

New Year 2020 Indian Country Newsletter

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Greeting from U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams

I have been taught that for many Native Americans, time is cyclical, more measured by life cycles and the re-occurrence of events in nature and less measured by a calendar. Indeed, the Winter Solstice marked a new beginning of longer days and a new year for many. But no matter the beginning of the new year--last week or this past Wednesday or some other day--new beginnings cause us to reflect on the things we value *and* the things we want to change.

In October and November, respectively, we celebrated Indigenous People's Day and Native American Heritage Month. Our office in Portland and each of our branch offices in Eugene and Medford watched [Amá](#), a film by Lorna Tucker chronicling the forced sterilization of Native women by the United States government, resulting in a lost generation. From 1960 to 1980, it is estimated that tens of thousands of Native American women were sterilized without their knowledge or consent, yet another irreversible harm to Native people in this country. It resulted in a silencing: a whole generation of people whose voices we were never able to hear. The film was a troubling reminder of the systemic and abhorrent history of mistreatment of Native American women, and the lasting impacts to generations in our tribal communities and beyond. I walked away from the viewing knowing that there remains much work to be done in Indian Country.

In 2020 and beyond, we at the U.S. Attorney's Office District of Oregon commit to listening. We begin by acknowledging. We start to shine a light back on Native experience--amplifying Native stories, culture, traditions, and identity--by honoring the land and the indigenous peoples who were here before colonizers. [The U.S. Department of Arts and Culture](#) (USDAC, not a governmental agency) suggests we open public events and gatherings with an acknowledgment of the traditional Native inhabitants of the land we use today. "Acknowledgment is a simple, powerful way of showing respect and a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth." We challenge you, too, to learn and use the names of the traditional indigenous peoples of the lands you are on, and acknowledge the

privilege of living and working on this land. [USDAC has a guide about the practice of acknowledgment](#): identify, articulate, deliver.

We also must continue to acknowledge and attempt to understand the challenges victims face in coming forward and speaking the truth. Our systems and culture send messages to victims all the time. Silencing victims starts when we as a culture don't believe. We can all see when dozens of victims are required to disclose against the same perpetrator before investigation occurs, when victims are told to trust the system or let law enforcement/the system mete out the appropriate punishment, or when we, as the system, don't follow through. Victims are silenced when we don't consult with them in our criminal prosecutions. And when courts admonish victims more than perpetrators in open court, victims hear that message. The message to victims is clear: you do not matter and you are silenced. We want and need that message to change. We join you as leaders in that change.

Many of you have read about Chanel Miller, formerly known as Emily Doe, the crime victim in the "Stanford swimmer Brock Turner" sexual assault case. She came forward with her name and released the book [Know My Name](#) in September 2019. It is a riveting read. Her [victim impact statement](#) from 2016 is likely the most widely read victim impact statement in recent history, read by millions of people around the world. And she has recently released [I Am With You](#), a short film she both wrote and illustrated. It's an exploration of what it's like for crime victims yearning to reclaim their voices, not to be silenced, but to be heard. And we know--[the NIJ tells us](#)--that Native crime victims have additional hurdles to being heard: greater victimization and multi-generational, systemic silencing. Chanel's short video is a must-watch for anyone who interfaces with victims, for us to begin to actually hear their experiences and their voices. It's time for us to reframe our focus, beyond defendants and sentences, and focus on hearing and giving voice to victims.

Finally, we must start to acknowledge those who already work to elevate victims' voices. OVC released the statistics from the first national data collection of programs responding to victims and survivors of crime, the [National Census of Victim Service Providers](#). The report outlines that nearly 12,200 victim service providers operated in the United States in 2017, with 2% employed by tribes. Thank you to [Burns Paiute Tribe Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program](#), [Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Family Violence Services](#) and Tribal Prosecutor Victim/Witness Assistance, [Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Victims of Crime Program](#), [Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians CARE Program](#), [Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program](#), [Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Circles of Healing Program](#), [Coquille Indian Tribe Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program](#), Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Adult and Family Services, The Klamath Tribes Healing Winds Domestic Violence Services, [NAYA: Native American Youth and Family Center Healing Circle](#), [FBI Indian Country Victim Services](#), [USAO Oregon Victim Witness Unit](#), and to all the system- and community-based advocates who serve crime victims in this District. We hope that by acknowledging your important work, we value crime victims and we elevate their voices through you. Please [reach out to us](#) and share the themes and patterns you are seeing in your work. We are open to exploring ways to work together and support crime victims together.

