

March 2020 Oregon Indian Country Newsletter

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Greeting from U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams

The March newsletter is very different from that which we planned to send out just one month ago. In the past few weeks, many agencies including within our government structure, from federal to state to tribal to local¹, have announced action plans related to the COVID-19 public health emergency and have issued guidance to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These plans include the closure of non-essential services, self-isolation or sheltering in place, and social distancing.

This unprecedented public health crisis has also highlighted several other vulnerabilities within our social structures, including the state of our health care system, societal economic disparities, and not surprisingly, it has brought many challenges to our criminal justice system. The U.S. Attorney's Office will not allow the COVID-19 emergency to be used to ignore fundamental rights and laws designed to protect victims, for which we have long struggled to establish within a highly structured, defendant-focused *criminal* justice system (it is not called the *victim* justice system). Realizing this untimely challenging situation, it is imperative that we adhere literally to the established laws and rules designed to protect crime victims. As we know, victims are most vulnerable to a law enforcement system grappling with new realities and where resources are being used, appropriately, in our larger community responses. Indeed, we must be even more vigilant in our duties to uphold and protect victims and their rights, as we may be the only voice in the noise. As such, I highlight the following as critical to our mission during this time:

- We will protect privileged victim records and follow case law and EOUSA guidance before accessing or releasing such records, including giving advance notice to victims about the subpoena of such records². We recognize that one of the most crucial rights for victims in the criminal justice system is the right to privacy. This is codified under the [Crime Victims' Rights Act](#), 18 U.S.C. § 3771 (a)(8). (NCVLI has a wealth of briefs on victims' rights to privacy [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). The Victim Rights Law Center recently highlighted their national Privacy Rights Project, funded by the Office on Violence Against Women, and published several new resources [here](#).)
- We will fight for orders of protection on discovery to remain in place so that defendants, in or out of custody, cannot have untethered access to revealing reports of victim and witness identities, whereabouts, and statements. Protective orders are sought and granted under Rule 16(d)(1), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, in only the most dangerous and lethal of cases. We have

an obligation to protect victims and their privacy, and to treat them with dignity under 18 U.S.C. § 3771 (a)(1), (8).

- We will ensure that victims are notified and consulted with when we learn of motions for early release of defendants from prison; victims rely on promised sentences and timelines to establish safety plans, to relocate as needed, and to access resources like the Address Confidentiality Program. Victims have the right to be reasonably protected under 18 U.S.C. § 3771 (a)(1). And indeed, if the sentence changes, victims have the right to allocute again under 18 U.S.C. § 3771 (a)(4).
- We will always consult with victims before entering into plea negotiations, even during these strained and stressful COVID-19 pandemic times. Victims have the right to confer with the government under 18 U.S.C. § 3771 (a)(5), and the right to be notified of any plea bargain under 18 U.S.C. § 3771 (a)(9).
- We will advocate for the Court to properly order all of the mandatory Adam Walsh Act release conditions to protect child sex crime victims, especially in presumptive detention cases.
- We will and have [cautioned vulnerable community members](#) to the scams of those profiteers awaiting this opportune moment to strike and swindle.

I recall retired Navy Admiral and former Commander of the U.S. Special Forces Ops Command [William McRaven's commencement address he gave at the University of Texas at Austin](#) in 2014. He reckoned back to that talk in his recent op-Ed from the *Washington Post*, [The coronavirus has thrown us all in the mud](#). As winter's end brings hope for brighter days, the return of evening sunlight, and warmer temperatures, and the land around us begins to stir with signs of spring, we must survive and indeed stand firm in the mud. We must shine as a beacon of hope for crime victims. As McRaven wrote, "...the only thing more contagious than a virus is hope. We are all up to our necks in mud. It's time to start singing," if I may add, as a voice for crime victims during this challenging time.

As a note, we have included a number of social service, public health, and victim service provider resources at the end of this newsletter in the section entitled *COVID-19 Information and Local Resources*. We hope you all are healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
Billy J. Williams
U.S. Attorney, District of Oregon

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- The [federal government through President Donald Trump](#).
- The state of [Oregon through Governor Kate Brown](#).
- Many Tribal nations (CTUIR's [Resolution 20-028](#), Warm Springs' [Declaration of Emergency](#), Grand Ronde's [COVID-19 Preparedness](#), Siletz's [CTSI Community Message](#), Cow Creek's [State of Emergency declaration](#), Klamath's [Office Closures](#), CTCLUSI's [Health Alert Notification](#), and Coquille's [Response to COVID-19](#)).
- Chemawa Indian School ([School Closure Letter](#)),
- The [Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board](#), and
- The [CDC](#).

2 "Rule 17 (c)(3) requires that the victim receive notice of a subpoena for records, **unless** the defense can show exceptional circumstances that will preclude notice to the victim or the government." As EOUSA further instructs, "[I]n order to require production prior to trial, the moving party must show: (1) that the documents are evidentiary and relevant; (2) that they are not otherwise procurable reasonably in advance of trial by exercise of due diligence; (3) that the party cannot properly prepare for trial without such production and inspection in advance of trial and that the failure to obtain such inspection may tend unreasonably to delay the trial; and (4) that the application is made in good faith and is not intended as a general 'fishing expedition.'" (citing *United States v. Lozia*, 13 F.R.D. 335, 338 (S.D.N.Y. 1952)). In brief, a party seeking pretrial enforcement of a trial subpoena duces tecum must show "(1) relevancy; (2) admissibility; [and] (3) specificity." *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. at 700 (1974). *United States v. R. Enterprises, Inc.*, 498 U.S. 292, 298 (1991)." *United States v. Reed*, 726 F.2d 570, 577 (9th Cir. 1984)

USAOR Indian Country team Update

The USAOR Indian Country team has been extremely busy over the last two years and has become a national leader in IC innovations. We started this great newsletter, now with more than 1000 subscribers nationwide, aiming to share case updates, resources, funding opportunities, and promoting transparency in our work. We established 51 locations for Video Conferencing (VTC-ing) into court and created a wonderful partnership with OSU Extension Programs around the state, so Native victims in remote places can still access the federal criminal justice system no matter their location. We proposed and passed USAOR policy around excluding victim and witness names and identifiers in public documents, promoting victim safety as a primary goal in our prosecutions. We started consulting with victims in all our press releases, ensuring there were no surprises to victims in our press releases. We made over 100 trips to Indian Country, meeting with victims and community partners on every travel, developing relationships and building trust and rapport with tribal members, tribal law enforcement, and tribal community programs. We started the USAOR IC grants website, sharing federal, state, and private funding opportunities with Tribal Nations and beyond. We jointly wrote and issued official guidance on Full Faith and Credit for Tribal Protection Orders with Oregon DOJ and AG Ellen Rosenblum, ensuring that all victims of domestic violence can receive the same protections from their abusers, pursuant to Oregon and federal law (VAWA). We successfully applied for funding for a Special Assistant United States Attorney for CTUIR's DV cases and an MMIP Coordinator for the USAOR office. We now send weekly case log updates to tribal and federal LEAs with IC cases so they are sure to know the status of all federal prosecutions. We conducted an extensive literature review on procedural justice, and implemented its tenets into our daily practice (utilizing advocates, elevating victim voice, regular in-person consultations with victims and witnesses, following through on our word). We used this research to present on building credibility to hundreds of criminal justice professionals around the nation. We incorporate victim voice and input in all of our IC cases, and applied for and received funding for 60 victims in 25 IC cases so victims could attend hearings in person at no cost to them. We conducted dozens of trainings to prosecutors, LE, advocates, child welfare, tribes, and beyond, learning, listening and sharing knowledge about what works and what doesn't in IC work.

