



## Greeting from U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams

We at the U.S. Attorney's Office District of Oregon have had a busy summer.

In late August I attended the Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee on Native American Issues (NAIS) meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, with Tribal Liaison AUSA Tim Simmons, a member of the NAIS Tribal Liaison Council. The annual meeting is an opportunity to learn from tribal leaders and the 52 other U.S. Attorneys serving in districts that include Indian Country or one or more federally recognized tribes, and to make policy recommendations to the Attorney General. We had an impressive agenda with a number of national speakers who addressed a variety of public safety and law enforcement issues important to our work in Indian Country. We spent time within the Pueblo of Santa Ana, as well as the Pueblo of Acoma, which is the oldest continually inhabited community in North America. Together with tribal leaders, we discussed strategies to address Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), drug trafficking, needed law enforcement resources, safeguarding children from sexual abuse in Indian Country, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, and preserving Native American cultural patrimony. I moderated two panels: *Drug Trafficking Strategies & Updates in Indian Country* and *Marijuana & Hemp Issues in Indian Country*. More details on this important meeting can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

At the meeting, the NAIS joined with Department of Justice officials for the official announcement of the fifth expansion of the [Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information in Indian Country \(TAP\)](#). TAP provides federally recognized tribes with the training, technology, and access to enter and retrieve data to and from NCIC and FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR), and Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System (TTSORS). Currently in Oregon, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation participates in TAP and utilizes its technology. Tribal leaders from CTUIR and nationwide who utilize TAP have repeatedly expressed the numerous benefits of the program, especially as a tool in collaborating on MMIP cases. By the end of 2019, TAP will be deployed to more than 70 tribes with over 300 Tribal agencies participating. Our office is willing to support Oregon tribes applying for this program; the deadline to [apply](#) is October 31, 2019.

In July, [we heard from Attorney General William Barr regarding the Federal Execution Protocol](#), allowing the federal government to resume capital punishment. Our office contacted Oregon's three non-[PL-280](#) tribes to confirm their status regarding the "Opt-In" clause of the [Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994](#), which included provisions that gave tribal governments a significant voice in the decision to apply certain sections of the Act to federal felony offenses committed within Indian Country. The Act created a provision, 18 U.S.C. § 3598, that makes the death penalty inapplicable to any person subject to the criminal jurisdiction of an Indian tribal government convicted of an offense pursuant to Federal jurisdiction, which is predicated solely on Indian Country (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151) unless "the governing body of the tribe has elected

that this chapter have effect over land and persons subject to its criminal jurisdiction.” If a tribe opts in, the United States Attorney can prosecute a murder case as a death penalty case under 18 U.S.C. § 1153. If no action is taken, the maximum sentence for such a case would be life in prison.

On September 5, our office hosted its second Marijuana Summit in Portland’s Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse Jury Assembly room. We combined the annual meeting of the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee Marijuana Working Group which I chair, and a summit with invited local and national presenters and local stakeholder participants. The goal of the summit was to share diverse perspectives on the current state of marijuana nationally and locally. We hosted over 160 attendees including many tribal leaders and U.S. Attorneys and their senior leadership teams from around the country. We shared our work over the last two years developing and implementing the District Marijuana Enforcement Strategy; it has been a model for the U.S. Attorney community. We heard from expert speakers on hemp and CBD; teen-use research, data, and impacts; law enforcement perspective on current marijuana trends and threats; and economic and justice considerations. It was an important learning and networking event for all attendees where we set goals for the coming year, established lines of communication, and discussed strategies.

As always, we are open to hearing from you about the needs you see in your area and for your tribal members. We welcome feedback, communication, and opportunities to connect.

