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Capacity Building Elements for Tribal
Victims Programs

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Capacity Building Elements for Tribal Victims Programs

How does tribal sovereignty support tribal victims of crime programs organizational capacity?

Provides authority and jurisdiction to handle crime victimization issues in tribal communities.

- Personal Jurisdiction
- Territorial Jurisdiction
- Subject matter Jurisdiction



Capacity Building Elements Sovereignty Role

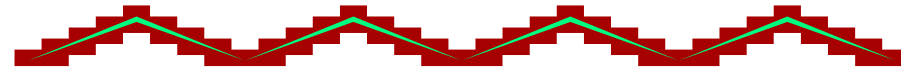


Provides political support for victims programs through tribal councils for:

- Passage of victim-related laws and ordinances to enhance victimization responses,
- Council resolutions for establishment of victims programs, grant or funding applications, victim-related activities, such as Child Abuse Awareness Month, Rape Awareness, Family Violence, etc.
- Support for design, development and implementation, and enforcement of program policies and procedures; support of programmatic missions, goals, and strategies; participation in multidisciplinary teams; coordinated referral and delivery systems; victim notification; and victim advocacy, etc.



Capacity Building Elements Sovereignty Role



Provides authority and support for development of intergovernmental relationships:

- Memorandum of Agreements
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Joint Powers Agreements
- Intergovernmental & Interagency working groups, e.g., child protection teams, multidisciplinary teams, etc.



Capable Tribal Governments

What is the role of tribal government in building capacity address crime victimization in tribal communities?

Governments provide public services and goods to citizens that are generally not provided by private markets. To do this, governments need to have infrastructures that support its purposes.

Strong Systems and Mechanisms for:

- Laws, policies, and regulations,
- Tribal justice systems,
- Law enforcement systems,
- Victim Services Programs,
- Intergovernmental relationships,
- Interagency relationships,
- Economic Development, and
- Social services systems.



Cultural Match of Programs to Indian Community and/or Clients



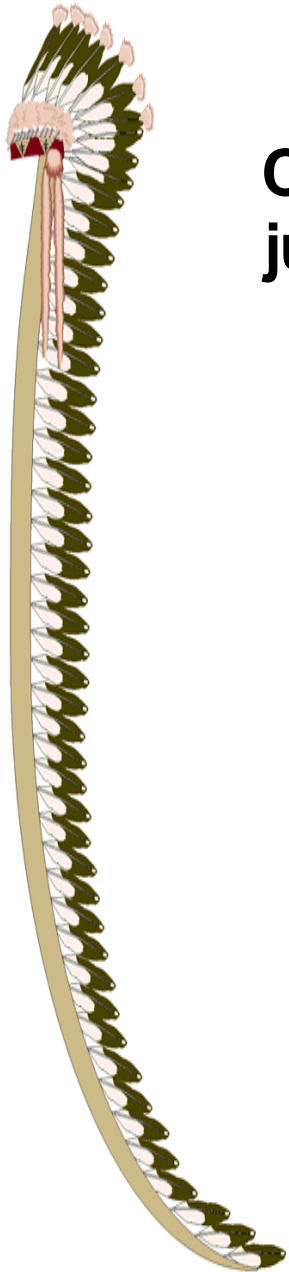
What is the role of culture in building capacity to assist Indian victims of crime?



Inherent differences in world view, the role of family, social interaction within and outside of one's community environment, mandate awareness of culture as a factor in administering justice for Indian crime victims.



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Culture has a significant role in administering justice to Indian people on four levels:

- Agency or program professionals and paraprofessionals need to be *culturally sensitive and competent* that is, staff should be knowledgeable about the tribe's history, language, beliefs, practices, socioeconomic and other cultural nuances and they need to know how to apply them in their work;
- Client levels of *cultural competence or proficiency* needs to be assessed and services provided accordingly;
- Interventions and programs need to promote both in order to adequately address the needs of the Indian child or youth and determine the most appropriate course of action; and
- Programs need to incorporate interventions and remedies that reflect the culture of the tribe being served.