In 2020, we will have some changes to our IC team. Our Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist Johanna Costa will be leaving the office at the end of March. We want to thank Johanna for the incredible work she did in Indian Country on behalf of the USAO and tribal members throughout the District. Johanna did an amazing job establishing a brand new position in the USAO and creating a strong foundation that will continue to assist tribal victims in the future. And we are so fortunate to have Victim Specialist Ella LeVally handling all IC cases until a new TVAS is hired. AUSA Pam Paaso will join the IC team, bringing with her many years of experience prosecuting victim-crime cases; we are excited to have her shadow and co-counsel our current Tribal Liaison AUSAs to ensure a smooth transition. We know that there is ongoing work to do with relationships, training, and prosecutions, and we want to promote sustainability and smooth transitions in the IC AUSA positions. And finally we will add an MMIP Coordinator to our team, working to identify cases, promote data tracking, communicate across jurisdictions, close gaps, develop protocols for better response, and help link survivors and co-victims to culturally-appropriate support services. It will be a banner year indeed for the IC team.

Full Faith and Credit for Tribal Protection Orders

In January, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon Billy J. Williams and Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum jointly issued [Official Guidance for Enforcement of Tribal Protection Orders/ "Foreign Restraining Orders"](#). Our office issued this [USAO press release](#). Tribal protection orders, referred to as foreign restraining orders under Oregon law, are civil orders of protection issued by tribal courts to prevent future domestic violence. State law and federal law under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) each require full faith and credit (FF&C) for these orders, meaning all states must uphold

protective orders from any other state and from any tribal nation. Granting full faith and credit for tribal restraining orders is a crucial tool to combat the MMIP epidemic; it requires law enforcement communication and collaboration to protect Indigenous people throughout the country. Several trainings around the state occurred earlier this month, however, many were canceled due to travel restrictions. Please contact [Sarah Sabri](#), Senior AAG/DV Resource Prosecutor, for information regarding rescheduled trainings on full faith and credit, or to request the training materials, FAQs, and Tribal Court Administrator and Tribal Law Enforcement contact lists.

Chemawa Indian School Health Fair



On January 27, 2020, FBI Victim Specialist Florence (Flo) Mackey and USAO Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist Johanna Costa attended the annual Chemawa Indian School Health Fair. We joined 20 other agencies and provided information about consent, healthy relationships, boundaries, and marijuana and drug use. Drawing from [We R Native's Healthy Native Youth curriculum](#), we asked students:

- What does consent mean?
- How can you ask for consent before engaging in sexual activity (what will you say)?
- What does it mean to respect someone's boundaries when they say no?
- How can you communicate your boundaries to others (what will you say)?
- If someone doesn't want to have sex, what else can you do instead to still have fun?

Students were great in engaging with our questions and provided very thoughtful responses. They clearly live the real-life version of these questions every day.

Many students were very interested in what it's like to work for the FBI; the USAO wasn't as appealing to them! Thanks to FBI VS Mackey, we are excited to share the [2020 FBI Portland Division Teen Academy](#) is now accepting applications for their July 6-10, 2020 summer program in Salem, OR. The application deadline is May 15, 2020.

In the News

Recent Prosecution Highlights from the USAO District of Oregon

U.S. v. Joshua Husted- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this CTUIR case where the defendant pleaded guilty to Interstate Violation of a Protective Order on February 18, 2020. The victim was consulted and gave input regarding the plea. Sentencing has been scheduled for May 18, 2020, at 3pm before Judge Michael Simon. The defendant was previously prosecuted in Umatilla County for Criminal Trespass While in Possession of a Firearm during additional domestic violence conduct intended against the same crime victim. In the State case, the defendant was sentenced on February 7, 2019, to 2 years' bench probation, including orders to complete 40 hours of community service, not purchase firearms, and have no contact with the homeowner crime victims during the period of probation. The crimes charged by the State were perpetrated one week prior to the crimes charged in the federal case.

U.S. v. Deshawn Little Eagle- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this CRITFE case where the defendant pleaded guilty to Interstate Violation of a Protective Order on March 10, 2020. The victim was consulted and gave input regarding the plea. Sentencing has been scheduled for May 12, 2020, at 2pm before Senior Judge Anna Brown. The defendant was previously prosecuted in the Superior Court of Washington for Pierce County, where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced for the crime of Assault of a Child in the Third Degree for abuse perpetrated against the federal case victim's child. In the State case, the defendant was sentenced on December 11, 2019, to 22 months' prison, 12 months' community custody, including order to undergo anger management, and not to have contact with the crime victim or any minors. The crimes charged by the State were perpetrated one week prior to the crimes charged in the federal case.

News In Oregon

[U.S. Attorney Shares Tips for Avoiding COVID-19 Scams Targeting Vulnerable Populations](#)

[Calls to Oregon's domestic violence crisis lines spike amid coronavirus crisis](#)

[U.S. Attorney's Office Takes Steps to Maintain Mission Amidst COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

[Missing & Murdered: Warm Springs tribal members share their stories of missing and murdered Native women with Oregon State Police](#)

[U.S. Attorney and Oregon Attorney General Issue Joint Guidance on the Enforcement of Tribal Protection Orders](#)

[Affordable housing project for Native Americans opens in NE Portland](#)

[Listening Sessions To Inform Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women Law](#)

[U.S. Attorney's Office Collects Over \\$8.2 Million in Civil and Criminal Actions and Restitution Payments in Fiscal Year 2019](#)

News Outside Oregon

[Tribal Programs That Prepare For Public Health Crises Readying For Coronavirus: Native health services](#)

are preparing for the eventual arrival of the coronavirus on reservations and in Native communities, but the system is already strained.

[Department of Justice Charges Unprecedented Number of Elder Fraud Defendants Nationwide and Launches Hotline](#)

[Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Announces Tribal Consultations and Listening Sessions](#)

[NIWRC Files Amicus Brief to Safeguard Tribal Sovereignty and Native Victims in Supreme Court Case](#)

[Senate Resolution Supports National Trafficking, Modern Slavery Prevention Month](#)

[Trump Administration Launches Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)

[Attorney General William P. Barr Announces the Establishment of the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice](#)

[Stalking: Know it, name it, stop it](#)

[We are asking the wrong questions about domestic violence: Focus needs to shift from the victim to the abuser](#)

[Three Defendants Plead Guilty to Conspiring to Fraudulently Sell Imported Jewelry From the Philippines As Native American-Made](#)

Upcoming Training and Events

Please note that these dates and venues may change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check with the individual sponsoring agency for updates and confirmation.

[National Census of Victim Service Providers: Making the Most of Data](#)

March 27, 2020, 11am PST webinar
Sponsored by CVR.

[Using Technology to Communicate with Survivors During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

March 27, 2020, 11am-12pm PST webinar
Sponsored by NNEDV's Safety Net.

[Association on American Indian Affairs](#) invites Indian Country and the world to come together for 20 minutes of unity in thought and prayer

March 27, 2020, 2pm PST

Please join and share, if it is appropriate, what you are doing to pray, meditate, or share healing thoughts on social media by posting with #ShareHealing and by tagging the Association on:

- Facebook: [@AssociationAmericanIndianAffairs](#)
- Twitter: [@IndianAffairs](#)
- Instagram: [@AssocIndianAffairs](#)

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

March 29-April 1, 2020, now a [virtual conference](#)

Sponsored by National Indian Child Welfare Association.