To all readers, especially Native and Indigenous readers, please [contact us](#) and submit ideas and content for our future newsletters. We want to highlight your voices, experiences, programs, and events.

Sincerely,
Billy J. Williams
United States Attorney

Spotlight on CTUIR v. Christina Simmons, 17-924 Appeal

Christina Simmons appealed her jury conviction for Possession of Methamphetamine (Criminal Activity in Drugs), where facts in the court record show she dropped a baggie of methamphetamine in a tribal office on CTUIR. She asked for her conviction to be overturned, arguing the Tribe provided insufficient authentication of the exhibits (the meth baggie and OSP lab report evidence) and chain of custody flaws. Judge Nash rejected these arguments, citing concrete and conclusive chain of custody in this case, as well as ruling that OSP Form 49 is not a requirement for evidence authentication at trial. This case was argued by CTUIR Tribal Prosecutor Kyle Daley and is now CTUIR case law.

In The News

Recent Prosecution Highlights from the USAO District of Oregon

U.S. v. Jared Case- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this case out of CTUIR where defendant pleaded guilty to Assault by Strangling. The defendant was sentenced on November 12, 2019, by Chief Judge Michael W. Mosman, to 37 months prison followed by 3 years supervision, including orders to undergo substance abuse treatment; undergo mental health treatment; complete a batterers' intervention program; not have any contact with the crime victim and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; and pay restitution in an amount to be determined to the crime victim. The crime victim attended sentencing and gave a verbal victim impact statement at the sentencing hearing. USAO Press release: [Umatilla Man Sentenced to 37 Months in Federal Prison for Brutal Assault of Significant Other](#). OregonLive article: [Umatilla man sentenced to more than 3 years in prison for assaulting ex-girlfriend after she got protective order](#).

U.S. v. Allan Warner Sr.- AUSA Paul Maloney prosecuted this case out of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs where defendant pleaded guilty to Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. The defendant was sentenced on December 16, 2019, by Senior Judge Anna J. Brown, to 16 months prison followed by 5 years supervision, including orders to undergo substance abuse treatment; undergo mental health treatment; complete a sex offender treatment program; not have any contact with minors; and exclusion from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation for the period of supervision. He had previously been convicted of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor in 2007 in Warm Springs, a case in which he was ordered to register as a sex offender; he was revoked from supervision on this case at the December 16, 2019 hearing. The crime victims from the 2006 case were notified and had the opportunity to provide input at the sentencing/revocation hearing.

News In Oregon

[Coquille citizen Bridgett Wheeler named to Oregon board of education](#)

[NAYA Selected for Pilot of State-Wide Housing Institute](#)

[County partnership, including Wapato money and tourism taxes, helps Portland housing bond achieve goals, provide support services](#), includes NAYA's forthcoming NE Prescott project among the nine newly funded sites

[No Compensation for Klamath Project Irrigators Due to Senior Tribal Rights](#)

[Important voice left out of climate change conversation](#)

[Death on a Portland beach: What led to an attack on a young father, what losses followed](#)

News Outside Oregon

[A.G. William P. Barr Gives Remarks Through Video Conference to the Alaska Federation of Natives](#)

[State warns against at-home sexual assault evidence collection kits](#)

[1 in 3 American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped, but survivors rarely find justice on tribal lands](#)

[Justice Department Awards over \\$273.4 Million to Improve Public Safety, Serve Crime Victims in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#)

[Executive Order on the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice](#)

[Presidential Proclamation: National Native American Heritage Month, 2019](#)

[U.S. Attorney General Announces Launch Of Project Guardian -- A Nationwide Strategic Plan To Reduce Gun Violence](#)

[New Restitution Resource Center Will Help States Improve Services for Crime Victims](#)

[Attorney General William P. Barr Launches National Strategy to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons](#)

[Justice Department Upgrades Amber Alert Website, Adds Resources for Tribes](#)

[Executive Order on Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)

['Social justice reform' is no justice at all](#)

[Justice Department Announces More than \\$376 Million in Awards to Promote Public Safety](#)

[Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities to Support Public Safety for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#)

[OVW Funds Available to Protect Women](#)

[Thirty Tribes Selected for Expansion of Program Enhancing Tribal Access to National Crime Information Databases](#)

[Seth DuCharme Appointed as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General](#)

[Family Violence and Prevention Services Act Advances Toward Reauthorization](#)

[‘We need each other to heal.’ Native Americans help Native Americans overcome domestic violence](#)

Upcoming Training and Events

CTAS Pre-Application Webinars

[January 7, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Areas, 2, 3, 4

[January 8, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Budget Development

[January 9, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Area 1

[January 16, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Area 6

[January 21, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Area 5

[January 28, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Areas 8, 9

[January 30, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Area 5

[February 6, 2020, 2pm EST](#) CTAS Budget Workshop Completion

[February 11, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Purpose Area 5

[February 13, 2020, 2pm EST](#) Final Q&A

Sponsored by OVC.

