

11th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime

"Strengthening the Heartbeat of All Our Relations"

December 11 - 13, 2008

Agua Caliente Reservation
Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel
Palm Springs, California

Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on December 10, 2008.

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) invite you to participate in the 11th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime which will be held December 11-13, 2008 on the Agua Caliente Reservation in Palm Springs, California. Plenary sessions and more than 60 conference workshop presentations will demonstrate methods and strategies for improving safety, as well as promoting justice and healing for crime victims through cooperation and collaboration among Tribal, Federal, State, and private agencies in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This conference is being coordinated by TLPI under grant #2005-VR-GX-K001 from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

(www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)



The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) to serve as the federal government's chief advocate for America's crime victims.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI)

(www.tlpi.org)



The Tribal Law & Policy Institute is an Indian owned and operated, non-profit corporation organized to design and deliver education, research, training and technical assistance programs which promote the improvement of justice in Indian Country and the health, well-being and culture of Native peoples.

Questions?



If you have any questions, contact the Tribal Law and Policy Institute at our California office:

Tribal Law and Policy Institute
8235 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 211
West Hollywood CA, 90046
Tel. 323.650.5467 - Fax. 323.650.8149

conference@tlpi.org

Conference Website:

www.ovcinc.org

Who Should Attend?



Anyone interested in *Strengthening the Heartbeat of All Our Relations* by creating a network of safety, justice & healing for Indian Country crime victims.

Tribal Service Providers including

- Tribal Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- Child Protection Case Workers
- Social Services / Mental Health Professionals
- Elder Services
- Victim Advocates
- Medical Personnel
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors & Judges
- Probation/Corrections
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Traditional Healers

Community Members including

- Tribal Leaders
- Victims/Survivors of Crime
- Tribal Elders & Youth
- Tribal College Faculty & Students

Tribal, Federal, State and private agencies in Indian Country



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Office for Victims of Crime
OVC
"Putting Victims First"



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CONFERENCE GOALS



- **Putting Victims First:**
Honoring Victims/Survivors and their Helpers
- **Promoting Traditional Values:**
Upholding Wellness in all areas - Mentally, Physically, Spiritually & Emotionally
- **Supporting and Educating Tribal Leaders:**
Educating and Supporting Efforts of Tribal Leaders to Address Crime and Victims of Crime
- **Honoring the Wisdom of the Past:** Understanding Historical Trauma as a Way to Heal
- **Promoting Safety, Justice and Healing:**
Highlighting the Resiliency of the Healing Success of our Communities
- **Developing Community Partnerships:** Encouraging Respectful Collaboration and Cooperation
- **Strengthening Skills:** Embracing Traditional Teachings of "Taking Care of Others"
- **Sustaining our Legacy:** Developing Skills to Enhance Sustainability and Measurability
- **Strengthening the Heartbeat of All Our Relations:** Enlisting Elders and Youth to Create a Vision of Hope for the Future

REGISTRATION



Registration fee - \$200.00
Early Bird rate - \$150.00

Registration and payment for Early Bird rate must be received online or postmarked by **October 15, 2008**.

The registration fee covers all scheduled events, including the banquet, luncheon, and conference resource material in CD format.

To register, complete the online form at:

www.ovcinc.org

If you are **unable** to complete the online registration, complete the enclosed registration form. The registration form can also be downloaded from the conference website.

Registration Closes **November 16, 2008**.

Cancellations must be in writing and received by **November 16, 2008**. Cancellations will be refunded less a \$25.00 administrative charge. No refunds will be made after **November 16, 2008**.

SCHOLARSHIPS



A limited number of scholarships are available to tribal representatives, service providers and victims of crime who require financial assistance. To submit a scholarship application, complete the online application at:

www.ovcinc.org

If you are **unable** to submit the online application, complete the enclosed scholarship form and return with application materials to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. The scholarship application deadline is **September 15, 2008**. Scholarships are not guaranteed. Recipients will be notified by **October 15, 2008**. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

Statement of Need

Please submit with your application a separate Statement of Need (3500 characters max or one (1) single sided, letter size page). Your statement should explain:

- Why you need this scholarship
- Your experience working with, or interest in working with victims of crime in Indian Country
- How you will utilize the information from the conference in your own community or career

Priority given to:

- Victims of Crime
- Victim Advocates
- Tribal Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- Service Providers
- Tribal Law Enforcement
- Tribal Court Personnel
- Tribal Youth
- Tribal Elders

Please indicate in your Statement of Need which, if any, of these categories are applicable.

OVC Grantee Funding

If your Tribe is a current OVC Grantee, explain on a separate page why your OVC grant cannot fund your travel expenses.

NATIVE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP



There is also an essay contest scholarship for Native youth - See attached Native Youth Essay scholarship application for more information.