Sincerely,

Billy J. Williams  
U.S. Attorney

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## **Spotlight on 2019 Region 1 Archaeological Crime Investigation Training for Law Enforcement**





On September 10, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Land Management conducted the *2019 Region 1 Archaeological Crime Investigation Training for Law Enforcement* in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The training was attended by 46 participants, consisting of federal, state, and local law enforcement and archaeologists, as well as tribal representatives from the Klamath Tribes, the Burns Paiute Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. The full day training included: law enforcement case studies by the Oregon State Police and BLM Law Enforcement; discussion of Cultural Resources in Region 1 by tribal, federal and state archaeologists; a summary of State and Federal laws related to cultural resources; identification of law enforcement related issues connected to prosecutions of cultural resource violations; and a Site visit. For the purposes of law enforcement training, the State of Oregon was divided into 6 different regions. The United States Attorney's Office intends to conduct similar trainings in the other 5 regions next year. If you are interested in further information regarding the Region 1 Training or participating in the trainings to be conducted next year, please contact [AUSA Tim Simmons](#).



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## POWER Act 2020

In 2018, Congress passed the [POWER Act](#), which mandates that each judicial district shall host an annual event to promote pro bono legal services to empower survivors of domestic, dating, sexual, and stalking violence. The Act specifies that, in alternating years, for judicial districts with Indian Tribes, the event must focus on increasing access to such services specifically to Native victims. The United States District Court for the District of Oregon hosted its first event on September 4, 2019, a non-Indian-focused event at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse Jury Assembly room in Portland. The Court is in its planning stages for its next event, which will focus on serving Native victims of domestic, dating, sexual, and stalking violence. The Court plans to work with the tribal community to plan the next event. If you have ideas for this event, would like to participate in the planning of the event, or have recommendations for locales to host the event, please contact [Gosia Fonberg](#), Law Clerk for Chief Judge Michael W. Mosman.

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# In The News

## Recent Prosecution Highlights from the USAO District of Oregon

**U.S. v. Robert Glenn Warner Sr.**- AUSA Natalie Wight prosecuted this Warm Springs case where defendant pleaded guilty to Abusive Sexual Contact with a Child. The defendant was sentenced on July 3, 2019, to 300 months prison followed by 10 years' supervision, including orders to undergo sex offender and mental health treatment; register as a sex offender; not to have any contact with any minors including the crime victim and their family; and pay restitution of \$1039.36 to the crime victim. The crime victim and guardian gave verbal victim impact statements at the sentencing hearing. USAO Press release: [Warm Springs Man Sentenced to 25 Years in Federal Prison for the Repeated Sexual Abuse of a Child](#)

**U.S. v. Jared Case**- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this case out of CTUIR where defendant pleaded guilty to Assault by Strangling on July 9, 2019. The victim was consulted and gave input regarding the plea. Sentencing has been scheduled for October 8, 2019, at 11am, before Chief Judge Michael W. Mosman. The defendant was previously prosecuted in Umatilla County by DDA Monte Ludington, where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced for the crime of Assault in the Fourth Degree for domestic violence abuse. In the State case, the defendant was sentenced on September 21, 2018, to 5 years' probation, including orders to undergo substance abuse, mental health, and batterers' intervention treatment, and not to have contact with the crime victim except an approved apology note submitted via the DA's Office. The crimes charged by the State were perpetrated one month prior to the crimes charged in the federal case.

**U.S. v. Jasper Eneas Switzler Sr.**- AUSA Paul Maloney prosecuted this Warm Springs case where defendant pleaded guilty to Theft from an Indian Tribal Organization. The defendant was sentenced on September 10, 2019, to 5 years' probation where he must undergo substance abuse treatment, have no contact with Warm Springs Department of Natural Resources, and pay restitution in an amount to be determined.

To sign up for future USAO OR press releases, [click here](#).

## News In Oregon

[Oregon passes bill to keep guns from stalkers and abusers](#)

[Oregon AG supports state's 'Red Flag' law as deterrent to gun violence](#)

[Oregon passed a law to take guns from troubled people. How's it working?](#)

[NAYA Renames High School Many Nations Academy](#)

## News Outside Oregon

[Attorney General William P. Barr Announces the Creation of a Working Group on Prosecuting Gun Crimes to Stop and Reduce Domestic Violence](#)

[Attorney General William P. Barr Delivers Opening Remarks at the U.S. Attorney's Conference](#)

[Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee on Native American Issues Meets to Discuss Violent Crime in Indian Country](#)

[Attorney General William P. Barr Announces Emergency Funding to Address Public Safety Crisis in Rural Alaska](#)