[Behavioral Health Grant Writing Series, Session 1: Introduction to Approaching/Prospecting Private Funders](#)

January 9, 2020, 11am-1pm PST webinar

Sponsored by National Council on Urban Indian Health.

Rape Prevention and Education RFA

[January 9, 2020, 4-5:15pm PST webinar](#)

[January 10, 2020, 12-1:15pm PST webinar](#)

Sponsored by OR SATF.

[National Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event](#)

January 10, 2020 in Portland, OR

RSVP [here](#).

Sponsored by ODOJ.

[Walk to Shine a Light on Slavery Candlelight Vigil](#)

January 11, 2020, 6-8pm in Portland, OR

Sponsored by East Portland Rotarians.

[A Silent Epidemic: Sexual Violence against Men and Boys](#)

January 13, 2020, 9am-3pm in Tulalip Bay, WA

To attend online, click [here](#) at the date/time of the event.

Sponsored by Tulalip Tribes.
Scholarships available through [NPAIHB](#).

[Comprehensive Abuse and Violence Prevention](#)

January 13-15, 2020 in Portland, OR
Sponsored by OR SATF.

Death Investigation Academy

[January 13-17, 2020 in New Orleans, LA](#)

[May 11-15, 2020 in Miami, FL](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[MMIW Listening and Understanding Tour](#)

January 14, 2020 in Eugene, OR at Many Nations Longhouse
Sponsored by Oregon HB2625 Working Group.

[Enhancing Existing Partnerships to Implement Firearm Surrender](#)

January 15, 2020, 12-1:15pm PST webinar
Sponsored by National Resource Center on DV and Firearms.

[Commercial Sex Trafficking](#)

January 21, 2020, 1-4pm in Portland, OR
Sponsored by East Portland Rotarians.

[Culture Night](#)

January 22, 2020, 5:30-7:30pm at in NAYA in Portland, OR
Sponsored by NAYA.

Child Homicide Investigations

[January 25-26, 2020 in San Diego, CA](#)

[March 16-17, 2020 in Blanco, TX](#)

[April 27-28, 2020 in Southbridge, MA](#)

[May 18-19, 2020 in Aurora, CO](#)

[June 1-2, 2020 in Ponderay, ID](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Building an Effective Intimate Partner Violence Examiner Program](#)

January 27, 2020, 1:00-2:30pm EST webinar
Sponsored by Tribal Forensic Healthcare.

[MMIW Listening and Understanding Tour](#)

January 28, 2020 in Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Sponsored by Oregon HB2625 Working Group.

[Working with Victims With Intellectual Disabilities- A Case Study](#)

January 29, 2020, 2-3pm PST webinar
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[SAFeR: Decision Making in IPV-Related Family Law Matters](#)

February 4, 2020, 9:00am-4:30pm in Portland, OR

Sponsored by BWJP and Portland State University's Regional Research Institute

[Effective Strategies to Investigate and Prosecute Labor Trafficking](#)

February 5-7, 2020 in San Antonio, TX

Sponsored by IACP and AEquitas.

Oregon Crime Victims' Compensation Program (CVCP) Training

[February 12, 2020, 9-11:30am in Salem, OR](#)

[March 31, 2020, 9-11:30am in Salem, OR](#)

Sponsored by ODOJ CVSSD.

[2020 Unity Midyear Conference](#)

February 14-17, 2020 in Tempe, Arizona

Sponsored by United National Indian Tribal Youth.

Verbal De-Escalation & Crisis Communication

[February 17, 2020 in Houston, TX](#)

[October 8, 2020 in Franklin, TN](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Providing Forensic Healthcare and Support to Native Communities](#)

February 17, 2020, 1:00-2:30pm EST webinar

Sponsored by NIJ.

[Building Cultural Resilience in Your Organization](#)

March 2, 2020 in Appleton, WI

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Court Preparation for the Medical and Legal Professions](#)

March 3-5, 2020 in Salt Lake City, UT

Sponsored by The Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center.

