



Greeting from U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams

As I write this, our nation faces two historic challenges: the public health and economic crisis brought by the coronavirus pandemic, and the nationwide racial justice movement catalyzed by the May 25th killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

Mr. Floyd's killing is one of the worst instances of injustice I have seen in my 30 years in law enforcement. Sadly, for many people of color, it was an all-too-familiar occurrence. The largely peaceful protests that ensued in the weeks since speak to more than one man or one tragic event. In many communities around Oregon, people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds have poured into the streets to demonstrate against injustice. They protest in George Floyd's name and the names of many others who have been killed or suffered violence at the hands of police. They protest our state and country's long history of racial injustice. These gatherings serve to acknowledge the experience of millions of Americans who feel victimized and unheard in their own communities and country.

For me, what happened to Mr. Floyd is wrong on many levels. It is difficult to reconcile this unthinkable tragedy with the many good local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement officers who work every day to pursue justice. I know these officers, and I can personally attest to their fairness, diligence, and compassion.

The United States Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment, the Indian Civil Rights Act, and Tribal Constitutions guarantees all persons equal protection of the laws. Yet, it is clear from the experiences of tribal members, Black Americans, people of color, and other marginalized groups that many have not experienced equal treatment. In order for those of us in law enforcement to continue to protect and serve our entire community, as we are sworn to do, this unequal treatment must stop. We cannot accomplish equity without community trust, partnership, and government to government consultations.

Working in law enforcement is, now more than ever, one of the hardest and most important jobs in our country. In recent weeks in Portland and other cities around the country, small factions of people have used the cover of large demonstrations to engage in disorder and looting, violently targeting law enforcement officers as they protect and serve the community. Those misguided and criminal acts cannot be condoned or tolerated in our public discourse. We owe an enormous debt of

gratitude to the thousands of men and women who put country and community over comfort and self-interest on a daily basis. All of us who work in the criminal justice system play a critical role in keeping our communities safe and working to create a fairer and more equal justice system. Violence and looting can never be the answer and they distract from the work that must be accomplished to dismantle systemic racism.

I am approaching the path forward with a genuine, personal reflection on my experiences, opinions, biases, and ways of thinking and acting. To this end, I am engaged in an unflinching examination of how I, Bill Williams, can personally contribute to a system that reflects the ideals of justice we all strive for.

As U.S. Attorney, I will humbly listen and seek to better understand the experiences of tribal members, Black Americans, people of color, and members of other marginalized groups. I am fully committed to working with community leaders, elected officials, and law enforcement partners on real, systemic changes to create a more just and trusted system.

Sincerely,

Bill

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator

In November 2019, the Department of Justice launched a national strategy to address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) that included the hiring of MMIP coordinators to serve with U.S. Attorney's Offices in 11 states. The District of Oregon was awarded an MMIP Coordinator position and recently announced the appointment of Cedar Wilkie Gillette to serve this important role.

As the District of Oregon's first MMIP coordinator, Ms. Wilkie Gillette will:

- Gather reliable data to identify MMIP cases connected to Oregon;
- Conduct outreach with tribal communities to assist in the creation and implementation of community action plans;
- Coordinate with tribal, local, state, and federal law enforcement in the development of protocols and procedures for responding to and addressing MMIP cases; and
- promote improved data collection and analyses throughout Oregon.

Ms. Wilkie Gillette will serve tribal communities and victims throughout Oregon. Ms. Wilkie Gillette is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation and a direct descendant of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Ms. Wilkie Gillette will be working in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Eugene and can be contacted at (541) 465-6045 or Cedar.Wilkie.Gillette@usdoj.gov. The formal press release announcing Ms. Wilkie Gillette's position can be found [here](#).

U.S. Attorney's Office Indian Country Team Additions

The US Attorney's Office is excited to announce new additions to our Indian Country team (IC team). As indicated above, we have added a new MMIP Coordinator position recently filled by Ms. Cedar Wilkie Gillette. AUSAs Jeff Sweet, Ashley Cadotte and Natalie Wight have joined the IC team. AUSA Sweet will be handling prosecutions connected to the Burns Paiute Tribe. AUSA Cadotte will be handling prosecutions and issues related to the Chemawa Indian School. AUSA Wight will be supervising Indian Country issues. Finally, Ella LeVally will move from interim to full time Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist handling all Indian Country cases. These new IC team members are excited to join our existing IC team members and look forward to meeting with tribal

government and law enforcement officials. Below is a brief bio and contact information for all IC team members.