[Listening Sessions on Sustaining Services for Survivors with Disabilities](#)

March 30, 2020, 1:30-2:30pm PST online

April 2, 2020, 7-8am PST online

April 3, 2020, 12-1pm PST online

Sponsored by Center on Victimization and Safety/ End Abuse of People with Disabilities.

[Southwest Veterans Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Training](#)

March 30-31, 2020 in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

Sponsored by TLPI.

[NCVC Bi-weekly COVID-19 Community Group](#)

March 31, 2020, 10am PST virtual webinar/meeting

Designed for victim service providers, focusing on the needs of the communities we serve, discussing best practices, and sharing self-care tips

[National Strategy Session on Sustaining Services for Survivors with Disabilities](#)

March 31, 2020, 8-9am PST online

April 1, 2020, 1-2pm PST online

Sponsored by Center on Victimization and Safety/ End Abuse of People with Disabilities.

Oregon CVCP Training

[March 31, 2020, 9-11:30am PST webinar](#)

[May 13, 2020, 9-11:30am in Salem, OR](#)

Sponsored by ODOJ CVSSD.

And now available online, check out the 30-minute [CVC Primer training](#). This will be required starting in May 2020.

[Working with Sexual Assault Survivors with Disabilities](#)

April 1, 2020, 10-11am PST webinar

Sponsored by the Justice Clearinghouse.

[Labor Trafficking- Emerging trends and case studies](#)

April 1, 2020, 10-11:30am PST webinar

Sponsored by National Human Trafficking TTAC

[What Law Enforcement Needs to Know about Forensic Interviewers Presenting Evidence during Forensic Interviews](#)

April 1, 2020, 11am-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[In other words, how do you speak your judge's language?](#)

April 2, 2020, 10-11am PST webinar

Sponsored by the Justice Clearinghouse.

[Know Your Audience: Choosing the Best Learning Activities for Your Training](#)

April 6, 2020, 12-1pm PST webinar

Sponsored by BWJP.

[Domestic Violence and Domestic Homicide Investigations](#)

April 7, 2020 at 12-1pm PST webinar
Sponsored by the Justice Clearinghouse.

Child Sex Trafficking Forensic Interview Training

[April 7-9, 2020 in Plainfield, IN](#)

[May 18-20, 2020 in Bedford, NH](#)

[August 17-19, 2020 in Greenwood Village, CO](#)

[September 23-25 in Houston, TX](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Forced Criminality of Child Sex Trafficking Victims](#)

April 8, 2020, 11am PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Introduction to Risk Assessment for Intimate Partner Violence](#)

April 9, 2020, 11am-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Increasing Your Bounceability: Ways to Build Resilience Every Day](#)

April 9, 2020, 12-1pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the Justice Clearinghouse.

[Basics of Trauma Informed Care with Human Trafficking Response](#)

April 10, 2020, 10-11am PST webinar

Sponsored by Justice Resource Institute.

[COVID-19 in the Courts](#) (Oregon state and federal)

April 14, 2020 12pm PST webinar

Sponsored by Oregon Women Lawyers Queen's Bench Chapter.

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

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

Sponsored by EVAWI.

[OVC Policy and Procedures: Policy Development: Key Inclusions, Resources, and Implementation](#)

April 15, 2020, 10-11:30am PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Disaster Planning for Tribal Domestic Violence Programs and Shelters](#)

April 15, 2020, 12pm PST webinar

Sponsored by NIWRC.

[Expert Q&A: Sustainability Planning](#)

April 15, 2020, 11am-12:15pm PST webinar

Sponsored by OVC.

[Traumatic Brain Injury: It's Not Just about Football](#)

April 16, 2020, 12-1pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the Justice Clearinghouse.

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

April 19-25, 2020

Sponsored by OVC.

[Child Sex Trafficking for All System/Community Stakeholders Specialized Training](#)

April 20, 2020 in Lincoln, NE

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Child Sex Trafficking Investigations Specialized Training](#)

April 21, 2020 in Lincoln, NE

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Advocacy with Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: What It Is, What It Isn't, and Best Practices](#)

April 21, 2020, 12-1:15pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the BWJP.

Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Training

[April 21-23, 2020 in Great Falls, MT](#)

[April 28-30, 2020 in San Juan, Puerto Rico](#)

[June 1-3, 2020 in Galloway Township, NJ](#)

[August 18-20, 2020 in Mayetta, KS](#)

[September 15-17, 2020 in Coeur d' Alene, ID](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Investing in Fatherhood to Reduce Re-offending, Recidivism, and Violence in Tribal Communities](#)

April 22, 2020, 11m-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[The Third Annual Hardy Myers Dinner](#)

April 22, 2020, 6pm in Portland, OR

Sponsored by OCVLC.

Community Response to High-Risk Missing and Sex Trafficking Victims

[April 27-28, 2020 in Jamestown, NY](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Conducting Child Abuse Investigations

[April 27-May 1, 2020 in San Diego, CA](#)

[July 27-31, 2020 in Saint Louis, MO](#)

[September 28- October 2, 2020 in Tampa, FL](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Criminal Connections: Child Pornography and Child Sexual Abuse

[April 27-28, 2020 in Chandler, AZ](#)

[July 20-21, 2020 in Manchester, NH](#)

[September 14-15, 2020 in Mansfield, MA](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Child Homicide Investigations

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

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

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

[June 22-23, 2020 in Nashville, TN](#)

[November 9-10, 2020 in Tacoma, WA](#)

[February 22-23, 2021](#) in Pasadena, TX
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[The New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board: Implications for Probation](#)
April 29, 2020, 11am-12pm PST webinar
Sponsored by Justice Clearinghouse

[Missing Children on the Autism Spectrum: The Do's & Don'ts of Response & Interaction](#)
April 29, 2020, 11am-12:30pm PST webinar
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides
[April 29-30, 2020 in Mansfield, MA](#)
[May 20-21, 2020 in Aurora, CO](#)
[June 3-4, 2020 in Ponderay, ID](#)
[June 24-25, 2020 in Nashville, TN](#)
[November 12-13, 2020 in Tacoma, WA](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking in the Protection Order Process: Challenges and Options](#)
April 30, 2020, 12-1:15pm PST webinar
Sponsored by BWJP.

[Forensic Interviewing of Child and Adolescent Victims and Witnesses in Indian Country Seminar](#)
May 4-7, 2020 in Columbia, SC at the NAC
Sponsored by USDOJ.

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.

Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking
[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.

[Mobile Device Investigations](#)
May 6-8, 2020 in Chandler, AZ
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Conducting Unexplained Child Death Investigations
[May 11-14, 2020 in Birmingham, AL](#)
[August 24-27, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Death Investigation Academy
[May 11-15, 2020 in Miami, FL](#)
[August 10-14, 2020 in Manchester, NH](#)
[October 5-9, 2020 in Midwest City, OK](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Lessons Learned from Sexual Assault Kit Initiative \(SAKI\) Sites](#)

May 12, 2020, 11am PST webinar
Sponsored by Tribal Forensic Healthcare Project.

[Understanding Trauma Bonds Between Traffickers and Their Victims](#)

May 13, 2020, 11am-12:30pm PST webinar
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[AMBER Alert Best Practices- Law Enforcement Field Guide](#)

May 14, 2020, 11am-12:30pm PST webinar
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Prosecutor Strategies for Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Cases](#)

May 14-15, 2020 in Chesterfield, IN
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Initial Response Strategies and Tactics When Responding to Missing Children Incidents

[May 18, 2020 in Freehold, NJ](#)

[July 28, 2020 in Honolulu, HI](#)

[August 11, 2020 in Anchorage, AK](#)

[August 12, 2020 in Anchorage, AK](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children](#)

May 19, 2020 in Freehold, NJ
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Vicarious Trauma in First Responders](#)

May 20, 2020, 11am-12:15pm
Sponsored by OVC.

Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children

[May 20-22, 2020 in Freehold, NJ](#)

[August 15-17, 2020 in Middlebourne, WV](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Presidential Task force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Yakama Nation, Washington Listening Session](#)

May 21, 2020, 9am-4pm at Legends Casino and Hotel, 580 Fort Road, Toppenish WA

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

May 27-30, 2020 in Anaheim, CA
Sponsored by NADCP.

[Pediatric Medical Forensic Clinical Training](#)

June 1, 2020 in Bend, OR
Sponsored by SATF and the Oregon DOJ.

Responding to Missing and Abducted College Students

[June 4, 2020 in Brockport, NY](#)

[June 23, 2020 in New Rochelle, NY](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Managing the Media Message: Your Agency's Story and How You Tell It
[June 8-9, 2020 in Miami, FL](#)
[September 23-24, 2020 in Franklin, TN](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[AMBER Alert Specialized Training](#)
June 8-12, 2020 in West Palm Beach, FL
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Indian Country Homicide and Sexual Assault Training Seminar](#)
June 8-12, 2020 in Columbia, SC at the NAC
Sponsored by USDOJ.

Psychology of School Threat Assessments
[June 10-11, 2020 in Miami, FL](#)
[September 21-22, 2020 in Franklin, TN](#)
[October 5-6, 2020 in Chandler, AZ](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Comprehensive Abuse and Violence Prevention: Statewide Training](#)
June 15, 2020 in Newport, OR
Sponsored by SATF and the Oregon DOJ.

[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.
NIWRC invites Native artisans to [submit](#) images of their artwork and an artist bio for the Call for Artwork, due December 30, 2019.

[2020 National Unity Conference](#)
July 3-7, 2020 in Washington, D.C.
Sponsored by United National Indian Tribal Youth.

[2020 FBI Portland Division Teen Academy](#)
July 6-10, 2020 in Salem, OR
Application deadline is May 15, 2020.

[National Law Enforcement First-Line Supervisor Training on Violence Against Women](#)
July 21-24, 2020 in Spokane, Washington
Sponsored by International Association of Chiefs of Police.

[The National Training Institute on Protection Order Practice for Attorneys and Advocates](#)
July 28-30, 2020 in New Orleans, Louisiana
Sponsored by the BWJP and NCPOFFC.

[Advanced Cold Case Long-Term Missing Investigations](#)
August 4-5, 2020 in North Little Rock, AR
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Initial Crime Scene Response in Child Abduction Investigations
[August 4-5, 2020 in Mayetta, KS](#)
[September 19-20, 2020 in Middlebourne, WV](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Recognition and Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation at Tribal Casinos](#)
August 5, 2020 in Mayetta, KS
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[First Responder Roles in Missing and Abducted Child Cases](#)
August 11, 2020 in Prescott Valley, AZ
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Legal for First Responders](#)
August 12, 2020 in Prescott Valley, AZ
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking (MDT to CST)
[August 31-September 3, 2020 in Memphis, TN](#)
[November 16-19, 2020 in Denver, CO](#)
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Strategies and Tactics for Responding to Missing Children Incidents Specialized Training](#)
September 1-3, 2020 in Greensburg, PA
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[10th Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training](#)
September 9-11, 2020 in Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, California
Sponsored by TLPI.
Workshop proposals are due May 1, 2020.

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)
September 22-24, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Voices for Justice](#)
September 23, 2020 in Portland, OR
Sponsored by NCVLI.

[National Center for Victims of Crime 2020 National Training Institute](#)
September 30-October 2, 2020 in Atlanta, GA

[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

[Verbal De-Escalation & Crisis Communication](#)

October 8, 2020 in Franklin, TN

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[National Conference on Safe Housing](#)

October 27-30, 2020 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by numerous agencies including NIWRC, NNEDV.

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

December 14-15, 2020 in Chandler, AZ

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[COVID-19 & Medical Advocacy Response](#)

Previously recorded webinar

Sponsored by SATF and Oregon DOJ.

[Tele-Mental Health mini-webinar and webinar series](#)

Previously recorded webinars

Sponsored by WRCAC and the Medical University of South Carolina.

[What Every New Child Abuse Interviewer Should Know and How Experienced Interviewers Can Help Them](#)

This and many other LE- and victim-focused prerecorded webinars are available on the NCJTC [on-demand website](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Women Are Sacred: Exploring Women's Spirituality from an Indigenous Perspective](#)

Previously aired webinar

Sponsored by NIWRC

2020 IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Program (ITU) Medical Coding Training and Certification

January - September 2020 in various locations

Contact [Jacqueline Reyes](#).

[Understanding Human Trafficking](#)

Online interactive five-part course accessible at any time.

Sponsored by OVC.

[Public Health Training](#)

Online course accessible at any time.

Sponsored by National Indian Health Board.

[COVID-19 and Homeless American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)

Previously recorded webinar

Sponsored by UIHI.

[Working with Interpreters in a Court Setting](#)

Previously recorded webinar.
Sponsored by BWJP.

[Tele-Advocacy Ensuring Accessibility for Underserved Crime Survivors During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Previously recorded webinar.
Sponsored by Vera Institute of Justice.

[Staying Centered: A Virtual Breather for People Supporting Survivors During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Previously recorded webinar.
Sponsored by Vera Institute of Justice.

[National Strategy Sessions on Sustaining Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Previously recorded webinar.
Sponsored by Vera Institute of Justice.

[Helping Survivors of Multiple Victimitizations](#)

Previously recorded webinar.
Sponsored by OVC.

Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Information

Darlene Hutchinson, Senior Advisor of Victim Affairs from the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, recently reached out to us to provide additional information on DOJ/OJP's grant opportunities and high-level work in Indian Country. Please read below for some great information.

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons

President Trump has called the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous persons "sobering and heartbreaking." To help find solutions to address this tragedy, he issued an executive order in November 2019 [establishing a presidential task force](#), co-chaired by Attorney General Barr and Secretary of the Interior Bernhardt. Composed of various federal officials, the task force – designated as Operation Lady Justice – is charged with enhancing the criminal justice response, consulting with tribal governments on potential solutions, and empowering native communities with information. The task force has planned and begun more than a dozen [tribal consultations and/or listening sessions](#) as the group develops solutions, raises awareness, and delivers justice. The task force will develop cold case teams, collect and analyze data, implement an education and outreach program for the use of NAMUS and develop protocols and procedures for communities where a loved one goes missing.

Attorney General Barr's [strategy to address the tragedy](#) of missing and murdered indigenous persons includes the placement of coordinators in U.S. Attorney's offices in 11 states (including Oregon) who will work closely with federal, tribal, state and local agencies to develop protocols and procedures for responding to reports of missing or murdered indigenous persons. Further, the Department's strategy allows for the deployment of the FBI's specialized rapid response teams when requested by a tribal, state, or local law enforcement agency. The FBI's expert assistance may occur following a child abduction, to expedite the analysis of digital or social media evidence in an urgent situation, to process and analyze cellular data, or provide specialized victim services in unique circumstances. These actions will help assure a more seamless response to this widespread and complex problem.