[Court Safety and Security Conference](#)

March 3-5, 2020 in Appleton, WI

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking

[March 9-12, 2020 in Providence, RI](#)

[May 4 - 7, 2020 in Columbus, OH](#)

[August 31 - September 3, 2020 | Memphis, TN](#)

[November 16-19, 2020 | Denver, CO](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[2020 National Sexual Violence Law Conference](#)

March 17-18, 2020 in San Antonio, TX

Sponsored by VRLC.

Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides

[March 18-19, 2020 in Blanco, TX](#)

[April 29-30, 2020 in Southbridge, MA](#)

[May 20-21, 2020 in Aurora, CO](#)

[June 3-4, 2020 in Ponderay, ID](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Suspicious Death Investigations: Finding the Right, Eliminating the Wrong, and Avoiding the Undetermined](#)

March 23 - 24, 2020 in New Orleans, LA

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Future Leaders Climate Summit](#)

March 26-29, 2020 in Chicago, IL

Sponsored by The Aspen Institute.

[38th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

March 29-April 1, 2020 in Denver, CO

Sponsored by National Indian Child Welfare Association.

[2020 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Violence Across the Lifespan](#)

April 14-16, 2020 in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by EVAWI.

[National Crime Victims' Rights Week: Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope](#)

April 19-25, 2020

Sponsored by OVC.

[The Third Annual Hardy Myers Dinner](#)

April 22, 2020, 6pm in Portland, OR

Sponsored by OCVLC.

Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation

[May 4-5, 2020 in Chandler, AZ](#)

[August 3-4, 2020 in Appleton, WI](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Mobile Device Investigations](#)

May 6-8, 2020 in Chandler, AZ

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[National Association of Drug Court Professionals RISE20 Conference](#)

May 27-30, 2020 in Anaheim, CA

Sponsored by NADCP.

[Managing the Media Message: Your Agency's Story and How You Tell It](#)

June 8-9, 2020 in Miami, FL

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Psychology of School Threat Assessments

[June 10-11, 2020 in Miami, FL](#)

[October 5-6, 2020 in Chandler, AZ](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

June 16, 2020 in Concord, CA

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Improving Youth Interactions Through Fair and Impartial Justice](#)

June 17-18, 2020 in Concord, CA

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[2020 National Crime Victim Law Conference](#)

June 18-19, 2020 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by NCVLI.

[Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board 10th Annual THRIVE Conference](#)

June 22-26, 2020 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by NPAIHB.

[Women Are Sacred Conference 2020](#)

June 23-25, 2020 in St Paul, MN

Sponsored by NIWRC.

[2020 National Unity Conference](#)

July 3-7, 2020 in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by United National Indian Tribal Youth.

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

September 22-24, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Call for presentations](#) submission deadline is December 31, 2019.

[National Center for Victims of Crime 2020 National Training Institute](#)

September 30-October 2, 2020 in Atlanta, GA

Proposal submission deadline is February 14, 2020.

[Advanced Strangulation Training](#)

October 6-9, 2020 in Wilsonville, OR

Sponsored by Clackamas County Strangulation Response Initiative, Clackamas County HH&HS, Oregon Peace Officers' Association, and the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention.

[First National Conference on Safe Housing](#)

October 27-30, 2020 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by NIWRC among others.

[Another Level](#) Sex Trafficking Program Educational Support Group
Tuesdays at 5:30pm weekly in Portland, OR
For more info, [email here](#).

[Measuring Outcomes in Children's Advocacy: the Outcome Measurement System \(OMS\)](#)

Previously recorded podcast

Sponsored by The Center for Victim Research and National Children's Alliance.

[End Violence Against Women International's previously recorded webinars](#) on a variety of topics are posted to their website. Topics include victim interviews, FETI, empathy based suspect interviewing, telehealth, planning LE trainings, and the list goes on.

[Battered Women's Justice Project's previously recorded webinars](#) on a variety of topics are also posted to their website. Topics include coercive control, combatting cyberviolence, and many more.

[Virtual Training Opportunities for Tribal Communities](#)

Topics include Trauma-Informed Policing, Friend2Friend (peer support during mental health crises), and At-Risk for High School Educators (suicide prevention)

Available to OJJDP Tribal Grantees and Federally Recognized Tribes

Sponsored by the Tribal Youth Resource Center and Kognito, LLC

Funding Opportunities

It's grant season! Remember to check out our new [IC Grant Opportunities website](#), a compilation of even more grant opportunities. We update the site every other week. Some highlights are below.

