) and the [2020 NCVRW Theme Poster Source Art](#).

NCVRW will be commemorated April 19–25, 2020. This year's theme is [Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope](#).

OVC TTAC's National Victim Assistance Academy schedule for 2020 – The mission of the National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA) is to provide an intensive, interactive learning experience to develop and promote professional skills and knowledge for victim service providers. [NVAA trainings](#) use a blended learning approach—a combination of highly interactive, self-paced training and collaborative, facilitated webinars.



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OVC TTAC Expert Q&A: Increasing Community Awareness of Labor Trafficking – Presenters will discuss trauma-informed approaches to increasing community awareness of labor trafficking, as well as explore how to help community partners provide potential victims with appropriate resources for support. As a result of the session, participants will: identify approaches that victim service providers can take to expand their knowledge and/or community knowledge of labor trafficking, discuss innovative approaches for outreach and awareness on labor trafficking, and identify resources and approaches for referring potential victims of labor trafficking safely for additional support. Happening on January 15, 2020 at 2:00–3:15 p.m. e.t. Register [here](#).



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

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Resources...



Victim Service Providers in the United States, 2017 – This [report](#) provides statistics from the National Census of Victim Service Providers (VSPs), the first national data collection on the number and characteristics of these organizations. The census was conducted by BJS with support from the Office for Victims of Crime. The report describes the types of organizations that served victims, maps their locations, and reports on the rate of VSPs per 100,000 U.S. residents by state.

Tools for Addressing Gender Bias in Sexual Assault Response Webinar – In this brief 30-minute [webinar](#), End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) will offer a tour of these resources to help identify the presence of gender bias, mitigate its influence, and address key questions about how bias can disadvantage (or advantage) the victim and/or suspect.



Becoming a Trauma-Informed Court Reference Guide – A [trauma-informed court](#) is one that approaches court-involved individuals from a perspective of “what happened to you?” instead of “what is wrong with you?” and does so to create a more healing approach to the environment, policy and practice. Most families that come into court with child welfare cases are in crisis, therefore courts could be considered “socio-legal emergency rooms.” By approaching the view of the court this way, stakeholders can prevent re-triggering and re-traumatizing families.

Community Collaborations to Build Service Array – Capacity Building Center for States' article and list of relevant resources on Community Collaborations to Build Service Array. "Community partners, when working collaboratively, can achieve more positive outcomes for children and families than each partner working separately. The goal of community collaboration is to bring together individuals, agencies, organizations, and other community members with a common vision and shared goals to systematically solve existing and emerging problems that could not be solved easily by one group alone. Successful community collaborations often are anchored by a shared stake in and accountability for achieving shared goals." Read the full article [here](#).



Training & Events...



Save the Dates for the Upcoming Policy & Procedures Webinar Series –

Save the dates for an OVC grantee-only webinar series hosted by the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College. This webinar series will provide participants with education, resources and skills to assist them in the development and implementation of concise and easy-to-use policies and procedures for a department.

- February 19, 2020 – Introduction to Policy Development
- March 18, 2020 – Steps to Policy Development: Process to Support Policy Development and Implementation
- April 15, 2020 – Policy Development: Key Inclusions, Resources, and Implementation



2020 National Training Institute Request for Workshop Proposals –The National Center for Victims of Crime is seeking presenters for its National Training Institute, to be held September 30 - October 2, 2020, in Atlanta, Georgia. Workshops will address a wide range of topics organized into separate conference tracks. Workshops are scheduled for 90 minutes (1.5 hours) in length, unless otherwise specified in the proposal. Accepted presenters will be assigned day and presentation time by the Institute planning committee. Apply [here](#).

Release of SOAR for Native Communities Online Module –

The Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ACF) announces the launch of the SOAR for Native Communities online module. This free training was developed in collaboration with:

- HHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA)
- National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH)
- Jeri Moomaw, Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative
- Gwendolyn Packard, Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center
- Theresa Friend, CNM, Forensic Nurse Consultant, Indian Health Service
- Bonnie Clairmont, Tribal Law and Policy Institute
- Kandi Fowler, Project Beacon, American Indian Center of Chicago



Through a public health approach, the [SOAR for Native Communities online module](#) helps those serving indigenous populations to better understand human trafficking and its impact on Native communities. The training includes resources relevant to indigenous populations and supports professionals in building trauma-informed and culturally responsive interventions to human trafficking in American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

SOAR Online is a series of training modules that can be completed anytime, anywhere. Because individuals who have experienced trafficking or who are at risk of trafficking access a variety of services, SOAR Online includes training tailored for specific professionals on how to identify and respond to human trafficking.



Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Training – [Strengthening Sovereign Responses to Sex Trafficking in Indian Country](#) at El Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort; located in Tucson, Arizona, January 28-30, 2020.

An opportunity to strengthen alliances by bringing together Tribal Leadership, Federal partners, experts in the field, and tribal communities to better address the safety of children, women, and men.

Sessions include: workshops to assist with program and agency with information regarding sex trafficking in Indian Country, implementations, and highlighting key issues to improve response to American Indian/Alaska Native Survivors of sex trafficking. Breakouts by disciplines, working with LGBTQ2S, Two Spirited, women, men, and child survivors.

Who Should Attend: Service providers working with American Indian/Alaska Native Sex Trafficking Survivors. Tribal Government Program Grantees, Tribal Leaders, Indian Gaming and Hotel Staff, advocates, health professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors.

Crime Prevention National Summit – A forum for tribal leaders and federal agencies to discuss:

- Methamphetamine prevalence
- Opioid addiction
- Violence against women
- Gang violence

Discussion of these topic will aid tribal leaders to come up with unified efforts for their community to combat these crimes.

Participants will learn about how these topics affect housing and the greater tribal community.

Information on available funding sources and ideas for implementing policies to prevent and address these crimes will be shared. Tribal leaders, housing department executives, housing authority leaders, and interested tribal community members are encouraged to participate in this event. This summit will fill up quickly, so please be sure to register and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Happening Tuesday, February 4- Thursday, February 6, 2020. [Registration](#) is free for this event!



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