DOJ Assists Tribal Victims of Crime

The Administration and the Department of Justice -- under Attorney General Bill Barr's leadership -- has provided unprecedented funding to improve public safety and victim services in Indian country.

In the past two years, approximately \$300 million has been awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to improve vital services to victims in tribal communities nationwide. In FY 2018-2019, the following Oregon tribes collectively received more than \$3.4 million in grant funding from the OVC Tribal Set-Aside (3-year awards):

- The Klamath Tribes in Chiloquin
- Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians in Roseburg
- Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission in Portland
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton

Also, during FY 2019 to assure that smaller tribes who had not yet been able to access the Victim Services Set-Aside funding, OVC awarded \$13 million to NCAI and \$7 million to the Denali Commission in Alaska, for these entities to provide streamlined micro-grants to federally recognized tribes. Additionally, Victim Services Set-Aside funding was awarded to expand the [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#) to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.

For FY 2020, Congress has set aside \$132.05 million for Tribal Victim Services. In response to past tribal consultations and listening sessions, where tribal leaders expressed a strong preference for funds to be dispersed through a formula rather than a competitive solicitation, the Department is considering this option and held a [February 2020 consultation](#) specific to this proposal.

Further, based on feedback from tribal leaders and representatives, OVC will increase its grant project period for tribal awards from 3 years to 5 years beginning in FY 2020.

In a few weeks, the FY 2020 Tribal Victim Services solicitation(s) will be posted at <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx> for applicants to learn more about FY 2020 Tribal Set-Aside options.

Funding Opportunities

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

You can also sign up for notices of new solicitations from U.S. DOJ [here](#).

And remember, [OVC's FY 2020 Tribal Set-Aside Formula Program Solicitation](#) is coming soon.

[OJJDP FY 2020 Missing and Exploited Children Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) - Through this program, OJJDP seeks to improve and expand the development and implementation of training and technical assistance on effective responses to missing and exploited children's issues for multidisciplinary teams of prosecutors, state and local law enforcement, child protection personnel, medical providers, and other child-serving professionals. Additionally, this program will provide support for the implementation of all National Missing Children's Day activities. Application deadline is April 6, 2020.

[Training and Technical Assistance To Expand Children's Advocacy Centers Serving American Indian/Alaska Native Communities](#) - This solicitation provides funding to support training and technical assistance (TTA) services to develop, improve, or expand Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and multidisciplinary team responses to child abuse cases in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. Application deadline is April 7, 2020.

[Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program](#) - The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), is seeking applications for funding under the SMART FY 2020 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting states, the District of Columbia, territories and certain federally recognized Indian tribes with implementation and ongoing maintenance of requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, specifically Subtitle A of Title I of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Application deadline is April 7, 2020.

[OJJDP FY 2020 National AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) - The goal of this program is to design, develop, and implement training and technical assistance to support the AMBER Alert network. Application deadline is April 9, 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.

[Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons](#) - With this solicitation, NIJ continues to build upon its research and evaluation efforts to better understand, prevent, and respond to trafficking in persons in the United States. Applicants should propose research projects that — first and foremost — have clear implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. NIJ is interested in research projects addressing both sex and labor trafficking. NIJ is particularly interested in research responding to the following priority areas:

1. Labor trafficking.
2. Demand reduction research.
3. Research to identify the health and wellness effects of trafficking victimization.
4. Profiling recruitment tactics.

Application deadline is April 20, 2020.

[Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants Solicitation](#) - NIJ actively supports research that involves federally recognized tribes (or tribally-based organizations) on issues of crime and justice in the United States. In doing so, NIJ is committed to ethical and engaged efforts in line with responsible research conduct and federal trust responsibilities. This solicitation seeks applications for funding for planning grants to develop new and innovative criminal and juvenile justice research or evaluation projects that address the challenges of fighting crime and strengthening justice in Indian country and Alaska Native villages. To ensure proposed projects result in tangible and mutually beneficial studies, they must include a new tribal-researcher partnership component. Application deadline is May 4, 2020.

[Tribal Opioid Response Grants \(TOR\)](#) - The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Tribal Opioid Response grants (Short Title: TOR). The program aims to address the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) using one of the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). In addition to focusing on OUD, recipients may also address stimulant misuse and use disorders, including cocaine and methamphetamine. The intent is to reduce unmet treatment need and opioid overdose-related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for OUD and, if so desired, stimulant misuse and use disorders. Application deadline is May 4, 2020.

[FY 2020 Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime](#) - This program will develop a workforce of direct victim service providers to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of crime in hard-to-staff positions and locations. By identifying and training prospective victim service professionals in, or from, the communities to be served, tribal and Bureau of

Indian Affairs' (BIA) victim service programs will be better able to fill direct victim service positions in remote Indian Country and Alaska Native locations, and in turn ensure that victims in these locations get the services they need. Application deadline is May 26, 2020.

Jobs

The **U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon** recently received funding to hire a contractor **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator**. This is a contract position to coordinate response to Oregon-connected MMIP cases, gather reliable data to identify the MMIP cases connected to Oregon, create partnerships to increase reporting and investigation collaboration, raise community awareness regarding MMIP, and develop guidelines to respond to cases of MMIP.

Because this is a contract position, the process by which an interested person should apply is to send a cover letter and resume to each of the 4 following vendors.

Vendor	GSA Contract #	Contact #	Contact email
SGI Global LLC	47QRAA19D00CE571	357-7992	bgolder@sgiglobal-llc.com
Career Training Concepts	GS-02F-001CA	678-819-0066	szimmerman@careertrain.com
MVM, Inc.	GS-10F-0392N	571-223-4573	benchichj@mvminc.com
SAVA Workforce Solutions, LLC	GS-10F-025CA	703-766-6260	sanjeev.hirani@akima.com

The contractor will be based out of the Eugene branch office for the USAO. The deadline to apply is March 27, 2020.

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) is [hiring for numerous positions](#), including [Housing Advocate](#), [Grant and Contracts Accountant](#), [KEEP Group Leader Job Description](#), [Connection Coach](#), [Youth Development Advocate](#), [Youth Advocate](#), [Midtown Co-Located Advocate](#), [Domestic Violence Advocate](#), and [Gang Intervention Outreach Specialist](#), all open until filled.

OCVLC in Portland, Oregon, is hiring a [Development/Communications Manager](#). Application deadline is March 27, 2020.

UIHI in Seattle is hiring [public health full time interns](#). Application deadline is April 1, 2020.

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is hiring a [Child Advocate](#).

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Unified Legal Department in Manistee, MI is hiring a [Legal Intern](#). Position open until filled.

Morongo Band of Mission Indians in Banning, CA is hiring a [Tribal Attorney](#). Position open until filled.

Multnomah County is looking for [interns for the Multnomah County Sex Trafficking Collaborative](#) in Portland, OR. Deadlines vary.

International Association for Adolescents is hiring a remote [Youth Sex Trafficking Training and Program Specialist](#). Deadline is April 1, 2020.

American Indian Development Associates in Albuquerque, NM is hiring a [Field Operations Manager](#). Position is open until filled.

Mother Nation in Seattle, WA is hiring [Yeha:wi Services Advocate](#)/

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma in Perkins, OK is hiring a [Domestic Violence Legal Advocate](#).

The Center for Native American Youth in Washington, DC is hiring a [Program Manager](#).

The Zero Abuse Project in Washington, DC is hiring a [Director of Communications](#).

The National Indian Health Board in Washington, DC is hiring a [Director of Public Health Policy and Programs](#).