Conference Registration

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www.ovcinc.org



Please submit by **November 16, 2008**. If you are *unable* to complete the online registration, complete the form below and return to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. One (1) registration form per person, type or print clearly. Cancellations must be in writing and received by **November 16, 2008**. Cancellations will be refunded less a \$25.00 administrative charge. No refunds will be made after **November 16, 2008**. Registration fees are transferable at no charge *only* with the receipt of a substitute registration form. Transfer requests must be received by **November 30, 2008**.

Name: _____

Tribal Affiliation (If Applicable): _____

Job Title (If Applicable): _____

Organization or Agency (If Applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. () _____ Ext. _____ Fax. () _____ Email: _____

Please check here if you do not want your contact information published in the Conference Program.

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

Pre-Conference Institutes (December 10th unless otherwise noted) are free of charge, but you must pre-register and there are enrollment limitations. Initial listing provided below:

- Healing Through Art
- Team Building for Law Enforcement and Advocates (AM)
- Critical Incident & Team Trauma Debriefing (PM)
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- Trafficking of Native Women & Children
- Indian Country Sex Offender Registration & Notification
- Other(see website): _____

Walking on Common Ground - Tribal, Federal, State, Judiciary Summit 12/09 & 12/10 - (Separate registration required www.WalkingOnCommonGround.org)

For more specific information about these and other Pre-Conference Institutes, please refer to the conference website:

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If you are unable to view the conference website, please contact the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

If you would like Continuing Education Credit check all credits that apply. See the reverse side of this form for details.

- Psychology Social Work Legal/Law Enforcement
- Counseling Nursing Alcohol/Drug
- Marriage/Family Therapy

FEES AND DEADLINES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration fee | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird rate | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CEU Credit | \$40.00 |

Total due: \$_____.

Early Bird Rate must be received/posted by October 15, 2008

Registration closes November 16, 2008

Hotel reservation deadline is November 16, 2008

All fees include attendance to all scheduled events, Banquet, Luncheon, and conference resource materials.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

Credit Card Payments can *only* be accepted with online registration.

All payments must be submitted at the time of registration. Registration forms without payment will not be processed until payment has been made.

- Check
- Money Order/Cashier's Check

Make Check payable to Tribal Law & Policy Institute

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Forward Forms, Comments, Questions to:

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Who Should Attend: Psychologists, social workers, counselors, marriage/family therapists, drug-alcohol counselors, mental health professionals, nurses, attorneys, Native American advocates, and all allied health professionals who work with Native Americans.

Skills Level: Scheduled sessions are open to all Conference registrants. Sessions have not been ranked according to skill level, due to the interdisciplinary nature of this event. Registrants are urged to review the program descriptions to determine appropriateness for personal and professional goals.

Non-Credit Sessions: Continuing education credit is not offered for breakfast, luncheon, dinner, reception events; poster sessions, board meetings, networking sessions, advocacy meetings. If you have questions regarding events for which continuing education is offered, please contact The Institute for Continuing Education at the numbers listed above.

Counseling: The Institute for Continuing Education is an NBCC approved continuing education provider and a co-sponsor of the event. The Institute for Continuing Education may award NBCC approved clock/contact hours for programs that meet NBCC requirements. The Institute for Continuing Education maintains responsibility for this program and its content. NBCC provider No. 5643.

Social Work: The Institute for Continuing Education is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association for Social Work Boards (ASWB), through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) 1007. Licensed social workers should contact their individual state jurisdiction to review current continuing education requirements for license renewal.

California Board of Behavioral Sciences Provider No. PCE636.

Ohio Counselor and Social Work Provider No. RCS 03001.

Florida Board of SW, MFT, Counseling Provider No. BAP 255, expiration 03/09.

Marriage Family Therapy: The Institute for Continuing Education is recognized as a provider of continuing education by the Board of Behavioral Sciences, Provider No. PCE 636.

Drug-Alcohol: The Institute for Continuing Education is approved by the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) to provide continuing education for alcohol and drug abuse counselors. NAADAC Provider No. 00243.

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Legal: Application will be made to the State Bar of California for approval of appropriate Conference workshops for continuing legal education.

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Scholarship Application

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- 1. Scholarship Application Form
- 2. Statement of Need
- 3. Current OVC Grantee, funding explanation letter (if applicable)

To submit an application, please complete the online application at:

www.ovcinc.org



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Please submit by **September 30, 2008**. Recipients will be notified by **October 31, 2008**. Incomplete applications may not be considered. One (1) application form per person, type or print clearly. If you are **unable** to submit the online application, complete the form below and return all application materials to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

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4. Indicate all applicable priority groups.
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FUNDING NEEDS

Check all that apply. (Aid will be granted for airfare OR mileage. Do NOT check both.)