Shared Leadership

***Shared leadership* is a widespread view held by many Indian people throughout Indian country. Shared leadership is a healthy way to involve all members of society to address crime victimization.**



Shared leadership allows programs to:

- Share responsibility to address victimization with other governments, agencies, and programs.

Involve natural leaders:

- Elders
- Medicine societies & healers
- Spiritual or religious leader
- Gender balanced leadership
- Youth leaders

Strong Programs are Sustainable Ones

1. Program Visibility

Ensure that people are aware of the program from the beginning.

- Promote the program
- Promote program results
- Develop program leadership
- Incorporate social marketing strategies



Strong Programs are Sustainable Ones

2. Community Involvement

Involve people from all parts of the community



- Create opportunities for participation, collaboration, and resource sharing.
- Communicate openly
- Educate and inform the community
- Provide opportunities for training & leadership

Strong Programs are Sustainable Ones



3. Create a diverse base for program funding and support.

Seek financial support from multiple sources and multiple levels

- community, program, administration, leadership
- reduce reliance on a sole funding source or funding type.

Diverse Funding Sources

- Grants and contracts from other sources, e.g. private sources
- Fees for services
- Reimbursable services (e.g., medicaid)
- Volunteers, donations, inkind
- Active fundraising

Strong Programs are Sustainable Ones

4. Promote systems change

Identify how your program can improve the existing community structure



- make sure people understand how the current system works and why change is needed
- propose realistic changes and the benefits of change
- start with small changes at as many different levels as possible

Strong Programs are Sustainable Ones

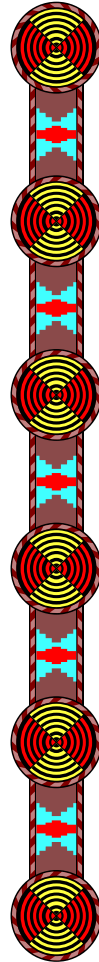
- Acknowledge the importance of program and evaluation data to continuously grow the program
 - use your data to solicit interest and support
- Promote spillover effects
 - identify benefits to the community that result from th



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- ⇔ Shared visions for exchanging and sharing resources
- ⇔ Understanding and validating each others needs and wants
- ⇔ Spending time with each other—Interaction
- ⇔ Presence in communities
- ⇔ Understanding and appreciating one another's roles and responsibilities



CREATING SUPPORT

Public Policy

- Statutes,
- Policies,
- Standard operating procedures and regulations.

Formal relationships

- Intergovernmental Agreements

Sharing knowledge

- Forums for exchange of information and training

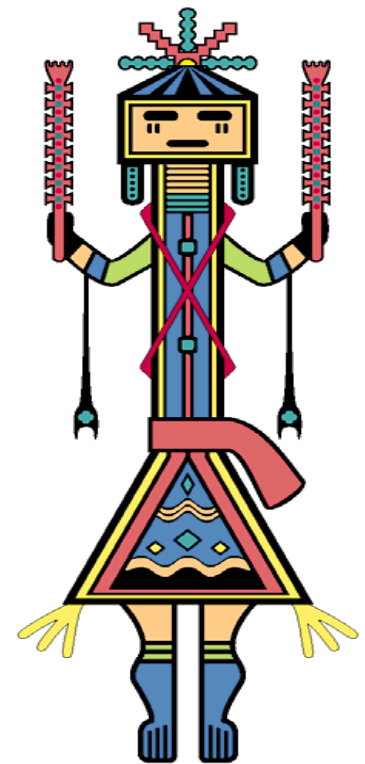
STRONG PROGRAMS ENGAGE IN RESOURCE SHARING

For several important reasons that enhance services:

1. To increase the quantity of resources,
2. To create better use of available resources
3. To provide higher quality
4. To address the mutual interest and common goals in providing service to our Indian constituents

This can occur through:

- ✓ Exchange of information
- ✓ Consultation for decision making purposes
- ✓ Providing culturally relevant responses, services, treatment, etc.