AUSA Natalie Wight, Deputy Chief, Organized & Violent Crime

AUSA Natalie Wight has been an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice since 2003 and with the District of Oregon since 2012. As a member of the Organized and Violent Crime Section, she prosecutes and supervises all types of IC cases, but has a specialized focus on child exploitation investigations. She can be reached at natalie.wight@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1114.



AUSA Tim Simmons [All 9 federally recognized tribes]

AUSA Tim Simmons has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office for 25 years and serves as a Tribal Liaison for all 9 Tribal Nations. AUSA Simmons also specializes in cultural resource matters. Prior to becoming an AUSA, AUSA Simmons was a Staff Attorney at the Native American Program Oregon Legal Services (NAPOLS). AUSA Simmons is located in our Eugene Office and can be reached at tim.simmons@usdoj.gov or (541) 465-6740.



AUSA Jennifer Martin [CTUIR and Chemawa Indian School]

AUSA Jennifer Martin began working at the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2002, and was assigned to the Violent Crime Unit in 2014. She works with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and Chemawa Indian School. AUSA Martin will retire this year and is working closely with IC team members to assure a smooth transition of her caseload. Before coming to the USAO, Jennifer worked for the Oregon Department of Justice, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, and at a private law firm. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sri Lanka and Romania between 1997-2000. She can be reached at jennifer.martin@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1000.



AUSA Paul Maloney [Warm Springs and Burns Paiute]

AUSA Paul Maloney has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office since April 2016. Paul is assigned to the Violent Crime Unit and has worked with the Warm Springs and Burns Paiute tribes over the last several years. AUSA Maloney is in the process of transitioning to assignments outside of Indian Country and is working closely with IC team members to assure a smooth transition of his caseload. Paul comes to the U.S. Attorney's Office from the Washington County District Attorney's Office where he worked for fifteen years, the last 10 of which he specialized in cases involving child victims. He can be reached at paul.maloney@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1000.



AUSA Pam Paaso [Warm Springs and CTUIR]

AUSA Pam Paaso has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office since February of 2017. Pam transferred from the Eugene Branch Office where she prosecuted Child Exploitation, Environmental and Violent Crime cases. In Portland, she's assigned to the Violent Crime Unit working with the Warm Springs and Umatilla tribes. Prior to joining the USAO, Pam spent ten years at the Harris County Texas District Attorney's Office handling domestic violence, sex assault and homicide cases among others. Pam grew up in Milwaukie, Oregon. She can be reached at pamela.paaso@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1000.



AUSA Jeff Sweet [Burns Paiute]

AUSA Jeff Sweet has been with the U.S. Attorney's office for 12 years and will be working with the Burns Paiute Tribe. AUSA Sweet is working closely with AUSA Maloney in the transfer of this caseload. Prior to becoming an AUSA, he worked as a Deputy D.A. with the Douglas County D.A.'s Office for almost 8 years. AUSA Sweet is located in our Eugene Office. He can be reached at jeff.sweet@usdoj.gov or (541) 465-6903.



AUSA Ashley Cadotte [Chemawa Indian School]

AUSA Ashley Cadotte has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office since December 2019. AUSA Cadotte is assigned to the Violent Crime Unit and works with the Chemawa Indian School. Ashley comes to the U.S. Attorney's Office from the Marion County District Attorney's Office where she worked for five years and specialized in cases involving child abuse and sexual assault. She can be reached at ashley.cadotte@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1000.



Amanda Reichmuth, Victim-Witness Coordinator

Amanda Reichmuth has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office since April 2019. As Victim-Witness Coordinator, Amanda works with Victims and Witnesses to crimes as well as supporting the management of our Victim-Witness Unit. Amanda comes to the U.S. Attorney's Office from working with and for survivors of Domestic Violence for many years she also worked as a Victim Advocate in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office where she specialized in Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence cases. Amanda lives in Portland and spends most of her free time outdoors hiking, biking or kayaking. She can be reached at Amanda.Reichmuth@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1170.



Ella LeVally, Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist

Ella LeVally will be transitioning into the Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist position at the USAO in the coming months. Ella has been with the USAO for 5 years as a Victim Witness Specialist providing victim assistance on cases in the Organized and Violent Crime Unit. Prior to joining the USAO, Ella spent over a decade working as a domestic violence victim advocate at several non-profit organizations as well as at District Attorney's Offices in Oregon and in her home state of Wisconsin. Ella is located in the Portland Office and can be reached at ella.levally@usdoj.gov or at (503) 727-1172.



Cedar Wilkie Gillette, MMIP Coordinator

Cedar Wilkie Gillette was hired as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator on June 8, 2020. Cedar holds a 2017 Juris Doctor degree from Vermont Law School and has done extensive work on indigenous human rights and environmental justice issues. MMIP Coordinator Wilkie Gillette is located in our Eugene Office. She can be reached at Cedar.Wilkie.Gillette@usdoj.gov or 541-465-6045.