[Department of Justice Enables Direct Tribal Access to FBI National Sex Offender Registry: Direct Access to FBI CJIS's National Sex Offender Registry Helps Tribal Governments and Law Enforcement Track and Identify Sex Offenders](#)

[Federal Government to Resume Capital Punishment After Nearly Two Decade Lapse](#)

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Landmark Revision to Eagle Retention Policy: Federally Recognized Tribes Can Retain Certain Eagle Remains Found on Their Land](#)

[Attorney General's Advisory Subcommittee on Native American Issues to Convene in New Mexico](#)

[U.S. Attorneys Visit Santa Ana and Acoma Pueblos, Discuss Missing and Murdered People, and Strategies to Reduce Crime and Violence in Indian Country](#)

[Department of Justice Announces Fifth Expansion of Program to Enhance Tribal Access to National Crime Information Databases](#)

[Newsom apologizes for California's history of violence against Native Americans](#): CA executive order apologizes for California's history of "violence, maltreatment and neglect" against Native Americans

[United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico John C. Anderson Testifies Before the House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States](#)

[Attorney General William P. Barr Announces Corey F. Ellis as Acting Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys](#)

The USDOJ through its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Missing Children's Day awards for an individual or organization who has made a significant contribution to protecting children. Nominations and more information can be found [here](#). Application deadline is November 14, 2019.

The USDOJ through its Office for Victims of Crime is now accepting nominations for the 2020 National Crime Victims' Service Awards for extraordinary individuals, teams, programs, and organizations that demonstrate outstanding achievements in supporting victims and victim services. Nominations and more information can be found [here](#). Application deadline is October 9, 2019.

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## Upcoming Training and Events

[Advanced Victim Assistance Academy: Where Privacy, Safety and Technology Intersect: What You Need to Know to Serve Victims](#)

September 19, 2019 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by NCVLI and the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

[The Child Welfare Virtual Expo](#)

September 19, 2019 free virtual expo

Sponsored by US Department of Health and Human Services.

[An Introduction to National Sources of Intimate Partner Violence Victimization Data](#)

September 19, 2019 from 12-1:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by Battered Women's Justice Project.

[Promising Approaches in Tribal Community Truancy Prevention Program Development](#)

September 19, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by Tribal Youth Resource Center.

Tribal Domestic Violence Courts and Dockets: Which is Right for your Community?

[September 19, 2019 from 12-1:30pm PDT webinar](#)

[October 9, 2019 from 12-1:30pm PDT webinar](#)

Sponsored by Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

[Identifying and Addressing the Housing Needs of Sexual Assault Survivors](#)

September 20, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Housing Law Project.

[Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women: Southwest Butterflies Retreat](#)

September 20-21, 2019 in Teen'M Power Albuquerque, NM

Sponsored by Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women.

[Strengthening our Community of Practice: A Restorative Justice Movement Building Workday](#)

September 20, 2019 in LaGrande, OR

September 24, 2019 in Portland, OR

October 17, 2019 in Eugene, OR

October 21, 2019 in Medford, OR

Sponsored by Just Outcomes.

[Serving Victims and Survivors through Restorative Justice: Advanced Facilitator Training](#)

September 21-22, 2019 in LaGrande, OR

September 25-26, 2019 in Portland, OR

October 18-19, 2019 in Eugene, OR

October 22-23, 2019 in Medford, OR

Sponsored by Just Outcomes.

[Human Trafficking Prevention: Research, Tools, and Best Practices for Identifying and Supporting Victims](#)

September 23, 2019 from 12-1:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Child Homicide Investigations

[September 23-24, 2019 in Santa Rosa, CA](#)

[November 18-19, 2019 in New Orleans, LA](#)

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

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

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

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[First Nations Development Institute Food Sovereignty Summit](#)

September 23-26, 2019 in Green Bay, WI

Sponsored by First Nations Development Institute and the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

[Child Abduction Response Team Training \(CART\)](#)

September 23-26, 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Training Your Advocates to Work with Incarcerated Survivors](#)

September 24, 2019 at 10am PST

Sponsored by JDI and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA).

[Defense-Based Advocacy: Principles and Practices](#)

September 24, 2019 from 12-1:15pm PST webinar

Sponsored by Battered Women's Justice Project.

Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVCP) Training

[September 24, 2019 from 9-11am in Salem, OR for CAIC advocates](#)

[September 24, 2019 from 1-3pm in Salem, OR for CASAs](#)

[November 4, 2019 from 9-11:30am in Salem, OR](#)

Sponsored by Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division of ODOJ.

[Tribal Lands on the International Border: Child Abduction Training](#)

September 25, 2019 in Tucson, AZ

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Safety Planning for Victims of Child Abuse](#)

September 25, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Investigation and Prosecution of Cold Case Homicides

[September 25-26, 2019 in Santa Rosa, CA](#)

[November 20-21, 2019 in New Orleans Area, LA](#)

[March 18-19, 2020, 2019 in Blanco, TX](#)

[May 20-21, 2020, 2019 in Aurora, CO](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[The Consequences of Juvenile Justice System Involvement on the Health and Wellbeing of](#)

[Adolescents, Families, and Communities of Color: A Workshop](#)

September 26, 2019 in Flagstaff, AZ

Sponsored by The Roundtable on Health Equity.

[Supporting Student Success and Diversion through Truancy Prevention](#)

September 26, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST webinar

Sponsored by Tribal Youth Resource Center.

Psychology of School Threat Assessments

[September 26-27 in Denver, CO](#)

[October 17-18 in Dearborn, MI](#)

[November 12-13 in Huntsville, AL](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[The Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival](#)

September 28, 2019 in Portland, OR  
Sponsored by Parkrose High School.

[What We Know About the Polyvictimization of Youth](#)

September 30, 2019 webinar  
Sponsored by Center for Victim Research.

[Women of Color Network STOP Administrator's Meeting](#)

September 30-October 2, 2019 in Carefree, AZ  
Sponsored by OVW and WOCN.

[Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Conference](#)

September 30-October 4, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ  
Sponsored by the National District Attorney's Association.

Civil Justice for Crime Victims

[September 30, 2019 in San Francisco, CA](#)

[October 2, 2019, in Seattle, WA](#)

Sponsored by the National Center for Victims of Crime.

[CARES Northwest Annual Conference: A Collaborative Approach to Child Abuse Intervention](#)

October 1, 2019 in Portland, OR  
Sponsored by CARES Northwest.

Sex Trafficking Awareness Training for Law Enforcement

October 1, 2019 in Astoria, OR

To register: Please [email](#) your name, organization, position, and preferred training date/location.

Sponsored by ODOJ.

[Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment \(SBIRT\) for Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts](#)

October 3, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST webinar  
Sponsored by Tribal Youth Resource Center.

Understanding and Interviewing Children With Complex Communication Needs

October 8, 2019 from 9am-12:15pm in Bend, OR

For more information or to sign up, email [Emily Kotaich](#).

Sponsored by KIDS Center

[Rural School Safety](#)

October 9, 2019 from 10-11am PST webinar  
Sponsored by Justice Clearinghouse.

[Healthy Native Youth's Community of Practice](#)

October 9, 2019, 10-11am PST virtual gathering, and ongoing: every 2nd Wednesday of the month  
Sponsored by NPAIHB.

Sexual Exploitation of Youth: A Trauma Informed Mental Health Perspective

October 10, 2019 in Newport, OR

To register: Please [email](#) your name, organization, position, and preferred training date/location.

Sponsored by ODOJ.



[Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders: Key Policy Challenges to Improve Care for People with Mental Health and Substance use Disorders, a Workshop](#)

October 15-16, 2019 in Washington, DC  
Sponsored by NASEM Health and Medicine.

[2019 National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference](#)

October 16-18, 2019 in Prior Lake, MN  
Sponsored by National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA).

[Trauma Informed Care in Oregon: Connecting people, practices, and communities](#)

October 16-18, 2019 in Sunriver, OR  
Sponsored by Trauma Informed Oregon.

[National Summit on the Social Determinants of Health: Health Equity in Our Time](#)

October 20-22, 2019 in San Diego, CA  
Sponsored by The Root Cause Coalition.

[Portland Youth and Elders Council](#)

October 21, 2019 and ongoing: Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month from 5:30-8 PM in Portland, OR  
Hosted by NAYA.