- Registration Fee
- Continuing Education Credit
- Airfare - Nearest airport: _____
- Mileage - Approximate mileage (round trip): _____
- Lodging (complete below) Smoking: Yes No

I am willing to share a room: Yes No

I am: Male Female

I have arranged to share a room with: _____

Scholarship Deadline September 30, 2008

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Native Youth Essay Scholarship Application

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To complete your essay scholarship application you will need to finish the following:

- 1. Native Youth Essay Scholarship Application Form
- 2. Native Youth Essay (500-750 words)

To submit an application, please complete the online application at:

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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. () _____ Email: _____

Tribal Affiliation (If Applicable): _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. () _____ Email: _____

I certify that the attached essay is my original work.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

I understand that the winners of this contest will receive two scholarships including transportation, lodging (shared room with parent/guardian), and conference registration. Myself or another parent/legal guardian will accompany my child if he/she is selected as a winner.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

(Please provide parent/guardian contact info if different from youth applicant)

FUNDING NEEDS

Check all that apply. (Aid will be granted for airfare OR mileage. Do NOT check both.)

Airfare - Nearest airport: _____

Mileage - Approximate mileage (round trip): _____

Lodging (please indicate if smoking room is needed):

Smoking: Yes No

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Entries Invited for Native Youth Essay Contest

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute, in cooperation with the Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, United States Department of Justice, is sponsoring an essay contest for Native youth for the December 2008 "Indian Nations: Justice for Victims of Crime" conference.

In an effort to promote and sustain the involvement of youth in the efforts to address victimization in tribal communities, we are seeking student essays which focus on the important role that youth play in the efforts to respond to crime.

Students responding to the essay contest should write an essay (500-750 words) focusing on the theme of the conference -- *Strengthening the Heartbeat of All Our Relations* -- as it pertains to issues facing victims of crime in Indian country. Please review the conference website at www.ovcinc.org for conference goals and objectives.

3 individuals will be selected to each receive a scholarship covering travel expenses, lodging, and conference registration fee for themselves and a parent/legal guardian to attend the conference on the Agua Caliente Reservation (December 11-13, 2008). All winners will receive a special award for display at home or school. The winning essays may also be published in conference materials.

This contest is open to all American Indian/Alaska Native high school students (9-12th grade as of December 2008).

Requirements:

- Must be between 500-750 words (2-3 pages)
- Only one submission per student
- Essay must be the original work of the student
- Please include entry form with your submission
- Your essay should be double-spaced typed
- Please submit in word document by email

Entries can be submitted online at conference website (www.ovcinc.org), or by email to lavern@tlpi.org or regular mail to:

Tribal Law and Policy Institute
Attn: Native Youth Essay Contest
8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 211
West Hollywood, CA 90046

(Please be sure to keep a copy of your submissions since originals will not be returned.)

Deadline: September 30, 2008 (Late submissions will not be accepted).

Notification of selection will be made by **October 31, 2008**.

Decisions are final.

LOCATION



The 11th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime will be held on the Agua Caliente reservation in Palm Springs California. The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has occupied the area for over a thousand years. The Agua Caliente Band is one of 10 Tribes in the greater Palm Springs area. There are 33 Tribes in the region. The center of Palm Springs is the "Se-Khi" (Boiling Water), hot mineral springs from which Palm Springs derives its name. The desert climate is warm and dry with average December daytime highs in the seventies and average nighttime lows in the mid-forties.

The conference will be held at the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel with additional sleeping rooms available at the Agua Caliente Tribe's Spa Hotel. Both hotels are within a five minute drive from the Palm Springs International Airport and offer complimentary airport transportation.

Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel

Wyndham Palm Springs
888 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, California 92262

Rate: \$103.00 per night
Reservations: 800.996.3426 or 760.322.6000
Reservation Deadline: November 16, 2008

Agua Caliente Spa Hotel

Agua Caliente Spa Hotel
100 North Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, California 92262

Rate: \$99.00 per night
Reservations: 800.615.7805 or 760.325.1461
Reservation Deadline: November 16, 2008

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS



Individuals and organizations are cordially invited to apply for product/materials/service exhibit space. To request an application contact TLPI at 323.650.5467 or conference@tlpi.org. Be prompt in requesting applications as not all requests can be accommodated. Applications will be considered on a first come basis. Vendor information can also be found at www.ovcinc.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Detailed information concerning continuing education credits can be found on the reverse side of both the registration and scholarship application forms.

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES



Full day Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on Wednesday December 10, 2008 (unless otherwise noted). These Pre-Conference Institutes are designed to allow more in-depth examination of critical issues. While these Pre-Conference Institutes are free of charge, you must pre-register and there are enrollment limitations.

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AGENDA AT A GLANCE



Wednesday December 10, 2008

Pre-Conference Institutes 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Conference Day 1 - Thursday December 11, 2008

Plenary Opening Session 9:00 AM - Noon
Workshops A & B 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Conference Banquet 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Conference Day 2 - Friday December 12, 2008

Workshops C & D 8:30 AM - Noon
Conference Luncheon Noon - 1:30 PM
Workshops E & F 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Conference Day 3 - Saturday December 13, 2008

Plenary Closing Session 9:00 AM - Noon

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