TLPI seeks to recognize the amazing youth in your community and the innovative work that your program is doing to serve Tribal youth in any prevention, intervention, or court-based program. Please [email](#) your nomination of individual youth activities, current program initiatives, community efforts, or anything in between with the subject line "Tribal Youth Community Story" to be included in TLPI's newsletter in the tribal youth program or tribal youth court highlights section. Stories submitted by May 2020 may be highlighted at the 2020 Biennial National Tribal Youth Conference.

Be sure to flag [ONDA's Tribal Stewards](#) page for opportunities for Native American young adults with deep ancestral ties to eastern Oregon's public lands. The program provides an introduction to start conservation careers and hands-on experience and opportunities for personal growth within a culturally relevant framework.

ONDA is also accepting applications for [Wildlands Intern \(Summer 2020\)](#) (deadline April 20, 2020) and [Field Monitoring Intern](#) (application deadline April 10, 2020).

NIWRC honors the legacy of Wa Wokiya Win (Tillie Black Bear), Sicangu Lakota, through a biannual award presented during its Women Are Sacred Conference to recognize outstanding grassroots advocates and direct service providers that exemplify the teachings and dedication Tillie instilled in restoring safety for Native women. The nominee would embody advocacy in action, grassroots organizing, or leadership in the movement to restore safety for Native women. Submit a [nomination](#) by May 1, 2020.

The National Council of Urban Indian Health is looking for [Urban Indian Youth Council members](#). Apply by April 6, 2020.

Calling all current and former student parents! The **Institute for Women's Policy Research**, Imaginable Futures, Chegg, and The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice have partnered with [Generation Hope](#), a nonprofit that helps teen parents become college graduates while helping their children prepare for kindergarten, to conduct a [national survey of student parents](#) on their experiences in college. Student parents who complete the survey will have the option to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Responses will be accepted until April 10, 2020.

OVC is seeking subject matter experts from diverse backgrounds and regions to review and assess Fiscal Year 2020 grant applications. Reviewers should have relevant experience in the field of victim assistance and expertise at the local, state, federal, or tribal levels. Participants receive \$125 for each application reviewed, including participation in both the orientation call and consensus call. If you are interested, please [email](#) an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae to by April 6, 2020.

What We're Watching and Reading

The USAO District of Oregon Victim-Witness Unit recently listened to the [full oral argument recording from the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals *In re: Courtney Wild, Petitioner \(19-13843\)*](#). Courtney Wild is a human trafficking crime victim in U.S. v. Jeffrey Epstein (CASE #), whose rights under the CVRA were violated by the USAO in the Southern District of Florida when they failed to confer with her and other victims in the case regarding their No Prosecution Agreement with the defense in 2008. We are on the edge of our seats awaiting the Court's ruling on this one. What a great opportunity the court has to enforce victim rights and ensure the protections afforded to victims under the law are honored and upheld.

In February we attended a great webinar from **NIWRC: [Is it Burnout or Moral Injury?](#)** with presenters from the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at University of Washington's Schools of Social Work and Public Health. It's still available for delayed viewing. What a fascinating dive into these labels: burnout, compassion fatigue, moral injury. The former two seem to place blame on the advocate: are we failing in our resourcefulness and resilience? The latter touches on a new concept (well, it's 11 years old in the [research/literature](#)): is our organization or agency exposing us to events or asking us to stand behind decisions that involve either perpetrating or witnessing actions that violate our morals and core beliefs? Truly riveting research!

We recently read [An Interview with Skawennati: A New Frontier to Create Access to Arts and Culture on Donna Walker-Kuhne's blog](#) that "champions the arts, the value and contributions of artists, and the urgency of cultivating diverse audiences." [Skawennati](#) is an Indigenous Canadian artist who explores contemporary Indigenous cultures. Another great article highlighting her work is [Asserting Aboriginal Territories in Cyberspace](#).

The USAO District of Vermont recently released the **PSA [Drug Addiction: Face of Recovery](#)**, shared by USAO OR PIO and IC team member Kevin Sonoff. It is an intense, poignant look at the opioid epidemic, its impact, and the prospect and hope of recovery.

More in the arts! If you follow celebrity gossip like we do, you saw **the incredible dress Elaine Lui wore to the Golden Globes**, a top dress of the night per [Buzzfeed](#) (#4) and even included in [Vogue](#). Designed by **indigenous fashion designer Lesley Hampton**, her fall/winter 2019 collection was called Eighteen Seventy Six (a reference to the Indian Act, the Canadian federal statute that has affected First Nations people in irreparable ways), and used only indigenous models.

NCVLI turns 20 this year! As we would all expect, instead of being celebrated, they continue to work and advocate diligently on behalf of crime victims. **Each month in their newsletter they are highlighting a different fundamental victim right.** They will expound upon their original article on the [Fundamentals Of Victims' Rights: A Summary of 12 Common Victims' Rights](#) with a Monthly Minutes: Rights Review – a **livestream event** on the first Monday of each month (excluding holidays) on the [NCVLI Facebook page](#) during which the NCVLI legal team will unpack a fundamental right. Thus far, they have covered the right to notice, the right to confer, and the right to be present.

This year marks the **Department of Justice's 150th anniversary**. DOJ launched its [History of the DOJ website](#), including information on DOJ's motto and seal, art, architecture, and even an interactive timeline with videos reviewing the beginnings in 1789 to the Department's founding in 1870 to today.

Have you seen [Basketball or Nothing, currently streaming on Netflix?](#) The docuseries first aired in 2019 and follows the Chinle High School boys' basketball team in Navajo Nation on a quest to win a state championship. Here's the [official trailer](#). It's great watch, particularly with all your self-isolation time.

In April, 2019, The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre (DEWC) released [Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside](#) based on the lived experience, leadership, and expertise of Indigenous survivors in Vancouver, BC. This comprehensive report includes direct input from over a hundred Indigenous women through dozens of focus groups regarding the national inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It is a stark reminder of the horrific and systemic violence faced by Indigenous women, examines gender-based violence in a colonial context, and outlines the clear roots of oppression to address.

The Urban Institute recently published [Lessons from One Year of Operating the Center for Victim Research](#). CVR has helped us with a number of research topics over the past year, including our work on procedural justice and advocate credibility. The review is a very interesting read, sharing what valuable lessons were learned about what the field needs, what is working, and where we still need to go.

January's *Journal of the American Medical Association* published the results from a clinical trial called [An Athletic Coach-Delivered Middle School Gender Violence Prevention Program](#). The study found a positive impact of the Coaching Boys Into Men Program, both in individual outcomes (less likely to perpetrate abuse against a partner, more gender-equitable attitudes) and bystander intervention behaviors (more likely to intervene when harmful behaviors among peers are witnessed). An interesting read and promising results from the study!

NBC News recently published the story of Stephanie Snook in [She hoped to shine a light on maternal mortality among Native Americans. Instead, she became a statistic of it](#). Ms. Snook was due with twins and scheduled to be interviewed for an article about her race's high rate of pregnancy-related deaths; she had no idea she would become the very statistic being investigated. What a tragic example of the ways that systems fail to serve Native women.

The *New York Times* published a review of Sierra Crane Murdoch's nonfiction book [Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country](#). It sounds like a complex and stimulating read, touching on the MMIW movement and non-Native people harvesting resources from Indian Country—two always-timely, multi-faceted topics.

[Positively Native](#) is a video about stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS in Native communities. UIHI recently debuted this short video along with a facilitation guide and an accompanying presentation at that same link, as well as their full [Positively Native toolkit](#).