[Leave No Victim Behind IV Conference](#)

October 21-23, 2019 at University of Nevada at Las Vegas  
Sponsored by the University of Oregon Police Department and the California Victim Compensation Board.

Beyond Google - Discovering Online Resources in Investigations

[October 22-23, 2019 in Austin, TX](#)

[January 29-30 in West Palm Beach, FL](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

Criminal Connections: Child Pornography and Child Sexual Abuse

[October 28-29, 2019 in Maynard, MA](#)

[December 4-5 in Gainesville, FL](#)

[January 27-28, 2020 in West Palm Beach, FL](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Enhancing Cultural Responsiveness in the Courts](#)

October 29-30, 2019 in Baltimore, Maryland

Sponsored by U. S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Casa de Esperanza, the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community and Center for Court Innovation.

[Forensic Sciences Seminar](#)

October 29-31, 2019 in Columbia, SC

Sponsored by the National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[Responding to Sexual Assault of Individuals with Dementia/Cognitive Degenerative Diseases](#)

November 4, 2019 in Salem, OR

Sponsored by Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force.

[Transforming Justice for Victims and Survivors through Victim Assistance and Restorative Justice Partnerships Statewide Symposium](#)

November 4-5, 2019 in Portland, OR  
Sponsored by Just Outcomes.

[Death Investigation Academy](#)

[November 11-15, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI](#)  
[January 13-17, 2020 in New Orleans, LA](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Presenting Evidence in Child Forensic Interviews](#)

November 12-13, 2019 in Dallas TX  
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

[November 14, 2019 in Huntsville, AL](#)  
[June 16, 2020 in Concord, CA](#)

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Building Collaborative Responses to Trafficked Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#)

November 14-15, 2019 in Portland, OR  
Sponsored by Futures Without Violence.

[Speaking Truth | Summit X](#)

November 14-16, 2019 in New York City, NY  
Sponsored by Creative Time.

[Conducting Child Abuse Investigations](#)

November 18-22, 2019 in Pittsburg, PA  
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

[Indian Country Strangulation and Suffocation Seminar](#)

November 19-22, 2019 in Columbia, SC  
Sponsored by the Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI) and the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention.

[Sexual Abuse Protective Order: What You Need to Know About Changes to the Law](#)

December 3, 2019 from 10:30am-12pm webinar  
Sponsored by Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force.

[Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country Seminar](#)

December 17-19, 2019 in Columbia, SC  
Sponsored by the Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS) .

[2020 National Crime Victim Law Conference](#)

June 18-19, 2020 in Portland, OR  
Sponsored by NCVLI.

[Women Are Sacred Conference 2020](#)

June 23-25, 2020 in St Paul, MN  
Sponsored by NIWRC.

#### [Child Abuse: The KNOW & TELL Program](#)

e-Learning Course (at your own pace) about Child Abuse and your Role as Mandated Reporter  
Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

#### [HIV Care and Sexual Health Assessment for American Indian and Alaska Native Patients](#)

e-Learning Course (at your own pace) with 4 Modules

Module 1: Culturally Proficient Sexual Health Care for People of all Genders and Sexual Orientations

Module 2: Sexual Health Assessment

Module 3: Talking with Patients about HIV

Module 4: Biomedical Prevention of HIV (ART, PEP, and PrEP)

Free and available for continuing education credits (CME or CNE) until September 30, 2020.

Sponsored by Urban Indian Health Institute.

#### [Endangered, Missing, and Abducted Children Trainings](#)

Multiple e-Learning Courses

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center.

#### [Reducing Gun Violence in America: Evidence for Change](#)

e-Learning Course

Offered through Johns Hopkins University

#### [Myths & Realities of Identity Change](#)

Previously recorded webinar

Sponsored by the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

#### [Improving Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals](#)

e-Learning Course, available for a variety continuing education credits

Sponsored by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

#### [National Children's Advocacy Center's Virtual Training Center](#)

Ongoing: Online courses and webinars, many of them centered around creating effective MDTs

Sponsored by NCAC.