RESOURCE SHARING: WHEN SHOULD IT OCCUR

WHENEVER IT IS NEEDED OR DESIRED!

FORMAL PROCESSES

- ⇔ Identified by statute
 - Mandatory or non-mandatory language
- ⇔ Agency policy or procedure
- ⇔ Intergovernmental agreements for:
 - Exchange of information
 - Cross-deputization
 - MDT Investigations
 - MDT Interviews
 - Response Teams, i.e. DART,

INFORMAL PROCESSES

- ⇔ Identified by protocol
 - Invitational participation
 - Assertive participation
- ⇔ Agency culture and conduct
- ⇔ Informal agreements
 - Participation on response teams, committees, boards, etc.
 - Joint problem solving
 - Cross training
- ⇔ Community Involvement
 - Forums for input,
 - Opportunities for participation

9th National Strengthening Indian Nations: Justice for Victims of Crime Conference

***Organizational Capacity-Building Resources
For American Indian & Alaska Native Victim Service Programs***

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Leon Geter, Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center (800)851-3420

<i>Capacity Building Activity</i>	<i>Resource</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>URL/ Contact Information</i>
Strategic Planning	Office for Victims of Crime Training & Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)	Strategic Planning Toolkit: A free, complete strategic planning guide designed specifically for those working in the victim services field. Located on OVC TTAC’s Website	www.ovcttac.org 1-866-OVC TTAC http://www.ovcttac.org/taResources/s tratplan.cfm
		Strategic Planning Capacity Building Workshops: Free, One-day onsite workshops available through OVC TTAC	www.ovcttac.org/taResources/worksh ops.cfm
	American Indian Development Associates, Inc.	“Sustainability Toolkit for Indian Communities” This document provides some proactive strategies to ensure that tribal programs sustain their services over the long term.	www.aidainc.net/Publications/index.h tm (505)842-1122

	Leader to Leader Institute	Drucker Foundation Self Assessment Tool: Process Guide and Workbook	http://www.pfdf.org/leaderbooks/sat/index.html
Board Development	Board Source	Provides information, literature, consulting resources for non-profit boards. Has an extensive on-line Q & A covering all types of board questions.	www.boardsource.org 1-800-883-6262
	Board Café	An electronic newsletter providing ideas, information and resources to members of non-profit boards.	www.compasspoint.org (415) 541-9000
Leadership/ Professional Development	OVC TTAC	OVC Professional Development Institute (PDI) Leadership Development Capacity Building Sessions	www.ovcttac.org 1-866-OVC TTAC
Leadership/ Professional Development	OVC Professional Development Scholarships	Victims and Victim Service providers may apply for financial assistance to attend state conferences and training events	www.ovcttac.org 1-866-OVC TTAC

Professional Development & Management Resources	District Specific Training Conferences	The District Specific Training Program is an ongoing collaborative effort between OVC, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, to assist U.S. Attorneys in complying with federal crime victims’ legislation and to improve the response of federal criminal justice personnel to the rights and needs of victims of federal crime. The program provides skills-building training to tribal and federal criminal justice personnel and other who assist crime victims in Indian Country.	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/distspecific.htm
	State Victim Assistance Academies (SVAA)	Intensive foundation course of study in victimology and victims rights and services. Three states, Utah, Oregon, and Arizona, have formally incorporated culturally-relevant case scenarios and faculty members from Tribal organizations into their curricula and training sessions.	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/svaa.htm
	American Indian/ Alaska Native Victim Assistance Academy	OVC has been working with The Tribal Law and Policy Institute and a Curriculum Development Committee to develop an inclusive, skills-based, and culturally sensitive victim assistance academy for victim services providers and allied professionals in Indian Country.	In Development Ask.OVC@usdoj.gov