[OVW FY 2020 Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Services for Tribes \(FAST\) Initiative](#)

- The Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Services for Tribes (FAST) Initiative is a special initiative designed to increase the availability of trained Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) and trained sexual assault victim advocates in tribal communities, including Alaska Native villages. Funding may be used to establish, sustain, and/or expand programs offering sexual assault medical forensic exams and sexual assault victim services in tribal communities. Furthermore, funding may be used to establish, sustain, and/or expand Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs). Funding priority will be given to applicants proposing innovative ways of bringing experienced SAFEs to remote tribal communities, such as traveling SAFEs, telemedicine, and rural preceptorships. Application deadline is January 10, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation](#)

- The Rural Program supports efforts to enhance the safety of rural victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. Eligible applicants are limited to: States and territories, Indian tribes, local governments, and nonprofit (public or private) entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations in the United States or U.S. territories. Application deadline is January 27, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Invitation to Apply](#)

- OVW will award one grant for \$320,000 through its Alaska Full Faith and Credit Training and Technical Assistance (TA) Initiative for training of state and local law enforcement,

courts, prosecutors, and other government attorneys on the enforcement of tribal protection orders. The purpose of this initiative is to improve enforcement of tribal protection orders and thereby enhance the safety of victims in Alaska Native villages by providing training to state and local law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, and government attorneys. Application deadline is January 27, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program Solicitation](#) - The Culturally Specific Services Program supports community-based programs providing culturally specific services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the development of innovative culturally specific strategies to enhance access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using more traditional programs. Eligible applicants are limited to: Private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics. Application deadline is February 12, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Solicitation](#) - The Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction program encourages collaborations among tribal leadership, courts, prosecutors, attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, probation, victim service providers, and other partners to ensure that victims find safety and justice and that non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders in the Indian country of the participating tribe are held accountable. Eligible applicants are limited to: governments of Indian tribes that have jurisdiction over Indian country. Application deadline is February 12, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Solicitation](#) - Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations (Underserved Program) was authorized to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at adult or youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations and to provide victim services to those victims. Survivors from underserved populations face challenges in accessing comprehensive and effective victim services that fully meet their needs. As a result, survivors of these crimes from underserved communities often do not receive appropriate services. The Underserved Program supports projects to bridge these gaps. The purpose of all grants made by the Underserved Program is to provide or enhance population specific outreach and services to adult and youth victims in one or more underserved populations. Population specific organizations and experts from the relevant underserved communities should be central to development and implementation of the proposed project. Application deadline is February 12, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program Solicitation](#) - Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12511(c), funds under this program must be used to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of culturally specific intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. Application deadline is February 12, 2020.

[FY 2020 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \(CTAS\)](#) - The Department of Justice has posted details about available CTAS grants and describes how federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and tribal consortia can apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. Applicants will submit a single application and select from any or all of the eight competitive grant programs, referred to as

purpose areas. This approach allows the Department's grant-making components to consider the totality of a tribal nation's overall public safety needs.

The eight purpose areas are:

- COPS Office's Public Safety and Community Policing
- Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning
- BJA's Tribal Justice Systems Program
- BJA's Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program
- OVW's Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program
- OVC's Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities
- OJJDP's Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts
- OJJDP's Tribal Youth Program

CTAS is administered by the Department's Office of Justice Programs, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and Office on Violence Against Women. Multiple pre-application webinars and more information are available [here](#). Application deadline is 9 p.m. EST, February 25, 2020.

[GATHER Food Sovereignty Grant](#) - With the generous support of the Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation, First Nations will establish a Gather Food Sovereignty Grant that will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty. Through the first round of the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant, First Nations expects to award up to 8 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work. The grant period for this funding opportunity will commence April 1, 2020 and end March 31, 2021. Application deadline is February 27, 2020.

[Native Student Travel Scholarship Program: Connecting Science to Crime and Justice, Fiscal Year 2020](#) - To enhance diversity in the field of criminal justice, NIJ will support 15 American Indian and Alaska Native students to attend criminal justice-related conferences. Students will explore how their educational backgrounds apply to issues of crime and justice. They will meet researchers and practitioners engaged in similar work. Conferences will expose students to innovative and evidence-based scientific and technological solutions to justice issues. Application deadline is April 15, 2020.

Jobs

National Indian Health Board is hiring for multiple positions, including Director of Public Health Policy and Programs, Director of Congressional Relations, and Congressional Relations Associate. Positions are open until filled. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

The U.S. Attorney's Office District of Oregon has [two vacant contractor Paralegal/Legal Assistant positions in Portland](#) in the Civil Division. The contractors provide legal assistant/paralegal support to the Civil AUSAs. Positions open until filled.