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## Funding Opportunities

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

[First Nations' Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship](#) - First Nations is accepting applications for its Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship Program that aims to encourage more Native American college students to enter these fields so that they can better assist their communities with these efforts. We'll award 20 to 25 scholarships of \$1,000 to \$1,500 each to Native American college students majoring in agriculture and agriculture-related fields. Application deadline is September 30, 2019.

[NIWRC's On-Site Technical Assistance to tribal domestic violence programs and shelters](#) - In FY 2020, NIWRC has funding to provide up to three days of direct on-site technical assistance in four (4) tribal locations. The primary goal of NIWRC's On-site Technical Assistance is to facilitate individual or agency change in some systematic manner by providing expertise to solve a problem. Training can be part of this process if it is necessary to assure effective capacity building,

development and/or implementation of policies, procedures and/or response. NIWRC staff will collaborate with each selected On-Site TA recipient to create an agenda specific to their program and tribal community. Application deadline is September 30, 2019.

[Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information \(TAP\)](#) - The Department of Justice is pleased to announce the fifth expansion of the Tribal Access Program, a program providing federally recognized tribes with enhanced ability to access and exchange data with the national crime information databases for both criminal justice and non-criminal justice purposes. TAP provides federally recognized tribes the ability to access and exchange data with national crime information databases for both civil and criminal purposes and provides training as well as software and biometric/biographic kiosk workstations to process finger and palm prints. TAP also gives Tribes the ability to take mugshots and submit information to FBI CJIS. By the end of 2019, TAP will be deployed to more than 70 tribes with over 300 Tribal agencies participating. Application deadline is October 31, 2019.

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## Jobs

**The 2019 Creative Native Call for Art seeks admissions** focusing on the theme of Native youth belonging and counting, with the prompt *I am a Native youth and I count*. Application deadline is September 20, 2019. More information is available [here](#).

**First Nations is Hiring a Lead Grants Officer.** First Nations' aim is to strengthen Native American communities and economies. The Lead Grants Officer plays an essential role in all of First Nations' grantmaking activities as well as assists program officers with oversight of community grant partners. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

**Gun Lake Tribe in Shelbyville, MI is hiring a Behavioral Health Counselor** to provide clinical and recovery-focused outpatient counseling and treatment coordination in the Tribal Community. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) seeks to fill the position of **Communications Officer**. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

**Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI)** is hiring a Behavioral Health Care Coordinator and a Family Support Services Program Assistant. More information is available [here](#).

**StrongHearts Native Helpline is hiring full-time Advocates**, who respond to hotline calls from victims and survivors of domestic violence, advocates, general public, and service providers and provide crisis intervention, referrals, information and problem solving to all callers. More information is available [here](#).

**Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare is hiring a School Based Mental Health Professional** in Omak, Washington to provide individual and group counseling to youth population in the school setting. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

**The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) seeks qualified candidates for the position of Director of Congressional Relations.** NIHB is the nation's leading advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native health, and the Director serves as the organization's lead advocate to Capitol Hill. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).



New Avenues for Youth is hiring a **New Day Housing Navigator for Sex Trafficked Youth**. More information is available [here](#).

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice is hiring a **Domestic Violence Victim Advocate**. The position closes September 29, 2019. More information is available [here](#).

Multnomah County Health Department is hiring a **Violence Prevention Program Coordinator**. The position closes September 26, 2019. More information is available [here](#).

BIA Office of Justice Services is hiring a **Victim Assistance Program Coordinator**. The position closes September 30, 2019. More information is available [here](#).

IRCO is hiring for 2 positions: **Human Trafficking Program Coordinator** and **Human Trafficking Program Victim Advocate**. The positions are open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

Raphael House is hiring for **Shelter Coordinator** and **On Call Advocate**. Positions are open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

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## What We're Watching and Reading

[Mental Health News Radio Network](#) (MHNR) is a network of podcasts focused on mental health and how it affects all aspects of our lives. There are over 50 channels targeting many facets of mental health! It is designed to advocate for mental health and to normalize mental illness. We're particularly enjoying *Rescue the Rescuer*, *Take Your Power Back*, *The Trauma Impact*, and *First Responder Mental Health Network*.