Program Development	Free Management Library	Provides a comprehensive list of management resource topics for non-profit organizations	www.managementhelp.org
	The Non-Profit Genie	On-line management resources	www.genie.org
	Tribal Court CASA: A Guide to Program Development	This manual is designed to help Tribal Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs through the initial steps and to assist in the early phases of program operation. The material is based on the collective experience of over 900 local CASA organizations throughout the nation.	http://www.casenet.org/program-services/tribal/index.htm
	OVC Resource Center (OVCRC)	As a component of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), OVCRC has direct access to the most comprehensive criminal justice library in the world. It produces, collects, and disseminates information and resources for victim service providers and allied professionals. Information Specialists can help answer your questions and will make suggestions about resources to address your need.	1-800-851-3420 askovc@ojp.usdoj.gov www.ncjrs.org

Technology/ Information Systems	Tech Soup	Offers technology related information and access to free and low cost computer hardware and software. Also offers on-line tips and training on specific software programs	www.techsoup.org 1-800-659-3579 X 700
	Tech Atlas	Provides online tools for technology assessment, computer training, and troubleshooting	www.techatlas.org
Volunteer Recruitment & Management	OVC TTAC	Training and Technical Assistance	www.ovcttac.org 1-866-OVC TTAC
	Association of Volunteer Administrators	Offers conferences and regional courses in volunteer management & extensive list of publications, links, and sample job descriptions for volunteer coordinators	www.avaintl.org (804) 672-3353
	Points of Light Foundation	Provides training and extensive on-line resources	www.KnowledgePath.org
	Internet Non-Profit Center	An on-line resource with extensive literature related to non-profit management.	www.nonprofit-info.org/npofaq/index.html

Needs Assessment & Evaluation	Community Readiness Assessment Model	<p>The Community Readiness Assessment Model is currently being used by grantees within OVC's Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Grant Program. The model helps organizations assess current procedures and resources for reporting and responding to child abuse cases, and assesses the level of readiness of a community to develop and implement procedures to improve service delivery. More information about this model can be obtained through the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research.</p>	<p>Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research Colorado State University www.triethniccenter.colostate.edu</p> <p>Dr. Barbara Plested 1-800-835-8091</p>
Data Collection	Data Use Toolkit for Tribal Programs	<p>Developed in 2004 by Ada Pecos Melton, MPA and Michelle Chino-Kelly, PhD.</p>	<p>http://www.aidainc.net/Data%20Toolkit.pdf</p>
	Data Collection Instruments	<p>American Indian Development Associates (AIDA) also provides assistance in designing data collection instruments, such as the Zuni Crime Victimization Survey, which is an adaptation of the National Crime Victimization Survey. The survey is available upon request from AIDA</p>	<p>AIDA (505) 842-1122</p>

Evaluation	National CASA Association, CASA Effectiveness Manual	This manual provides CASA programs with an easy to use system for tracking information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of programs	http://www.casenet.org/program-management/evaluation/casa-eff-manual-intro.htm
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Grant writing skill building	OVC TTAC	OVC TTAC Website offers tips and links related to writing successful grants	www.ovcttac.org
	American Indian Development Associates	Document: “Strategies for Preparing a Successful Grant Application” This handbook provides several strategies and recommendations for Indian nations to consider when applying for funds.	http://www.aidainc.net/Publications/index.htm (505) 842-1122
	The Foundation Center	Foundation Center Libraries throughout the country offer free trainings on grant writing. The Foundation Center website offers information and resources for grant writing	www.fdncenter.org 1-800-424-9836