The U.S. Attorney's Office District of Idaho is hiring a [Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist](#). The position closes January 2, 2020.

The U.S. Department of Arts and Culture (USDAC) seeks a collaborative, visionary, experienced, movement-oriented [Co-Director of Organizing and Organizational Development](#). Position closes December 31, 2019.

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is hiring for multiple positions, including [Deputy Prosecutor](#) (position open until filled; first review of complete application packets is 12/30/19); [Public Safety Director](#) (position open until filled; first review of complete application packets is 1/13/20); and [Tribal Legal Aid Attorney serving Intimate Partner Violence Survivors](#) (position closes January 10, 2020).

Project Unica - El Programa Hispano in Portland, OR is hiring for multiple positions, including DV Advocate, DV Community Advocate, SA Advocate, Sex Trafficking Advocate. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

Call to Safety in Portland, OR is hiring for multiple positions, including Director of Sexual Assault Services, SA advocate, SA Systems Advocate, Direct Service Advocate Specializing in Supporting Survivors Experiencing Mental Health Needs, and On-Call Advocate. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

Raphael House in Portland, OR is hiring for multiple positions, including Housing Specialist, Youth and Family Advocate, and On-Call Advocate. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is hiring for a Police Officer and Tribal Court Administrator. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

Clackamas Women's Services is hiring for multiple positions, including Advocate, Community-Based Program Manager, Elder Abuse Coordinator, Rural Advocate. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

StrongHearts Native Helpline is hiring for multiple positions including Advocate, Advocate Shift Lead, Operations Manager, and Training Coordinator. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

The National Council of Urban Indian Health is hiring a Federal Relations Manager, a Grants Manager, and an Office Manager. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

The Institute for Women's Policy Research is hiring multiple positions, including Vice President of Research, Senior Director of Communications, Research Associate, and more. For these and other opportunities, please click [here](#).

OCADSV is hiring for a [Director of Capacity and Programming](#). Application deadline is January 20, 2020.

IRCO in Portland, OR is hiring a [Human Trafficking Program Advocate](#). The position is open until filled.

Native Alliance Against Violence is hiring a Contract Attorney for CIRCLE PROJECT. Position is open until filled. This and other victim service positions for tribes in Oklahoma are available [here](#).

Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women is hiring an [Executive Director](#). Application deadline is January 15, 2020.

New Avenues for Youth in Portland, OR is hiring a Youth Mentor for Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Youth Advocate- Residential Program. This and other positions are available [here](#).

Seattle Indian Health Board/UIHI is hiring for [BRANCH Program Manager](#).

The **Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community** is hiring for a [Youth Development Specialist](#). Position closes January 14, 2020.

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is hiring for a [Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor](#). Position closes January 15, 2020.

Red Wind Consulting, Inc. is hiring for [Tribal Housing and Homeless Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator](#), [Tribal Elder Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator](#), and [Haseya Advocate](#). Red Wind works to strengthen Tribal programs and Native organizations' ability to develop and enhance local responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. The positions are open until filled.

Tulalip Tribes is hiring for a [Family Advocate \(Male\)](#). Position closes February 24, 2020.

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians is hiring for a [Circles of Healing Transitional Services Specialist](#). The position is open until filled.

What We're Watching and Reading

[The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present](#) is a riveting read chronicling genocide, attempts at cultural erasure, survival, resilience, and Native pride. The author **David Treuer** is Ojibwe from the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota, and his book narrates Native resistance and a reverence for tradition rather than the trope textbook American history. Former President Barack Obama also recommends this book as one of his [Favorite Books of 2019](#).

ONDA's [One Day in the Desert](#) blog shares the experiences of those who participated in the new summer-long Tribal Stewards Program to provide tribal young adults with an opportunity to gain professional experience in conservation and restoration work and receive career mentoring.

Urban Indian Health Institute released a report, [MMIWG: We Demand More](#), in response to the [Washington State Patrol's report](#) on the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) crisis. UIHI calls their report “a corrected research study of missing and murdered Indigenous women & girls in Washington State” and urges “more effort from decision-makers and law enforcement.”

The FBI released its annual [Crime in the United States report](#) for 2018, which found reductions in both violent and property crimes, after a violent crime surge in 2016.