Kevin Sonoff, Public Affairs Officer

As Public Affairs Officer, Kevin serves as the spokesperson and primary media contact for the USAO main office in Portland and the Eugene and Medford branch offices. He advises the U.S. Attorney and the U.S. Attorney's leadership team on issues involving media relations, public communications, the dissemination of court documents and information, and crisis communications. Kevin works closely with law enforcement partners across the state to provide timely updates about federal court in Oregon. He can be reached at kevin.sonoff@usdoj.gov or (503) 727-1000.

In the News

Recent Prosecution Highlights from the USAO District of Oregon

U.S. v. Lei Walker Calica - AUSA Natalie Wight prosecuted this Warm Springs case where the defendant was convicted on a one-count indictment for failure to register as a sex offender. He was sentenced on June 17, 2020 to 8 months of imprisonment (time served) and received a 5-year term of supervised release that included numerous special conditions to include drug treatment, sex offender programming, and restrictions on contact with children and locations where children are likely to be present.

U.S. v. Deshawn Little Eagle - AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this CRITFE case connected to Celilo Village where the defendant pleaded guilty to Interstate Violation of a Protective Order. The defendant was sentenced on May 12, 2020 to 46 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for repeatedly and deliberately violating a domestic violence no-contact order. During sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Anna J. Brown ordered a restitution hearing to be set in July, 2020. [Read more.](#)

U.S. v. Howard Harlib - AUSA Gavin Bruce prosecuted this Coquille Indian Tribe case where the defendant pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. The defendant falsely claimed to represent The Village People band and swindled \$12,500 from the Mill Casino. The defendant was sentenced on June 2, 2020 to time served in federal prison and three years' supervised release. During his sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Ann L. Aiken ordered the defendant to pay \$12,500 in restitution to the Coquille Indian Tribe. [Read more.](#)

News In Oregon

National Police Week - In May, the USAO celebrated National Police Week and U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams recognized the service and sacrifice of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement. The week was observed Sunday, May 10 through Saturday, May 16, 2020. This year the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored law enforcement officers' courage and unwavering devotion to the communities they swore to serve. Based on data collected and analyzed by the FBI's Law Enforcement Officer Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Program, 89 law enforcement officers died nationwide in the line of duty in 2019. [Read more.](#)

Protecting Oregonians from COVID-19 Fraud - U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams and Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum formed a state-federal partnership to protect Oregonians from COVID-19 fraud. Together, the two offices will share information and resources to prevent Oregonians from falling victim to scams and other schemes attempting to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency. They will work with federal, state, local, and tribal partners throughout Oregon to help educate communities about emerging scams and fraud schemes, and share resources related to consumer complaints. [Read more.](#)

Oregon Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Hotline - The Oregon Department of Justice has started a new Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Hotline in the office of the Oregon Attorney General. In 2019, the Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 577, which updated Oregon's hate and bias crime laws. The updated laws include the establishment of a hate crimes and bias incidents hotline. As a result of the new law, any victim or witness of a bias incident or a hate crime can call the hotline to report an incident, connect with trained staff, and receive a referral to local, culturally responsive community services or law enforcement. The hotline is victim-centered, meaning victims' choices, needs, and safety are prioritized in any response. The hotline coordinator is our former Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist, Johanna Costa. You can reach her directly with any questions about the hotline or services for tribal members who experience hate and bias at johanna.costa@doj.state.or.us or (971) 240-0101. For more information, visit their website at StandAgainstHate.Oregon.gov.

Oregon DOJ Community Conversations - Oregon DOJ invites you to join them in July for a series of 11 virtual community conversations about institutional bias and access to justice for people from Oregon's marginalized and oppressed communities. The sessions are an opportunity to share your experiences of institutional racism and implicit bias, learn more about Oregon's new hate crimes law, join Oregon DOJ in collaboration to address and dismantle systemic racism, and help open pathways to justice and support. You are welcome to attend any and all sessions, but their Native American Session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 1-3pm. Details for all sessions including information on requesting accommodations are available on their [website](#) (website is available in 8 languages: click the menu at the top right corner of the page). Feel free to share this information with your tribal members, folks you serve in your work, and your local partners who are serving tribal members and other marginalized and oppressed communities. Contact johanna.costa@doj.state.or.us or (971) 240-0101 if you have any questions regarding these sessions.

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, continues to provide important information on DOJ/OJP's grant opportunities and high-

level work in Indian Country. In this edition, information is provided regarding the MMIP Task Force; OJP grants and information related to COVID-19; the President's Commission on Law Enforcement; and OJJDP Tribal Consultation.