	ARC (Accessing Resources for Community and Faith-based Organizations)	The ARC Initiative delivers training and technical assistance to programs and organizations that want to apply for Federal Grants. The ARC Initiative is funded by the OJP, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and its website is operated by their National Training and Technical Assistance Center. The website has several practical training and technical assistance strategies to help agencies boost their capacity to compete for funding, form partnerships, and provide needed services. The website provides an easily accessible Federal Funding Toolkit, which contains resources for the federal grants process and links to grant opportunities from OJP and OJJDP.	http://arc.nttac.org
	Free Management Library & Non-Profit Genie	On-line resources and links and useful resources	www.managementhelp.org www.genie.org
Financial Management	OJP Financial Management Training OJP Financial Guide	2 day training seminar for U.S. DOJ, Office of Justice Program grantees. The primary reference manual to assist Office of Justice Program grantees. Provides regulations/requirements for day to day financial management issues regarding federal grant funds.	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc 1-800-458-0786 www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc

Resource Development Finding Match/ In-Kind Support	Gifts In-kind International	Assists businesses in donating products to charities, and assists non-profits in obtaining these donated items. Donations may include computer hardware, phones, photocopiers, fax machines, office furniture, etc.	www.giftsinkind.org
Resource Development Foundations and Corporations	The Foundation Center Books/ Directories	Provides a free on-line look-up tool with basic information on foundations and corporate giving programs, with a more extensive directory available through subscription or for free at many public libraries and Foundation Center locations. The Foundation Center Libraries contain extensive information about seeking corporate donations and partnerships. <i>Corporate and Foundation Fundraising Manual for Native Americans – Third Edition.</i> Multi-Cultural Grant Guides, Native American Series. Hilary Henri Tun-Atz and Phyllis A Meiners. CRC Publishing Company/ Eagle Rock Books. Kansas City Missouri. (1996) <i>National Directory of Foundation Grants for Native Americans.</i> Phyllis A Meiners. CRC Publishing Company/ Eagle Rock Books. Kansas City, Missouri. (1998)	www.fdncenter.org 1800-424-9836 Available through The Foundation Center Libraries Library of Congress Card Catalog # 96-83771 Available through The Foundation Center Libraries Library of Congress Card Catalog # 97-65768

Resource Development Finding Federal Funding	American Indian & Alaska Native Affairs Desk	This office was established within the Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for the purpose of enhancing access to information about funding opportunities, training and TA, and other relevant information.	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/americannative/whats_new.htm (202) 616-3205
	Office of Tribal Justice	Also within the Dept. of Justice. Coordinates communication and services throughout the Department. Website provides links to grants and funding opportunities.	www.usdoj.gov/otj/index.html (202) 514-8812
	National Tribal Resource Center	This organization is dedicated to tribal justice systems, personnel and tribal law. Provides updated lists of funding and training opportunities.	www.ntjrc.org 1-877-97NTJRC (303) 245-0786
	Office of Justice Programs/ U.S. Department of Justice Website	This website provides information about all open funding opportunities through the Office of Justice Programs. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm

Resource Development Finding Federal Funding	Grants.Gov	Provides descriptions of grant opportunities from 900+ grant programs offered by 26 Federal agencies. May register to receive email notification of grants within area of interest. May apply and electronically submit grant applications on-line.	www.grants.gov
	The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives	Provides updated list of more than 100 federal grant opportunities for grassroots groups and other community based organizations who serve people in need.	http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html (202) 456-6708
	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	An online catalog providing access to a database of all Federal programs available to state and local governments, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, private profit and non-profit organizations, etc.	www.cfda.gov

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Resource Development Federal Grants	Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice/ Office of Justice Programs (OVC)	<p>VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grants: Grants to States, which in turn provide sub-grants to victim service organizations providing direct service to crime victims. Apply for these grants through the State VOCA Assistance Administrator.</p> <p>Tribal Victim Assistance (TVA) Discretionary Grants: Grants support the planning and implementation of programs to improve the ability of American Indian and Alaska Native Communities to provide direct services to crime victims.</p> <p>Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJA): This grant program supports projects to improve the capacity of existing tribal systems to handle the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of severe child abuse cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse.</p>	<p>For all OVC grants, check website http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/welcome.html</p> <p>(202)307-5983 askovc@ojp.usdoj.gov</p>