[Counting a Diverse Nation: Disaggregating Data on Race and Ethnicity to Advance a Culture of Health](#) is a report from PolicyLink sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It is an exploration of data disaggregation for health among different population groups. “The inequities in health outcomes that persist in American society do not show up just at the level of broad racial categories but as disparities experienced by more specific groups... If government-generated data collection about American Indians remains inconsistent in policies and practices, even on the basic question of who is a ‘Native American,’ the chances for improving population-level health will stay low for both urban Indians and those living on reservations.”

October was Domestic Violence Awareness month. Youth from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians partnered with [Response Circles](#), [We R Native](#), [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#), [Skybear Media](#) to produce [this great video](#). Their message reminds us that domestic violence can include cultural abuse, digital abuse, and financial abuse, and is not always physical abuse.

October 11, 2019, was National Coming Out Day. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, sponsored by The Indian Health Service and The Minority HIV/AIDS Fund, created the documentary [There’s Heart Here](#), which explores the journeys of three indigenous members of the Two Spirit and LGBTQ community.

In October, **Vox published [Missing Chapter: How the US stole thousands of Native American children](#)**, which recounts the forced assimilation of Native American children and its devastating legacy.

National Geographic published [Meet the survivors of a ‘paper genocide’](#) in October. The article explores how the myth of Taíno extinction was born, “a narrative created by the conquerors and perpetuated by every subsequent researcher.”

NPR produced a story about what the opioid addiction epidemic, which has hit some areas of Indian Country hard, is costing the economy and what it would take to end the crisis. You can read or listen to the story called [The Real Cost Of The Opioid Epidemic: An Estimated \\$179 Billion In Just 1 Year](#). Interestingly, in Indian Country in Oregon and in the Pacific Northwest region as a whole, we see meth as the predominant drug problem, which is vetted through the [CDC drug overdose death statistics](#).

Taylor Tupper from Klamath Tribes shared [A Creek Once More](#), a great video that she narrates about the efforts to reopen the Crater Lake/Sun Creek Channel in Fort Klamath, OR and restore the bull creek trout to their ancestral waters.

OJJDP recently released their report to Congress [Implementation of the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018](#). This report provides Congress with an assessment of the readiness, education and training needs, technological challenges, and specific obstacles tribes encounter when integrating state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans. It’s an important read and recognizes that progress has been made, but challenges still exist. Currently in Oregon, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians participate in the state’s AMBER alert program.

The **National Gang Center, OJJDP, and BJA** produced a video presentation [Why Youth Join Gangs](#), which delves into the research behind youth engagement in gangs, youth behaviors, and risk factors.

The **Council on Criminal Justice** published a new study, [Trends in Correctional Control by Race and Sex](#), showing racial and ethnic disparities within the U.S. criminal justice system narrowed between 2000 and 2016 across local jail and state prison, probation, and parole populations. Again, gains have been made, but disparities remain.

The **National Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms and the Battered Women's Justice Project** produced a quick, 2-minute [video](#) on statistics related to mass shootings. Most mass shootings in the U.S. happen inside the home, not in public spaces. Learn about this and more in their quick video, or check out their webinars and technical assistance resources concerning the implementation and enforcement of firearm prohibitions in domestic violence cases on their websites.

[NAYA's year-end video](#) is a quick highlight of the great work NAYA accomplished in 2019.

Resources

The **National Sexual Violence Resource Center** published some **tips on [active listening](#)**. This is a very quick read for anyone who interfaces with crime victims and a great refresher for experienced advocates.

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Through a public health approach, the **Office on Trafficking in Persons** developed **SOAR for Native Communities**, an online educational module offering a [free online training](#) for those serving indigenous populations to better understand human trafficking and its impact on Native communities. [Learn more and register for the free training here](#).

The **National Council for Behavioral Health's Whole Health Action Management (WHAM)** program is a peer-led program for people with chronic physical and behavioral health conditions that gives clients the tools they need to stay healthy and support their recovery. Their two-day training program will empower peer providers to play an important role in supporting clients whose behavioral health issues are compounded by conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. They will learn how to identify clients' strengths, develop action plans, and help them create and sustain new healthy behaviors. You can browse their website or request a training today.

[Aequitas has a great resource page](#) with dozens of publications to support prosecutions of gender-based violence.

[Addiction Policy Forum's publication on Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) and trauma](#) provides recommendations for screening and interventions that focus on prevention.

The **Center for Victim Research Library** is a great place to start your research. Their recent annotated bibliography on [Sexual Violence and Opioids](#) compiles the past decade of research on this topic in one place.