Operation Lady Justice & MMIP Task Force - The [Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives](#) continues its work [to bring home the missing, hold the guilty accountable, and deliver justice for victims and survivors](#). Designated "Operation Lady Justice," the task force is pressing forward with its mandate to review Indian Country cold cases, strengthen law enforcement protocols, and work with tribes to improve investigations, information sharing and a more seamless response to missing persons investigations. In response to the COVID-19 health emergency, some scheduled in-person sessions were postponed; however, [four remote listening sessions were held](#) from May 27 through June 3, organized by BIA Region. While the technology was challenging at times, more than 1,000 people registered to participate by providing oral testimony, listening to the sessions, and/or submitting written comments. [Notes from the Listening Sessions held in February and March](#) have been posted online, along with a document outlining the [accomplishments of the Task Force](#). Additional in-person consultations and listening sessions will be scheduled when it is safe to do so. "The inexplicable loss of so many family members and loved ones is especially tragic in communities already suffering from disproportionately high rates of violence and where remedies and resources remain scarce," [said Katharine T. Sullivan](#), Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Operation Lady Justice Co-chair Designee. "We remain committed to working with tribal leaders and with all law enforcement agencies to better understand this problem and develop more effective responses to turn this tide of violence." For updates on the work of the task force and/or to register for future events, visit <https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov>; direct any questions to OperationLadyJustice@usdoj.gov.

OJP Grants & Info Related to COVID-19 - On June 11, the Office of Justice Programs announced that nearly \$1.9 million was awarded to 17 tribal communities to address the public safety challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19. This funding is made available from the CARES Act, signed by President Trump in March, and can be used to hire personnel, pay overtime, purchase PPE, and other purposes. All eligible tribes received full funding. "Indian nations have suffered disproportionately from the effects of COVID-19, both physically and economically, yet they have marshalled a fierce resolve to face the many significant challenges this pandemic has posed," said OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan. "We stand with their leaders, with their brave public safety and public health professionals, and with every tribal member as they rise to meet, and overcome, this crisis." For more information on this new funding, find details [here](#). Also, for updates from OJP and guidance to grantees impacted by COVID-19, as well as current awards, see the "announcements" section at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding>.

President's Commission on Law Enforcement - In May, the [President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice](#) heard testimony from tribal leaders and representatives about the unique public safety challenges these communities face. Transcripts and audio recordings of these hearings are posted on the [Department of Justice's website](#). The Commission will be considering how to address and implement key tenets of President Trump's [Executive Order on Safe Policing](#), issued in June, as the Commission completes its report and recommendations to submit to the President in October 2020.

OJJDP Tribal Consultation & Written Comments - A virtual Tribal Consultation was hosted by DOJ's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on June 25, focusing on how OJJDP can effectively collaborate with tribes to implement applicable provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018. For more details or to review the Framing Paper, visit <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-consultations-advisory-groups>. Feedback from tribal leaders and representatives will help inform tribal juvenile justice responses to enhance public safety, promote accountability, and empower tribal youth and communities. OJJDP will accept written comments at OJJDPtribalconsultation@ojp.usdoj.gov for 60 days after the virtual consultation (until August 24, 2020).

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.

Virtual Conversation: [Victims' Rights in the Era of COVID-19](#)

- June 18 & 19, 2020 Webinar
- Sponsored by National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI)

Conducting Child Abuse Investigations

- [July 27-31, 2020 in Saint Louis, MO](#)
- [September 28- October 2, 2020 in Tampa, FL](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Initial Response Strategies and Tactics When Responding to Missing Children Incidents

- [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.

Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation

- [August 3-4, 2020 in Appleton, WI](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Advanced Cold Case Long-Term Missing Investigations](#)

- August 4-5, 2020 in North Little Rock, AR
- 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.

Canvassing, Search and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children

- [August 15-17, 2020 in Middlebourne, WV](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Child Sex Trafficking Forensic Interview Training

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

- [September 23-25 in Houston, TX](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Training

- [August 18-20, 2020 in Mayetta, KS](#)
- [September 15-17, 2020 in Coeur d' Alene, ID](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Conducting Unexplained Child Death Investigations

- [August 24-27, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Multidisciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking

- [August 31- September 3, 2020 Memphis, TN](#)
- [November 16-19, 2020 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.