<p>Resource Development</p> <p>Federal Grants</p>	<p>Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) cont.</p>	<p>Faith-Based Counseling for Crime Victims in Indian Country Discretionary Grant Program: This project supports the provision of faith-based counseling services to victims of crime and supports the creation of collaborative models for local victim assistance programs to join with faith-based organizations, spiritual leaders, and traditional healers in tribal communities.</p> <p>Helping Outreach Programs Expand (HOPE) Grant Program: This grant program provides \$5,000 in funding to grassroots community based and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims. Provides funding to programs which are not VOCA funded.</p> <p>National Crime Victims Rights Week Community Awareness Project Funding: This program provides support to victim service coalitions to conduct outreach and public education events during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April).</p>	
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<p>Resource Development</p> <p>Federal Grants</p>		<p>OVC Discretionary Grants: American Indian/Alaska Native programs are eligible to apply for many of the grants for demonstration projects or training and technical assistance projects which improve services to crime victims, help victims participate in the criminal justice system, and increase public awareness of victim issues.</p> <p>Tribal Court CASA Programs: OVC has a cooperative agreement with The National Court Appointed Special Council Association (National CASA) to administer new program development grants for Tribal CASA programs.</p>	<p>National CASA Association www.casenet.org 1-800-628-3233</p>
	<p>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)</p>	<p>Children’s Advocacy Center Grants: OVC and OJJDP support the National Children’s Alliance to administer federal funds for the expansion of Children’s Advocacy Centers</p> <p>Tribal Youth Program Discretionary Grants: These grants are designed to support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian/Alaska Native youth. A major focus of the program is providing youth with mental health services.</p>	<p>National Children’s Alliance 1-800-239-9950 www.nca-online.org</p> <p>www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org (202) 307-5911</p>

		<p>OJJDP Formula Grants Program: Grants to states to support state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. States award subgrants to local public and private agencies and eligible American Indian tribal organizations.</p>	<p>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp Click on "State Contacts"</p> <p>OJJDP phone: (202) 307-5911</p>
<p>Resource Development</p> <p>Federal Grants</p>	<p>Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)</p>	<p>Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program: Under this grant program, tribes will develop new or enhanced strategies that prevent, interdict, and treat alcohol and drug use by members of tribal communities. 2005 Grant announcement coming soon.</p> <p>Tribal Courts Assistance Program: Grants to support the development, implementation, enhancement, and continuing operation of tribal judicial systems. 2005 Grant announcement coming soon.</p> <p>Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program: supports states and units of local government in controlling and preventing drug abuse, crime, violence, and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/indian.html</p> <p>www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/tribal.html (202)305-9075</p> <p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/byrne.html (202) 514-6638</p>

		<p>Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program: Provides formula-based funding to units of local government to help reduce crime and improve public safety.</p>	<p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/llebg_app.html</p>
<p>Resource Development Federal Grants</p>	<p>Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)</p>	<p>STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grants: These grants are intended to develop and strengthen tribal law enforcement and prosecution efforts to combat violence against Native women and develop and enhance services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.</p> <p>Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program:</p> <p>Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grants:</p> <p>Legal Assistance for Victims Discretionary Grant</p>	<p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/stop_vaiw_grant_desc.htm</p> <p>(202) 307-6026</p> <p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/arrest_grant_desc.htm</p> <p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/rural_grant_desc.htm</p> <p>http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/lav_grant_desc.htm</p>

		Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/TribalCol.htm
Resource Development Federal Grants	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	<p>DHHS Administration for Native Americans (ANA): This federal agency provides discretionary grants on a competitive basis to eligible community based organizations, Tribes, and Village governments.</p> <p>The Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) Program: provides funds for projects which strengthen children, families, and communities.</p> <p>DHHS Administration for Children and Families: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Funding: Provides funding to increase awareness about Family Violence, prevent family violence, and provide shelter and assistance to victims and their dependants.</p>	<p>www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana</p> <p>ANA Help desk: 1-877-922-9262</p> <p>www.acf.hhs.gov (202) 401-5529</p>