[An American Sunrise](#), a poem by poet, writer and musician Joy Harjo, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, speaks to the persistence and resilience of Native people. This summer, she was announced as [The First Native American U.S. Poet Laureate](#).

[Multiple Victim Homicides, Mass Murders, and Homicide-Suicides as Domestic Violence Events](#) by April M. Zeoli, PhD, MPH, is a paper published via The Battered Women's Justice Project. It explores the link between mass fatality events and domestic violence. This concept is also explored in Business Insider's [The men behind the US's deadliest mass shootings have domestic violence- not mental illness- in common](#).

We know that racism and hate-based violence compound trauma and affect emotional well-being. [The Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health](#) published by The American Academy of Pediatrics examines the impact of racism in child and adolescent physiological development and health outcomes. Moreover, the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies further examines the nexus of emotional and physiological health impacts in their [Briefing Paper: Global Perspectives on the Trauma of Hate-Based Violence](#).

[On a vast reservation, female Navajo officers patrol with bulletproof vests and protective amulets](#) from the LA Times investigates the role of female officers policing in isolation in Navajo Nation.

Netflix just released [Unbelievable](#), a limited television series about a rape survivor prosecuted for filing a false report despite compelling physical evidence of her assault by a stranger. Her perpetrator was later arrested in another state after being linked to sexually assaulting multiple other stranger victims. If you haven't read the Pulitzer Prize-winning article [An Unbelievable Story of Rape](#), which was later developed into a book called [A False Report: A True Story of Rape in](#)

[America](#), we strongly recommend both. The survivor's story is also featured in the podcast *This American Life* in an episode called [Anatomy of Doubt](#).

[No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Abuse Can Kill Us](#) is a book by Rachel Louise Snyder that details the often unseen abuse perpetrated by domestic violence batterers. Snyder helped develop Domestic Violence High Risk Teams now used in many jurisdictions, which are multidisciplinary teams aimed at promoting victim safety through criminal justice system communication and information sharing.

CVR turned me on to [Impact of Violence and Relationship Abuse on Grades of American Indian/Alaska Native Undergraduate College Students](#) from the Journal of Interpersonal Violence by David A. Patterson Silver Wolf, Jacob Perkins, Carol Van Zile-Tamsen, and Sheretta Butler-Barnes. The research backs the common knowledge that Native students who experience abuse perform worse in college than those who have not been victimized. The article validates the existing research that students who identify as Native report markedly higher rates of all types of violence and victimization than other students.

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## Resources

**Technology Safety**, funded by the National Network to End Domestic Violence has published [Technology Safety & Privacy: A Toolkit for Survivors](#). This kit details tips for safety with devices, hardware, online, images, voter registration, and more.

[Prevent IPV has released its summary report](#) on programs linked to reducing IPV. Topics covered include:

- Engaging Youth in IPV Prevention
- Engaging Men and Boys as Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Allies
- Policy-Based Prevention Approaches
- Trauma-Informed Community Building
- Creating Safe Spaces through Place-Based Prevention Approaches
- Building Partnerships to Promote Health Equity and Address Social Determinants of Health
- School Based IPV Prevention: Multi-level and Comprehensive Approaches

**OVC TTAC** announced the launch of their [newly updated website](#), including a designated section on [Tribal Victim Assistance](#).

[NAYA's Microenterprise Program](#) provides Native American business owners with one-on-one business coaching, the opportunity to participate in a ten week business training course and three vendor marketplaces. Admission to the program is on a rolling basis.

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center released two **Native Youth Handbooks**: [Strong Families Respect Each Other: What Native Youth Need to Know About Domestic Violence](#) and [Strong Families Respect Each Other: What Native Youth Need to Know About the Connection Between Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence](#)

**The Center for Victim Research** published an **annotated bibliography** gathering research on [culturally relevant programs for survivors of violence](#). This bibliography, put together by CVR summer intern Joan Dominguez, includes systematic literature reviews, journal articles, and program evaluations on topics like intimate partner violence, sexual assault, gender-based violence, adverse childhood experiences, and elder abuse.