If you don't subscribe to the [Institute on Women's Policy Research](#) yet, do so now! They send research-backed information about the plight of women in the U.S. Recently, their new-ish President and CEO, C. Nicole Mason, shared two great articles:

1. An Op-Ed she wrote for *USA Today* for their Hidden Common Ground series: [Most U.S. workers are women, but their needs are still ignored](#), about the need for shared prosperity and an economy that works for everyone, not just the few at the top.
2. In *The New York Times*, she was interviewed about women in non-traditional jobs and their barriers to success: [In a Field Dominated by Men, She's in Charge](#).

Thanks to FBI Indian Country Victim Specialist Erin Kevin, we just yesterday received the hour-long video [Broken Treaties, An Oregon Experience](#). In Erin's words, "I found this Oregon-specific (and relatively short) documentary to be well done and informative. To me, it highlights how our work to protect Native people in Indian Country and our follow through is crucial to rebuilding trust."

Newsy recently released the documentary [A Broken Trust: Sexual Assault on Tribal Lands](#). The video shows how sexual assault investigations can fall through the cracks when tribes and the federal government fail to work together. More information on this investigation can be found [here](#).

Resources

The University of Baltimore School of Law Human Trafficking Prevention Project, the University of Baltimore Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, the Human Trafficking Legal Center and Ropes & Gray LLP launched a joint guide today examining tax consequences for survivors of human trafficking called [An Advocate's Guide to Tax Issues Affecting Victims of Human Trafficking](#).

[OVC has compiled multimedia resources](#) designed to inform and assist victim service providers and allied professionals **working in Indian Country**, including:

- [A Circle of Healing for Native Children Endangered by Drugs](#), 7 Native stories and cultural practices showing ways Native children, families, and communities are healing from drug endangerment.
- [A Healing Journey for Alaska Natives](#), designed to educate federal, state, local, and tribal victim service providers, criminal justice professionals, and others who work on issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking experienced by Alaska Natives.
- [Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault in Indian Country](#), designed for criminal justice personnel, victim advocates, and allied professionals who work with victims of sexual assault in Indian Country.
- [Partners in Justice—Bureau of Indian Affairs Victim Specialists](#), which presents an overview of the BIA Victim Specialist Program and identifies some of the program's successes and challenges in providing services to victims of crime in Indian Country.

Oregon DOJ has released their latest white paper, this one called **Honoring a Victim's Right to Information about Defendants and Youth Offenders**. This and other best practice guides for Oregon *state* victim rights can be found on their [Victim Assistance Program Toolkit website](#).

The Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma recently published [Provider Perceptions and Domestic Violence \(DV\) Survivor Experiences of Traumatic and Anoxic-Hypoxic Brain Injury: Implications for DV Advocacy Service Provision](#), sharing the results of a study by The Ohio State University and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. They found that 81 percent of domestic violence survivors who have sought help have suffered a head injury and 83 percent have been strangled. "Previous research has acknowledged brain injury as a product of domestic violence. But this is the first study to ... establish that many survivors have likely experienced repeated head injury and oxygen deprivation – a combination that could contribute to more-severe problems including memory loss, difficulty understanding, loss of motivation, nightmares, anxiety and trouble with vision and hearing."

More from OVC! They have a resource page and a link to an online training for [Serving Victims of Tax Identity Theft](#).

Urban Indian Health Institute and many other tribal agencies have been gearing up for the [2020 U.S. Census](#) to promote the visibility of Native people in America, in numbers and beyond. Census day is April 1! You can visit UIHI's [We Count website](#) or sign up for their [We Count Newsletter here](#) for the latest updates about the census.

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board put together a great toolkit for **communicating with Native youth** in the home. Check out their [Community of Practice Resources](#), [teen dictionary](#) for deciphering what they're really saying, [tips for answering sensitive sexual health questions](#), and [health promotion resources](#).

[Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women](#) put together a great summary of the [2019 Oregon Legislative Session](#) regarding legislation that affects survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their advocates.

National Resource Center for Reaching Victims has launched a [website](#) with an extensive [resource library](#). NRCRV is a one-stop shop for victim service providers, culturally specific organizations, criminal justice professionals, and policymakers. Their vision is that victim services will be accessible, culturally relevant, and trauma informed—and that the overwhelming majority of victims will access and benefit from these services.

April is both **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Check out the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center's website](#) that features social media strategies, graphic artwork and ideas for messaging for SAAM in April. And check out the [HHS Children's Bureau's online resources](#) to help you commemorate NCAPM in April.

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute recently released a new [Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum](#). And there's more information on the [Tribal sex trafficking resources website](#).

NIWRC's Native youth booklet [Strong Families Respect Each Other: What Native Youth Need To Know About Domestic Violence](#) helps define domestic violence for Native youth, explains what to do if you or a friend or family member is experiencing domestic violence, and shares how Native youth can lead the change to break the silence around domestic violence in their communities.

National Council for Behavioral Health has a [Get Out the Vote 2020 toolkit](#).

CVR has a new quick reference resource for victim service providers, [Finding a Research Partner](#). This guide includes tips on where to look for potential partners and what to ask to learn whether a partner is a good fit for your evaluation, data analysis, or research needs. One source for potential partners is the CVR [Researcher Directory](#).

February was [Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month](#). NPAIHB's newsletter provided several resources, tips, and tools for youth, young adults and caring adults on healthy relationships. Check out: [Rainn](#), [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#), [Love Is Respect](#), [Native VOICES](#), and [We R Native](#) for learning about relationships, consent, boundaries, and effective communication. OVC also features several resources on their [website](#).

January was **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month** and **National Stalking Awareness Month**, and OVC has so many [resources](#) to help you promote victim, survivor and public awareness, including this [Introduction to Labor Trafficking](#) and [Discussion Guide](#).

I recently learned about [The National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center](#), an OVC-funded program, which provides evidence-based information and the resources to prepare for and respond to mass violence incidents.

NCVLI has posted a [post-conviction toolkit](#), including a video tool titled [Rights to Notice and Information Post-Conviction](#), which provides an overview of these rights.

In March, Attorney General William P. Barr announced the launch of the [National Elder Fraud Hotline: 833-FRAUD-11 \(833-372-8311\)](#).

This toll free call center helps combat fraud against older Americans and provides support and case management for victims who have been robbed of their hard-earned savings.

Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (WRCAC) released the video [Role of the Victim Advocate](#) in collaboration with partners at the Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center. This video discusses the vital role victim advocates play on the multidisciplinary team (MDT). MDTs can use this video as a training and orientation tool for both incoming and current MDT members. The Regional

Children's Advocacy Centers have also published [Victim Advocacy Guidelines](#) that can be used in conjunction with this video.

ODOJ's CVSSD created an **Oregon Crime Victims' Rights Calendar** available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

COVID-19 Information and Local Resources

Last week, U.S. Attorney Williams announced a series of steps aimed at protecting consumer financial safety and preventing civil rights violations amidst the coronavirus outbreak. U.S. Attorney Williams appointed COVID-19 fraud and civil rights coordinators to lead investigations into known and suspected occurrences of consumer financial fraud and civil rights violations resulting from the nation's ongoing public health emergency. "We are aware of instances of consumer fraud and civil rights violations stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency," said U.S. Attorney Williams. "While Americans work to protect themselves and their loved ones from the threat of COVID-19, some individuals are actively trying to profit off of this emergency. Equally concerning," Williams continued, "we have received reports of alleged civil rights violations stemming from the false belief that certain groups of people are more susceptible to carrying or contracting the virus based on their real or perceived race, ethnicity, employment or other demographic characteristics." In fact, we heard directly from CTUIR about explicit racism toward tribal members in the Pendleton area, which has been covered in the media [here](#) and [here](#).