<p>Resource Development</p> <p>Federal Grants</p>	<p>DHHS listserv</p>	<p>DHHS Office of Community Services: Community Service Block Grants: A formula grant program that provides funds to States, Territories, and federally and state-recognized Indian Tribes/ Tribal organizations so they may provide supportive services and activities to assist low-income individuals and families.</p> <p>Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity-Building Program: Grants to faith based and community organizations that work collaboratively to meet social service needs in their communities. Grantees must use awards to increase efficiency and capacity within their organizations.</p> <p>Register with this listserv hosted by the Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives to receive notification of grant opportunities</p>	<p>www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/</p> <p>(202) 401-5535</p> <p>www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf</p> <p>(202) 260-2583</p> <p>www.hhs.gov/fbci</p>
<p>Applying for Grants For OVC</p>	<p>Management System (GMS) and GMS Help Desk</p>	<p>Programs through The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs are no longer accepting paper applications for most of their grant solicitations. Applications for funding are submitted through an on-line system. Call the GMS Help Desk for assistance in applying for OJP grants</p>	<p>https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov</p> <p>1-888-549-9901</p>

Other Grant Programs	National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (National CASA)	<p>Tribal Court CASA Programs:</p> <p>OVC and OJJDP support the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, which provides sub-grants to assist in the development and enhancement of local tribal court programs that provide volunteer court appointed special advocates (CASAs) for Native American children who have been abused or neglected</p>	<p>National CASA Association 1-800-628-3233 www.casenet.org/program-services/tribal/</p> <p>Call to get on mailing list for new grant announcement to be released December 2004.</p>
	National Children's Alliance	<p>Children's Advocacy Center funding:</p> <p>OVC and OJJDP support the National Children's Alliance (NCA), which is a not-for profit membership organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. NCA provides grants for the establishment and expansion of Children's Advocacy Centers.</p>	<p>National Children's Alliance 1-800-239-9950 www.nca-online.org</p>

Information Sharing & Networking	OVC Web Forum	Message Board to Help Exchange Lessons and Practices in Victim Services	http://ovc.ncjrs.org/ovcproviderforum
	OVC Directory of Victim Services	An on-line searchable database of victim service providers throughout the nation	http://ovc.ncjrs.org/findvictimservices
	OVC RC	Website provides an opportunity to post information related to professional conferences and other networking opportunities	http://eventscalendar.ncjrs.org/
	Tribal Law & Policy Institute	A non-profit corporation designed to deliver education, research and training and technical assistance programs which promote the enhancement of justice in Indian country. Website provides access to comprehensive publications, training opportunities and other resources.	www.tribal-institute.org
	National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)	A National Association that works to address issues of child abuse and neglect through training and technical assistance, research, public policy, and grassroots community development. Sponsors the Indian Child Welfare Training Institute (January 24-28, 2005 in Nashville, TN)	http://www.nicwa.org/index.asp

Communications	National Crime Victims Rights Week Resource Kit	OVC provides a comprehensive array of materials which can be reproduced within local communities to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week and the rights and services available to victims.	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/welcome.html
	National Sexual Assault Awareness Month	The National Sexual Violence Resource Center provides ideas and campaign materials for public awareness activities related to sexual violence.	http://www.nsvrc.org/saam_new/index.html
	"Raising Public Awareness on Domestic Violence in Indian Country"	A publication provided by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence which highlights a rural domestic violence public awareness campaign in South Dakota. PDF version of this document is available through www.vawnet.org	http://www.vawnet.org/NRCDVPublications/TAPE/Papers/NRCDV_Cangleska.php

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