**NPAIHB's Healthy Native Youth** has launched [two new culturally-relevant health curricula](#) on their website:

**[Respecting the Circle of Life](#)** is an evidence-based STD/HIV and pregnancy prevention program for Native American youth between ages 11 and 19 and their parents or other trusted adults.

**[Ogitchidaag Gikinooamaagad Peer Education](#)** is a youth development program for American Indian teens ages 12 to 18 that teaches youth about preventing pregnancies during adolescence and sexually transmitted diseases.

They also have a **[Curricula Comparison Tool](#)**, which allows educators to view and filter culturally relevant health education programs to compare them by age group, delivery setting, duration, cost, class size, and evidence of effectiveness.

**National Suicide Prevention Week** was September 8-14. NIWRC created a [toolkit](#) filled with inspiration, guidance, social media sharables a calendar of events, and more.

**[The Center for Court Innovation](#)** helps courts and communities respond creatively and effectively to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Their free Training and Technical Assistance is designed to help jurisdictions interested in enhancing their current approaches to domestic violence offender accountability and engagement.

**[The Friendship Line from the Institute on Aging](#)** (1-800-971-0016) is a great resource shared with me by Warm Springs PD Detective and FBI Task Force Officer Sam Williams. It is the only accredited warmline/hotline in the country for people aged 60 years and older and adults living with disabilities. It is staffed 24/7 and can both receive and make calls; the Friendship Line also makes ongoing outreach calls to lonely older/disabled adults.

**OJD and OJJDP updated the [Fact Sheet on AMBER Alert in Indian Country](#)**. The fact sheet highlights the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018, which coordinates and integrates access between tribes and state AMBER Alert plans. The fact sheet also highlights the [AMBER Alert in Indian Country Website](#), efforts in combatting child sex trafficking in IC, and training opportunities for Tribal child protection partners, law enforcement, and communities. Thanks to my colleague FBI IC Victim Specialist Erin Kevin for sending this along.

**We R Native** is recruiting Native teens and young adults (15-24 years old) to participate in a [nationwide study](#). The goal is to evaluate the impact of text messaging BRAVE messages (designed to improve mental health, help-seeking skills, and promote cultural pride and resilience) or STEM messages (designed to elevate and re-affirm Native voices in science, technology, engineering, and math). Participants will receive a \$10.00 Amazon gift code for completing 4 surveys (totaling \$40) over 9 months.

Robin Reimer from ODOJ's CVSSD sent me the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center's article **[Listen and Learn: A Process for Initiating Collaboration between Tribal Communities and Children's Advocacy Centers](#)** co-authored by SRCAC Regional Training Specialist Jerri Sites, MA and Gina South, JD, with contribution from Kathryn England-Aytes, EdD and Paul Steele, PhD. The article outlines the disparity in services available to Native American children and families involved in cases of child abuse, despite experiencing the highest rate of child abuse in the country. Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) have not been widely adopted in Indian Country, and yet, when appropriately acculturated, can be an effective medical and social intervention to child abuse in Indian Country. [Native American Children's Alliance \(NACA\)](#) and your Regional Child Advocacy Center can help facilitate a Listen and Learn in your community; details for requesting assistance are at the end of the article.

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## Oregon's Tribal Newspapers and Newsletters

## Do you know about Oregon's Tribal newspapers and newsletters?

[Burns Paiute Tribe News Letter](#) – Burns Paiute Tribe. Published every Monday.

[The Voice of CLUSI](#) – Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Published monthly; deadline for publishing is approximately the 15<sup>th</sup>.

[Smoke Signals](#) – Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Published on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

[Siletz News](#) – Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Published on the 1st of each month; deadline for publishing is the 10<sup>th</sup>.

[CUJ or Confederated Umatilla Journal](#) – Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Published on the first Thursday of each month.

[Spilyay Tymoo](#) (Coyote News) – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Published every other Wednesday. (There's also [KWSO Warm Springs Radio](#) at 91.9FM radio.)

Wik'Uuyám Heetá (Friend Away from Here) – Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians. Not published on the internet as it's for tribal members and partners only.

K'wen Inish Ha (Have you Heard the News?) – Coquille Indian Tribe. Not published on the internet as it's for tribal members and partners only.

[The Klamath News](#) – Klamath Tribes. Published quarterly.

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