Crime tips of any kind, including alleged civil rights violations, can be submitted by visiting tips.fbi.gov or calling the FBI Portland Field Office at (503) 224-4181.

If you or someone you know believe you've been the target or victim of an outbreak-related fraud scheme, please call the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or by e-mailing the NCDF at disaster@leo.gov.

If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call 911.

For more information about the U.S. Attorney's Office COVID-19 response, visit: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/covid-19-fraud>.

COVID-19 Social Service Resources

A number of local agencies have outlined resources available in the District of Oregon. Please read below and share as appropriate to help folks struggling during this challenging time.

NAYA put together an incredible [COVID-19 response resource page](#).

NIWRC has issued [Guidance for Tribal Programs](#) to assist in providing victim services during the crisis.

The [National Congress of American Indians](#) established a [webpage](#) to provide factual information from trusted sources about the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

The [National Indian Health Board](#) developed a [webpage](#) to provide guidance regarding prevention, treatment, and resources.

UIHI has developed fact sheets: [Information for Providers](#), [Information for Employers](#), and [Information for the General Public](#).

DOJ has created a [COVID-19 Fraud website](#).

NCVLI put together a great [resource page for legal services and victim rights](#) amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

State and federal public health agencies are working to combat misinformation on COVID-19 with these websites: [Oregon Health Authority](#), [Centers for Disease Control](#), and [Oregon Department of Education Communicable Disease Guidance](#)

Food

[All Oregon school districts are still offering breakfast and lunch](#) to any kids 1-18 at participating locations.

You can use [SNAP benefits to have groceries delivered](#) from Amazon and Walmart (though a delivery fee will be charged). Apply for [SNAP](#) (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Oregon Food Finder: Pantries and food assistance site locator can be found [here](#).

The Homeless Youth Continuum has compiled [this amazing no questions asked meal calendar for everyone](#) (not just homeless or youth).

Restaurants offering free lunches for kids while supplies last:

Laughing Planet (all locations) is providing free kid's meals to kids who qualify for reduced lunch.

Lionheart Coffee Co. (Beaverton) is offering brown bag lunches at both Beaverton locations for anyone who needs them.

Pita Pit (Oregon City) is offering lunch to local students in need.

Hog Wild BBQ (Clackamas) is offering free meals to kids who receive free lunches at their schools.

PDX Sliders is offering free kid's meals to any child who needs one. Just let them know "school is out."

Stella Taco (3060 SE Division St)- just ask for a "school lunch."

Sugar Street Bakery & Bistro (1430 SE Water Ave) is offering free brown bag lunches for children and families in need.

[Bless Your Heart Burgers](#) (5410 NE 33rd Ave) Order a free kid's hot lunch.

Koi Fusion is offering free kids meals for kids under 12.

[Hunger Fighters food pantry](#) in Lake Oswego is open 1-3pm every Saturday.

[Urban Gleaners](#)

[Tualatin Gleaners](#)

[Clackamas County Gleaners](#)

[NE Portland Birch Community Services](#)

[Food Boxes & Hot Meals](#)

Childcare

The [Oregon Department of Human Services \(DHS\) is expanding childcare benefits](#) to support families during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Technology

[Most companies](#) are waiving late fees and suspending data usage limits due to COVID-19.

[Comcast basic internet](#) is free for low income customers for 60 days and \$9.99/month after that.

[Comcast](#) is offering wifi, hotspots & data [free of charge](#), regardless of whether or not someone is an existing customer.

[CenturyLink](#)

Utilities

Local companies will suspend shutoffs due to late payments or if you are unable to pay. Please contact your utility company to discuss options.

[PGE](#)

[Portland Water Bureau](#), [apply for financial hardships](#)

[Pacific Power](#)

[NW Natural](#)

Homeowner Assistance

[Oregon Homeowner Support](#) is a new website that lists HUD-approved counseling agencies. Their services are geared toward homeowners who are struggling to make their mortgage payments or who are already in default and at risk of foreclosure. These services are provided at NO CHARGE to the homeowner.

Unemployment

COVID-19 [Layoffs, Closures & Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#): Call 1-877-345-3484
For any other [resource needs](#): Call 211 (or 1-866-698-6155)

Educational Opportunities

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) provides free educational tools daily to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing

[Virtual Field Trips](#) let you explore from the comfort of your own home

[Virtual Museums](#)

[Educational companies](#) offering free subscriptions due to school closures

[GoNoodle](#) offers free fun for kids:

[Raddish](#) is a cooking club for kids, offering free cooking ideas to support homeschooling:

[The Kitchen Table Classroom](#) has free online art classes:

[Lunch Doodles](#) is a virtual art class with artist Mo Willems daily at 10am.

Disney is offering [Free Imagineering in a Box classes](#):

[Online Ivy League courses](#) you can take for free.

Resources for victim service providers working during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- [National Network to End Domestic Violence \(NNEDV\):Resources on the Response to the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) (Resources are actively being updated)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW): [Guidance on Responses to Infectious Diseases and COVID-19](#)
- [CDC: Guidelines for Community Organizations](#)
- [Georgia Center for Nonprofits: Nonprofit guide to COVID-19 Planning](#)
- [SAMHSA: Tips for Social Distancing](#)
- [SAMHSA: Guidance for Substance Use Facilities](#)
- [VAWnet Preventing & Managing the Spread of COVID-19 Within Domestic Violence Programs](#) (Includes guidance for shelters and homeless programs, and much more)
- [Trauma Informed Oregon](#) is regularly updating their homepage with strategies, things to think about, and sector-specific ideas for trauma-informed COVID-19 responses. They will also hold [virtual office hours](#) on Mondays from 3:30-5pm and Thursdays from 8:30-10am.

Guidance for remote work with clients for victim service providers:

- [NNEDV: Remote Work During Public Health Crises — Technology Safety](#) (includes information about [Choosing a Digital Services Platform](#) and [Choosing a Vendor for Digital Services](#))
- [NNEDV: Best Practices for Mobile Computing Devices — Technology Safety](#)
- [NASW: Standards for Technology in Social Work Practice](#)
- [NNEDV: Tech Safety: Using Technology to Communicate with Survivors During a Public Health Crisis](#)

Resources on Supporting Survivors and Staff:

- National hotline supports remain available, including:
 - The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 24/7, confidential and free: 1-800-799-7233 and through [chat](#).
 - The National Human Trafficking Hotline 24/7, confidential and free: 1-888-373-7888 and through text SMS: 233733 (Text “Help” or “Info”).
 - The National Sexual Assault Hotline is 24/7, confidential and free: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) and through [chat](#).
 - The [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#) for domestic/sexual violence is available 9am-12am PST, confidential, and specifically for Native communities: 1-844-762-8483.
 - The [Trans LifeLine](#) for peer support for trans folks 10am-4am PST: 1-877-565-8860
 - The [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#): 24/7 Confidential Support 1-800-273-8355.
- [Futures Without Violence-Information on COVID-19 for Survivors, Communities, and DV/SA Programs](#)
- [OVC TTAC Victim Assistance Trainings \(VAT\) Online](#) on:
 - Self-Care
 - Crisis Intervention
- [OVC: Vicarious Trauma Toolkit](#)
- [CDC: Managing Stress and Anxiety](#)

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