Criminal Connections: Child Pornography and Child Sexual Abuse

- [September 14-15, 2020 in Mansfield, MA](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Domestic Violence and Disabilities

- September 16, 2020 Webinar [This webinar](#)
- Sponsored by National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

Psychology of School Threat Assessments

- [September 21-22, 2020 in Franklin, TN](#)
- [October 5-6, 2020 in Chandler, AZ](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Managing the Media Message: Your Agency's Story and How You Tell It

- [September 23-24, 2020 in Franklin, TN](#)
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Death Investigation Academy

- [October 5-9, 2020 in Midwest City, OK](#)

- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

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.

Child Homicide Investigations

- [November 9-10, 2020](#) in Tacoma, WA
- [February 22-23, 2021](#) in Pasadena, TX
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides

- [November 12-13, 2020](#) in Tacoma, WA
- Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

[Building Tribal Provider and Patient Capacity for Addressing Opioid Misuse Prevention and Treatment](#) - The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to announce Building Tribal Provider and Patient Capacity for Addressing Opioid Misuse Prevention and Treatment made possible through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Application deadline is July 3, 2020.

[OVW Fiscal Year 2020 National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault Solicitation](#) - The National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault funding may be used to establish, sustain, and/or expand training, educational programs, and technical assistance (TA) on issues relating to sexual assault of AI/AN women. Funding priority will be given to applicants proposing innovative ways of reaching a national audience of entities addressing the sexual assault of AI/AN women, including tribal governments, tribal victim service providers, and tribal and non-tribal organizations within urban areas. Application deadline is July 23, 2020.

Jobs and Opportunities

New Avenues for Youth Robinswood is hiring for youth advocates and relief staff: <https://newavenues.org/job/youth-advocate-residential-program-2> (Youth Advocate); <https://newavenues.org/job/new-avenues-for-youth-portland-or-lake-oswego-or-6-relief-youth-advocate> (Relief Youth Advocate).

Raphael House of Portland is hiring a [Shelter to Stability Coordinator](#).

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) is [hiring for numerous positions](#), including Program Support Assistant, Contract Compliance Officer, Connection Coach, Youth Development Advocate, Domestic Violence Advocate, Gang Intervention Outreach Specialist, and ECA Substitute Classroom Teacher.

What We're Watching and Reading

ESPN debuted a new documentary that focuses on a boxing program on the Blackfeet Nation and also addresses the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. *Blackfeet Boxing: Not Invisible*, follows a group of women practicing and training in self-defense as the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women continues to threaten lives within their community. Here are links to the [trailer](#) and a [news article](#) on the story.

Are you Native American and considering the legal field? If yes, you may want to check out the following: The ABA recently put on a [webinar on being a Native Lawyer](#) that consisted of a panel of

Native American attorneys as they discuss barriers and opportunities facing Native American lawyers. Also, [this ABA article](#) discusses the invisibility of and challenges faced by Native American attorneys.

In May, the UCLA American Indian Studies Center issued an article titled [US Census Response Rates on American Indian Reservations in the 2020 Census and in the 2010 Census](#) that looks at the response rates of tribal reservations, including tribal nations in Oregon.

The Native American Voting Rights Coalition just published a detailed report that discusses a widespread [pattern of disenfranchisement of Native voters](#).

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde declared Friday, June 19, 2020, Juneteenth [a holiday for the Tribal government employees](#).

The COVID-19 Pandemic is resulting in the cancellations of many Powwows, but there is a move to bring [virtual Powwows](#) to life.

A [Chinuk Wawa film](#) won the grand prize for best feature at the third annual Lumbee Film Festival.

“The Girl in the Photograph: The True Story of a Native American Child, Lost and Found in America” by former US ND Senator Byron L. Dorgan. The book describes the plight surrounding a Native American child from the Standing Rock Reservation. Click here to read a [review of the book](#) in the Washington Post.

As communities have discussions surrounding statutes and monuments, I read an interesting article about the [removal of two monuments](#) from the Cherokee Nation.

Resources

OJJDP’s [AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) has launched a set of online [investigative checklists](#) to help tribal law enforcement respond to and investigate cases of missing, endangered, or abducted children. These checklists provide strategies for first responders, investigative officers, and supervisory officers involved in a missing or endangered child investigation.

[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.

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. Additional 2020 Census reminder postcards to households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census are scheduled to arrive between July 22 and July 28, 2020. 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.

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.

CVR has a 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](#).

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.

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

The U.S. Attorney's Office has taken 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. For more information about the U.S. Attorney's Office COVID-19 response, visit: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/covid-19-fraud>. The Attorney General and DOJ also has a [COVID-19 Fraud website](#).

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](#).

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](#)

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.

Guidance for remote work with clients for victim service providers:

- [NNEDV: Remote Work During Public Health Crises — Technology Safety](#)
- [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, 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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