[The National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\) Central Oregon](#) has a great resource page on their website, including resources for [adults](#) and [children](#). You can also come to a meeting to learn about all of NAMI's free classes and programs every 3rd Tuesday from January through May 2020 at Central Oregon Collective (62070 27th Street, Bend, OR 97701) from 7:00-8:30pm.

At least seven tribes have taken **action against youth use of e-cigarettes and vaping**. Read more about their ordinance and code changes: [States and Tribes Stepping in to Protect Communities from the Dangers of E-cigarettes: Actions and Options](#)
[Tobacco prevention program talks dangers of smoking and vaping to Hopi students](#)
[Surgeon General's Advisory on E-cigarette Use Among Youth](#)

NIJ has recently published a [National Best Practices Guide for Implementing and Sustaining a Cold Case Investigation Unit](#). More resources on this topic including [funding opportunities](#) are on their [Cold Case Investigations website](#).

[Shared Hope International's domestic WIN training program](#) is designed to help women develop skills and gain practical job experience. Typically, these women have had difficult life experiences such as domestic abuse, childhood abuse, commercial sexual abuse, drug addiction and/or time in a correctional facility. The nine-month WIN training program provides opportunity for these women to learn job skills so they can enter/reenter the work force and support themselves and their families. Applications are accepted on a continual basis.

November was Native American Heritage Month. [OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center gathered together a number of resources](#) to commemorate Native American Heritage Month and best serve Native crime victims.

The Zero Suicide Institute has published [Best and Promising Practices for the Implementation of Zero Suicide in Indian Country](#), a companion toolkit to the original Zero Suicide Toolkit for general populations. Suicide death rates for Indigenous people are presently four times that of the general population. This toolkit contains recommendations for the implementation of Zero Suicide in Indian Country, forms and tools others have used in their own implementation, and videos featuring a variety of indigenous health systems.

NCVLI's ever-growing [Victim Law Library](#) provides crime victim law publications, cites, and other materials arranged by topic to protect, enforce, and advance victim rights. NCVLI also publishes a [monthly newsletter](#) to highlight some of their work. Their [resource page](#) includes national organizations specific to serving Native populations.

The Department of Justice has made available the [Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Program Plan](#), a tool to help applicants and grantees find funding opportunities that address their criminal, juvenile, and civil justice needs. The DOJ Program Plan provides summary details of the funding opportunities each DOJ grant-making component is expecting to release or has released in the current fiscal year.

December is AIDS Awareness Month. [Urban Indian Health Institute \(UIHI\)](#) works to bring awareness to HIV/AIDS in Indian Country, specifically how it affects urban Native communities and how healthcare providers can better serve their Native patients when it comes to talking to them

about HIV and sexual health. They offer a free [e-learning course HIV Care and Sexual Health Assessment for American Indian and Alaska Native Patients](#) with the option for CMEs and CNEs.

The National Tribal Trial College is accepting [applications for the Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy program](#). Application deadline is January 15, 2020. The National Tribal Trial College is a project of the Southwest Center for Law and Policy and the certificate program partners with the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, WI.

NIWRC recently released their [Special Collection: Cultural Competency/Humility & Ally-Building in Indian Country](#), developed to support cultural competency, humility initiatives, and educational projects requiring Native specific information and resources. This Special Collection provides culturally specific resources including background readings, research, ally-building, and cultural competency resources focused on Indian Country and domestic and sexual violence.

The Center for Native American Youth released the [2019 State of Native Youth Report: Native Youth Count](#). As Native youth promote wellness in their communities and tackle disparities in health, education, and economic opportunity, they continue to affirm the resilience of indigenous peoples and their communities. The State of Native Youth report is a resource and roadmap to help decrease barriers and increase opportunity for Native youth, discussing mental health and wellness, tribal youth and suicide prevention, and human trafficking.

November was National Adoption Month. The **Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative** has published [Strategies for Authentic Integration of Family and Youth Voice in Child Welfare](#). For youth ages 14 or older, federal law and ICWA require that agencies develop their case plans (and any revisions to their case plans) in consultation with them as well as their tribes, and this guide helps develop strategies to effectively engage families, youth, and tribes.

End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) has launched a training bulletin series, and [Becoming Trauma Informed: Learning and Appropriately Applying the Neurobiology of Trauma to Victim Interviews](#) is the first installment.

[The Recovery Gym](#) in Portland, OR is a fitness center dedicated to helping people on the path to recovery for substance use and mental health disorders. They are committed to serving crime victims with free fitness classes; contact [Shiloe Melanie Allison](#) to inquire.

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